



ARGENTINA: ADVENTURE TOURISM IN MALARGUE

LATIN AMERICA ... THE ANDES ...
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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- An opportunity to **make lifelong friends from all over the world.**
- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



► SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	All year round - you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	Minimum 2 weeks up to 1 year, subject to visa requirements
Requirements	Minimum age 17, no qualifications necessary (just a good dose of enthusiasm!).
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 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:

Located about 700 miles north-west of Buenos Aires and 235 miles from Santiago, Mendoza city is a centre for adventure tourism and the doorway to neighbouring Chile. This project is located in and around the beautiful and popular town of Malargue, located in the foothills of the Andes Mountains.

You'll gain valuable work experience in Tourism and, if you're suitably qualified, you'll also assist with adventure guiding.

The Adventure tourism Programme

The Hostel Internacional Malargue, where you'll be based, provides its guests with adventure tours like rafting, horse-riding, trekking, mountain climbing, etc. If you have appropriate experience and an adventurous spirit, you can do a work experience placement acting as an assistant guide on these adventure tours. You should love horses and be confident leading groups!

Work Content.

You will be working in both the Tourism Office of Malargue and the receptive tour agency of the Hostel Malargue.

At the Tourism Office, you will assist tourists, explaining to them the range of activities that they can do in Malargue and Las Lenas. At the reception agency, you will be in charge of arranging tours for the guests. You will also be given some adventure guide training and then when you are ready, you will guide some of the adventure tours yourself.

Much of your placement will also be spent at the Las Lenas Ski Centre, one of the most popular Adventure Tourism destinations in Argentina.

You will first fly to Buenos Aires where you will be met by our organiser and spend several nights to get adjusted to the new environment. You will then catch a connecting flight to Mendoza where you will be met at the airport by one of our representatives and taken to your project location in Malargue.

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- Horse feeding and brushing
- Training on horse handling
- Guiding tourists on 1 to 6 hour circuits on horses
- Guiding tourists on mountain-bike circuits
- Guiding tourists on trekking circuits
- Optional: Guide tourists groups on several-day-circuits, sleeping in camps in the mountains. Accompanied by a local guide and a cowboy.
- Working at Malargue's Natural Reserves assisting guides and helping as a translator.
- Some relevant administration work
- Possibly some marketing of the tours.
- If you take part in this programme during winter (July to October, you'll more than likely take tourists groups to Las Lenas Ski Centre.

The skiing season runs from June to August. If you take part in this programme during winter you will more than likely take tourists groups to Las Lenas Ski Centre. The peak season during the summer months runs from December to March. Please note that during the rest of the year tourist numbers are not as high as during the peak months in the winter (June - August) and summer (December to March).



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When you apply for a work experience placement, we will liaise with you to ascertain which areas you are interested in and would like to work in, and what you're hoping to gain from the placement. Your placement will then be tailored to your skills, so please give us as much detail about yourself as possible when applying, including experience and any possible qualifications you may have.

It's a good idea to have some knowledge of Spanish in order to take part in this placement - the more Spanish you speak the more interaction you can have with staff and locals, which is sure to increase your enjoyment of the programme! If you don't have any Spanish before your departure we can arrange for you to take a course on your arrival, either in Buenos Aires or in Mendoza itself.

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.



Malargue is located in a zone where lava spills contributed to the formation of the inhospitable high plateau of Payún. It has an irrigated land area and is in an important mining district. Now Malargue is also an international ski destination, "Las Leñas". The possibilities offered for adventure - the mountainous landscape, glaciers, streams, the rivers and the lagoons - have led to the city being baptized as the 'capital of adventure tourism'.

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.

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The hostel experience is very calm and quiet and as there is no internet or TV. Entertainment is found in reading, lazing in the hammocks, sun bathing, walking and socialising on the new terrace with other travellers and locals. As the Hostel offers a variety of tourist tours, there will no doubt be other guests to meet and socialise with. The scenery provides a truly spectacular experience.

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
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- ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the [Bridge The Gap Foundation](#). This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

COUNTRY PROFILE:

About Malargue: Malargue is situated in the south-east angle of Mendoza province. It's one of the largest areas of Mendoza province at 41.317 km² and 1402 meters above sea level with 23,000 inhabitants. The town's old local industries consisted of oil exploration and production, along with uranium mining, none of which operate now. Now petroleum and tourism are the thriving industries and many hotels and cabins can be found for visitors interested in having an outdoor experience and eco-tourism.

