



ARGENTINA: MIX AND MATCH IN MALARGUE

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THE IGUACU FALLS

Argentina is at once majestic and flamboyant!

This project is located in and around the beautiful town of Malargue in Mendoza Province, located in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Malargue is a paradise for wine lovers or Adventure Tourism enthusiasts... If you are an outdoor person with a sense of adventure and travel, this placement will be perfect for you.



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- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



► SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	All year round – you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	From 2 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa requirements
Requirements	You must have intermediate Spanish. You can do a one or two month course in Buenos Aires or take some private lessons on arrival in Malargue.
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Accommodation ► Food (excluding lunch) ► Meeting you at BA Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Transport to and from your project ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support.
What's not included	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Transfer to Mendoza, Return transfer to BA airport.
Who can do this Project?	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 17 and 70+

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

You'll work closely with the Municipality of Malargue in either the Museum, the Department of Culture, in Education, Tourism or in the local Sports Centre. There are several different types of work that can be done within each of these sections - you can choose to do all of them or Mix & Match just a few! E.g., you can select two days a week teaching, one day a week helping in the Museum and maybe two days helping at the Artistic School.

The Mix and Match Programme

Mix & Match Cultural Project Elements - Choose which ones you want to do. You have a choice of areas of work, ranging from cultural to teaching to tourism and even to orchard farming! You can choose just one area of work - or all four, it's up to you. You can even MIX AND MATCH projects, i.e. spend one or more days in each project every week).

Teaching

This is the largest school in Malargue, teaching children from age 9 to 14 during school hours. In the evenings the school lends its facilities to evening classes where you can find adults learning - even the local police force takes lessons here! The new building is impressive and rather spacious with great facilities. These include a library, computer room and drama corner (stage and seating). The school classrooms are large with lots of light and full of new furniture, making for a great learning environment. The school has superb security and technology and a playground outside. It's located in a quiet area of Malargue, off the main drag with rolling countryside just around the corner and snow tipped mountains on the horizon. All in all the school has a fantastic feel about it and provides a perfect location for volunteers to help assist in teaching English to all ages. The placement involves:



- Teaching children of all ages
- Teaching local members of the community during the evening classes.
- Teaching across a variety of subjects including arts, drama, science etc

The Museum

The museum in Malargue exhibits archaeology and paleontology artifacts and consists of 4 main rooms: 1) Paleontology and Mineralogy, 2) Archaeology, 3) History and Folklore, 4) Workshop. There is also a small souvenir shop for customers and passing business. The museum surrounds a pretty courtyard where visitors will sit to talk, eat an ice-cream and discuss the artifacts seen in the museum or simply to soak up the sun. It's positioned just off the main road in down town Malargue and is next door to the Tourist office and Department of Culture office, making it very convenient for volunteers to Mix & Match their placements. The museum attracts tourists from all over the world. You'll need reasonable spoken Spanish to work at the museum in the following areas;

- Assisting in the updating of historical artefacts
- Assisting in general enquiries and helping customers
- Translating museum records

Tourism

The Tourism Office in Malargue is a large modern building recently constructed to cater for the increase in tourism in Malargue. The building consists of offices for its employees, along with an impressive reception designed to cater for all tourist enquires. There is a wealth of information available for tourists whether they need travel advice, accommodation or just a good restaurant! Full of friendly staff to help tourists with all their needs and perfectly located down town. You'll need reasonable spoken Spanish to work in the tourist as you could be involved in the following tasks:

- Working in the Convention Centre and the Information Desk helping both local and foreign tourists
- Assisting in strategic planning for the development of tourism in Malargue
- Assisting with town events
- Writing for tourist publications

The Artistic School

Positioned in the centre of Malargue the artistic school provides an excellent placement for musical and creative volunteers! The school is a public school, council run and funded, and provides opportunities for local children to learn the arts and practice their talents. Consisting of a few local teachers each with different artistic skills and roughly 30 students aged between 7 -17, the main focus of the placement is to assist teaching the children. The school boasts an impressive array of instruments including saxophone, drums, guitars and string instruments along with facilities to cater for dance, drawing and all artistic subjects. The teachers and students are all incredibly friendly

