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***Great Wine Capitals of the World Conference  
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**Great Wine Capitals Global Network  
Conference: Mendoza, Argentina**

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This trip has been planned to coincide with the Annual General Assembly of the Global Network of Great Wine Capitals.

It provides the opportunity for those interested in the wine industry and those associated with the wine industry to informally meet with members from all the participating cities.

It is a great opportunity to network on an international level.

We hope you will join us.

**Introduction:** [www.greatwinecapitals.com](http://www.greatwinecapitals.com)

**The Great Wine Capitals** is an alliance of eight cities located in internationally renowned wine-producing areas throughout the world.

The member cities are: Bordeaux (France), Bilbao-Rioja (Spain), Cape Town (South Africa), Florence (Italy), Melbourne (Australia), Mendoza (Argentina), Porto (Portugal), San Francisco-Napa Valley (USA).

The Network was established in 1999. The Network Cities, individually and as a group, are important wine tourism destinations in the world. The cities also work together on education and research, including academic exchanges, business development and investment, and wine tourism development.

Network members meet annually at a General Assembly that is hosted by each member city in turn. At this meeting they reward excellence in wine tourism in a range of categories. Each city is responsible for awarding their "Best Of" categories with an international jury selecting global winners to be announced at the Gala Dinner on the closing night of the conference.

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**Day 1**

**Melbourne/Sydney/Auckland/Santiago/Mendoza**

Depart Melbourne on Qantas domestic flight to Sydney. On arrival, proceed to the International Terminal to connect with your LAN flight, via Auckland, to Santiago. Cross the international dateline, gain a day and arrive the same day you depart. Connect with your flight to Mendoza. (Meals on flights)

**QANTAS Flight QF404**      Departing Melbourne  
Class Economy:              Arriving Sydney  
Journey Time: 3Hrs 10Mins      Non-stop

**LAN Flight LA800**              Departing Sydney  
Class: Economy              Arriving Auckland  
Journey Time: 3Hrs 10Mins      Non-stop

**LAN Flight LA800**              Departing Auckland  
Class: Economy              Arriving Santiago  
Journey Time: 11Hrs 20Mins      Non-stop

**LAN Flight LA932**              Departing Santiago  
Class: Economy              Arriving Mendoza  
Journey Time: 50Mins              Non-stop

Met on arrival and transferred to your hotel.

**Accommodation:**

Park Hyatt Hotel  
Mendoza



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**Mendoza** is a province with multiple qualities, amongst which are its enormous variety of visual, natural beauties and attractions, which in many cases are testimony of the presence of man. What was once arid desert has now become subservient to human endeavour; a desert that has been conquered in the shadow of its most prominent feature, the imposing Andean range.

In Mendoza the Andes, with their two peaks of Aconcagua and Tupungato, reach their maximum height, providing altitudes (in most parts of the territory) of more than 1000 meters, a factor which determines the overall feature of the province, including its wines. In addition to its mountains Mendoza also offers throughout it almost 151,000 square kilometers, a varied panorama of attractions. Rivers, valleys, canyons, lakes and lagoons, dunes, woods and dams appear one after the other under a diaphanous sky that gives meaning to the official welcoming slogan "Mendoza, Tierra del sol y el buen vino" (Mendoza, land of sunshine and good wine). Also, the tree-lined roads and the cities criss-crossed with life-giving irrigation channels, provide added charm.

**THE LAND OF WINE**

This region, located in Mendoza, includes the vineyards of most of Maipú and Luján and a smaller area of the departments of Las Heras and Guaymallén. The Upper Mendoza River region can be defined as "the promised land" for viticulture. Dozens of wine cellars and wineries have chosen this region to make the most exquisite Argentine fine wines. The soil contains fine alluvial sediments on the surface with sand, silt and clay on a gravel subsoil. It is organically poor, thus insuring high quality vintages for noble wines. The climate is temperate, warm, sunny and arid, with little rainfall, mild winds and moderate humidity. Such conditions guarantee the equilibrium between sugar concentration and acidity in the must and the formation of polyphenols. This zone could also be called the "land of Malbec" since this variety has found its home in this region, where it has reached a quality and bouquet that has not been paralleled by any other wine.

*"Wine makes good blood, good blood makes good sense of humor, good sense of humor makes good ideas appear, good ideas make good actions and good actions lead to God!"*

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**Day 2**

**Mendoza**

Morning at leisure - This afternoon enjoy a tour of this modern, busy city visiting some of its wonderful plazas, most notably Independence Square where the Municipal Theatre and Modern Art Museum are located.



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**Day 2 cont...**

**Mendoza**

Espana Square is decorated with beautiful tiled Friezes, also visit General San Martin Park. Enjoy meeting with local Sommeliers tasting local wines.

Return to your hotel.

This evening attend the opening of the Great Wine Capitals of the World conference. Transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight: Park Hyatt Hotel (B,D)

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**Day 3**

**Mendoza**

**Tasting Class and lunch at Familia Zuccardi Winery**

***Great Wine Capitals of the World***

***Winner of the Special Wineries Category - Argentina,***

During the 1950's, current Director Jose Zuccardi's father, Don Alberto, started his own irrigation company, in Mendoza, Argentina. Nothing grows in the region without irrigation and the astute use of water from the Andean mountains is particularly critical in the drier 'continental' climate.