The town has a large park in the centre of the city, with picturesque



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fountains, a playground and benches for relaxing and soaking up the sun. Many of the projects are next to the park and many volunteers choose to spend their lunch time and free time in the park, reading and watching the locals. The park is also situated on the main road in and out of Malargue which contains your typical Argentinean high street businesses. Ice cream stores and cafes can be found, with customers sitting outside socializing; Internet cafes and kiosks on every corner and traditional food markets.

By night the town's bars are full of local youngsters enjoying themselves and there is a nightclub open until the early hours of the morning. There are many restaurants to wind away the evenings, eating Argentinean beef, empanadas (even more famous in Mendoza) and of course local wine. Other standard Argentinean dishes such as "Milanesas" and "parrillada" can also be found easily.

Being a small town all the locals seem to know each other and so it won't take long until you become a known face. The people in the town are incredibly friendly and always keen to know where you are from and where you are going - they will go the extra mile to make sure that tourists have a great time. There is a real community spirit in the town and our volunteers have the opportunity to contribute to the community themselves.

About Mendoza: Located in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, the city of Mendoza is the provincial capital of the Mendoza region in Cuyo, one of Argentina's main wine-producing areas. About 700 miles north-west of Buenos Aires and 235 miles from Santiago, Mendoza city offers excellent rail, bus and air connections to all parts of the country and to neighbouring Chile.

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 province of Mendoza and all its beautiful 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 just four hours south of Mendoza, near Malargüe.

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.

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.

Mendoza is renowned throughout Argentina for being a beautiful region and city.

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.
- **"Cabana de las Beujas" (Witches Cavern)** – These spectacular caves are situated roughly 70km outside the town. Generated by sea level change, the underground water has carved what seems like galleries, consisting of amazing rock formations including stalactites and stalagmites. After travelling through a network of tunnels and caves you come to what locals call the Virgen Gallery and Flores Gallery. These are vast open spaces carved by thousands of years of water erosion, creating curious rock formations and ceilings that resemble that of churches. Down there a particular "fauna" exists, adapted to living with out sunlight and little food. All these characteristics make the cavern a magical experience and a must see for all visiting tourists.
- **"Payunia"** – A volcanic range consisting of 800 volcanoes: one of the largest ranges in the world! Over thousands of years of volcanic explosions, wide spread lava flow and originate basaltic formations a very



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unique and alien like landscape has been created. The vast open scenery gives this place a special feel and it has become an incredibly popular attraction for tourists. Guided tours take you to the edge of volcano craters, show old eruptions and lava rivers and many different land forms and rock types.

- **“Llancanelo Lagoon”** - This totally virgin and natural environment is situated roughly 75 km outside the town. This amazing spectacle has recently been incorporated to the Ramsar Convention as one the greatest natural humid places in the world and is home to some 155 species of migratory birds. A truly beautiful place to visit.
- **“Pincheira Castles”** – Due to natural erosion, mainly Glaciers, an incredible monument has been carved out of the ground that has a strange likeness to man made structures. In fact the monument resembles a large castle, complete with towers (cones) made out of sediment. The river Malargue passes close, moat like, and only a few meters away the “Pincheria Spring”. This area was a refuge for the “caudillo” (outcast) Pincheira at the end of last century, and many remains of Indian ceramics, arrow heads and other ancient artifacts can be found.
- **“Los Mollos and Valle Hermos”** – This amazing location is roughly 45 km outside the town. These thermals were part of the first attraction to Malargues ski tourist industry. The site consists of a hotel across three buildings. The oldest building contains two therapeutic varieties of thermal baths, Sulphur and Iron. In addition to this the resort offer a number of adventure tourism activities, including mountaineering, horse back rides, trekking, rafting and trips to Valle Hemoso and to la Niña Encantada that run all year round. Also about 95 km from Malargue a valley exists, formed by the crossing of two rivers: The Cobre and the Tordillo. Here many activities such as fishing, walking or spotting the “icticola fauna” help pass time away at this beautiful place.

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