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and motivated and eager to express themselves through art. The school is located in the centre of the city on the edge of the central park in Malargue and next to the principle street. You can assist with the following activities;

- Teaching Music – saxophone, guitar, drums, trombone, clarinet, strings, keyboards
- Teaching Dance and movement
- Assisting with Painting and Drawing classes
- Assisting with rehearsals at the Drama department for up and coming productions
- Working with children of all ages

The Department of culture

Many of the projects within the Mix & Match placement involve working with the Municipality of Malargue. The department of Culture is another section. There are a number of facilities included within the Department of Culture including an impressive exhibition and conference hall that is frequently home to famous artists exhibiting their work, or local and international conferences. The department of culture is positioned next to the museum and tourist office and the buildings are surrounded by amazing gardens and located just off the main road. The department of culture is responsible for many of the events that happen in Malargue and is run by local people. Recent successful events include “Miss Malargue” - a competition held in the gardens of the Department of Culture to find Malargue’s prettiest! Working with the Department of Culture you may be involved in the following tasks

- Music (the choir)
- Stone Sculpture
- Ceramics
- Landscape Painting
- Assisting Artists
- Organising cultural events
- Theatre

Sports

During this placement you will work at both the local sports centre and in neighbouring areas, where you will be expected to assist the training of all students and, where applicable, organize and attend tournaments held in different neighbourhoods of malargue and San Rafael. You can choose from the following sports – Football, Basketball, and Volleyball, Athletics or handball.

Your activities will include:

- Organization and planning of each class
- Organization of events and competition
- Fitness training
- And generally getting involved and having fun



During school terms coaching is available during the late afternoon and evenings once the main schools have closed. Then during school holidays which is from mid December to mid march the sports centre is open all day. This is the busiest period of the year and you will be able to coach throughout the day. The centre provides sports facilities to nearly 600 children in Malargue.

Generally there are about 15-50 pupils in each class, ranging from children to teenagers. Depending on the time of year you choose to go the classes will run during the morning, afternoon and evening and each class has a regular time

You should submit your list of preferences and we will endeavour to have you allocated to projects according to your preferred area (or areas) and number of days you'd like to devote to each area. **Please note that not all projects are available all year round and are subject to availability.**

Spanish is not a pre-requisite to take part on the placement however, if no Spanish is spoken only a few of the projects listed above will be available. Spanish will be very beneficial and help increase your overall enjoyment of the placement. The placement lends itself well to learning Spanish, as there is very little English spoken in the local community, forcing you to speak Spanish. We can arrange additional Spanish classes where required.

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LOCATION:

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. Argentina is geared up to thrill. Magnificent mountains, vast deserts, dense forests and the majestic Iguazu waterfalls - from the remote wilderness of the pampas to sophisticated Buenos Aires – Argentina is magnificent. Making up almost the entire southern half of South America it is the world's eighth largest country. The amazing array of landscapes includes some of the world's tallest mountains, most impressive deserts, and startling waterfalls. From the hot northern desert land and remote areas in southern Patagonia, to the bustling metropolis of Buenos Aires, Argentina has something for all types of traveler and visitor.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

You will be staying at the Hostel Internacional Malargue, a small hostel based on a farm in Malargue and close to Las Lenas Ski Centre. This hostel is very well known across Mendoza and is part of the Hostel Internacional Group. It's located about 4 miles outside the town of Malargue and is set in amazing countryside. To one side the horizon is lined with the snow tipped Andes Mountains with large areas of forest and rolling countryside in the foreground, and to the other side, tall fur trees create a natural boundary around the grounds. It is a hostel run by a family who have known and loved Malargue for a long time.

The hostel consists of 2 main buildings, one has the reception, main kitchen, dining room and impressive new decking and outside bar to help you pass by the quiet tranquil evenings. The other is mainly full with bedrooms but also has a kitchen and lounge for guests. The facilities are excellent and very modern, with most rooms being on-suite and newly decorated with wooden furniture. You will stay in the Hostel in one of their four-bed dorms so you will be required to share the room with other guests that are staying at the hostel.

The hostel has its own farm (with pigs, chickens, goats, horses and cows), and has recently been identified as an Eco Hostel. This means that the grounds, the buildings, the food and the style of living all meet eco standards. This remarkable way of living, which does not hinder modern life at all, provides a mind opening experience. The buildings are constructed out of local wood and mud for concrete. A mud pool in the gardens, churned by horses and mixed with sand provides a very strong adhesive for construction. Water for cooking and washing is filtered from the nearby mountains and electricity usage is kept to a minimum. For cooking a "horno de barro" is used most nights. This totally natural oven consists of bricks and mud - burning wood from the forest generates the heat.

Breakfast and dinner will be provided on your placement consisting of local dishes. You will be eating home cooked bread and jam for breakfast and evening meals cooked in traditional style. The Cuisine in Argentina in general is delicious and quite often exotic. A common meal is "chivo" - this is a mountain goat and is considered a delicacy in this area of the world.

VISAS:

Visa's are not required for a stay of 90 days if you are a British Passport holder. If you're from another country, we'll liaise with you about your visa requirements, if any, and make the Visa process very easy

FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our Argentina Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Argentina and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.



COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Food (excluding Lunch)
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
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- ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects

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COUNTRY PROFILE:

Mendoza is in northwestern Argentina. It's the gateway to the high Andes and the Chilean border at Aconcagua National Park. Here, at over 21,000 feet, you'll find the highest peaks on the South American continent.

Although a bus ride from Buenos Aires to Mendoza, with some stops on the way, takes about 14 hours, the city of Mendoza is light years away from the capital. It is very clean, quiet with mature trees everywhere and has a wonderful city centre.

A beautiful green city with a number of parks, Mendoza has a lively atmosphere with numerous restaurants, theatres and nightclubs. The downtown area of Mendoza is largely pedestrianised with attractive tree-lined avenues and the city's main attractions include Government House, San Martin Park Forest and Cerro de la Gloria.

The city itself and the province is based both on internal tourism and its wineries in the foothills of the snow-capped mountains. The vineyards were started by Italian immigrants in the 19th century and the city boasts many bodegas with visits to nearby rural wineries possible.

There are wonderful Italian restaurants that range from the homey Pasta La Generra on Zappata Street to the upscale Montecatinni on General Pas Street.

By the way, Saturdays on the mall there is wonderful street entertainment for all and of all types. The main park San Martin is of French design and can provide a tranquil place to walk in the city itself. Out of town, there are van tours to the Altas Montanas: the ski area and Inca ruins almost to the Chilean border, just a couple of hours away.

Mendoza and its surrounding countryside is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Its position at the foot of the Andes Mountains puts it right next to some of the world's best skiing. Las Leñas is the most modern ski resort in Argentina and is very close to Malargue, just four hours south of Mendoza.

Within Aconcagua National Park, the nearby Mount Aconcagua, which at 22,944 feet is the highest mountain in the Andes, draws devoted mountain climbers. In the summer months visitors enjoy mountain biking, rafting and hiking in this area. Uspallata, Potrerillos and Puente del Inca are all beauty spots worth visiting on short excursions.

Renowned for its wine production, the area's dominant grape is Malbec, but Cabernet Sauvignon, Chenin, Merlot and Syrah are also grown. Some of the province's main wine cellars are located in San Rafael, 125 miles south of Mendoza city. The #170 express bus from downtown will take you to La Rural Winery of the Rutini family where the grounds are beautiful and the wine museum is fascinating. You may be the only tourist of a particular day, thus getting their undivided attention!

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Mendoza and Malargue are renowned in Argentina for being incredibly beautiful!

THINGS TO DO IN: ARGENTINA

- Visit one of the most spectacular sights in South America, the Iguazu Falls - an immense natural wonder dwarfing even Niagara Falls with its beauty and power. The falls divide into some 275 separate cascading waterfalls catching the light and creating a kaleidoscope of rainbows in their spray.
- Adventure and mountain sports enthusiasts should head to Argentina's biggest wine region, Mendoza. Set in the foothills of the Andes mountains, it's a paradise for adrenaline junkies.
- Dance the Tango! Enigmatic, sultry, elegant and exuberantly passionate. Getting to grips with this dance is no easy feat but Buenos Aires is certainly the place to learn.

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"First impressions are great! Made some friends quickly and the organisers here are also very professional." Jitesh Parikh

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