In 1963, as a way of demonstrating the effectiveness of his irrigation systems, Don Alberto planted the first vineyards in Maipú. Ten years later, he bought a second vineyard site in the desert area of Santa Rosa, a further half an hour to the East of Mendoza city.

Although Don Alberto is now 82, he doesn't seem to realize it. His weekly visits to his family's vineyards find him looking for new ways to put his company ahead of its competitors, talking to vineyard staff or energetically plucking surplus leaves or bunches off any vines within his reach. Since 1985 Don Alberto's son, José Alberto, has managed the company in its entirety.

Enjoy lunch before starting the session:



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**Day 3** **Mendoza cont...**

**Part I:**

Introduction, origin and characteristic of the vine, everything that you need to know in the moment to drink a wine.

Harvest, the process involving white wine, rose and red.

- The view - what you can discover though the colour of the wine?
- The nose - origin and smell of the wine?
- The flavour - the origin of the different flavours of the wine?

**Part II:**

- The world of the "smell" of the wine
- The first smell that you feel
- The secondary smell
- The third smell
- Oak aged and bottle aged

**Part III**

- The taste
- The different substances of the wine like sweet, acid, bitter and dry
- Exercises to identify this flavour.
- The equilibrium in the white wine and the equilibrium in the red wine.
- Where and how they have to keep the wine.

Return to Mendoza and your hotel. Dinner this evening will be at the 1884 Francis Mallman Restaurant

Overnight: Park Hyatt Hotel (B/L/D)

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**Day 4** **Mendoza - The Valle de Uco**

Visit **Bodega Salentein**. Finca San Pablo is one of the Companys properties. It has a very rich history that dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century when it was part of an estate called "De Arriba" that belonged to the Order of the Jesuits. The ruins of the "Casa Grande" built by the Jesuits, is more than 1,500 metres above sea level. The Jesuits were already developing viticulture. Now after more than 200 years, Bodegas Salentein specialises in Pinot Noir at Finca San Pablo and aims to makes wines that will be recognised world wide



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### **Day 4**

### **Mendoza - The Valle de Uco cont...**

Continue to **Bodega Andeluna Cellar Familia Reina Rutini**:

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century many Italians emigrated to Argentina. Among them was Felipe Rutini. Searching for the perfect place to make the world's best wine, he emigrated in 1879. He planted the vineyards and founded Bodega La Rural. Four generations later Felipe's grandson Ricardo Reina Rutini and his sons still carry on the tradition.

The family sold Bodega La Rural in 1995 but still owned hundreds of acres of premium vineyards in Tupungato Valley. Ricardo wanted his wines to be known worldwide. He joined forces with H. Ward Lay an international businessman. Together, they understand that to make great wine requires more than just superior quality grapes, it requires a combination of world-class winemaking techniques, state-of-the-art facilities and outstanding people to create a truly superb wine. **Bodega Salentein** is famous for producing Argentina's first high-altitude Pinot Noir

Stopping at **Bodega Altus**, take a walk through the vineyards before visiting the Visitor's Centre tasting room to taste the Altus wines.

Lunch will be at Tupinas de Gualtally - **Bodega Altus** where regional cuisine is served. The Fire Room with its great Chimney and Tupinas (iron pots), clay ovens and grill offers the best in home-cooked food and is complimented by fine wines.

After lunch return to your hotel

Overnight: Park Hyatt Hotel (B/L)

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### **Day 5**

### **Mendoza**

Breakfast at your Hotel. Leaving the hotel proceed to **al Department of Maipú** where you visit the most traditional Wine Cellars of the Department, then proceed to **al Department of Lujan** visiting two more wine cellars. This is a classical and historic area where they put down some of the oldest and most important wine cellars of Mendoza.

There are approximately 25.000 hectares where the dominate grape is the famous Malbec. In this area visit three wine cellars where you will be able to perceive the essence of the traditional combined with the technology of the present.



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Day 5

Mendoza cont...

**Lagarde Winery**

**LAGARDE Winery** was founded in 1897 and is one of the oldest and most traditional wineries in the Lujan de Cuyo Region, Province of Mendoza, in western Argentina. The region of Lujan de Cuyo is well known worldwide for its great climatic conditions for winemaking, and for excellent value wines, as well as beautiful scenic views at the foothills of the Andes Mountains and its Aconcagua (22,800 feet).

**History:**

Capitan Pereyra and his brother founded the **LAGARDE Winery** in 1897. Originally from Spain, they had come to Mendoza with the dream of establishing a winery dedicated to small production of high quality wines. Having no descendants to continue with the winery, in 1977 Captain Pereyra sold **LAGARDE** to the Pescarmona family who continue to preserve the tradition of creating high quality wines from **LAGARDE Winery's** own vineyards.

The main building which houses the winery, dates from 1897 and is a wonderful example of Colonial architecture, made with adobe walls (a traditional turn of the century construction material made of mud and hay covered with stucco) and original wood beamed roofs lined with reeds.

The **LAGARDE Winery** is one of the last examples of this type of architecture in Mendoza.

The early wine masters would developed fine wines from original grapes varieties such as Malbec and Semillon, in fact **LAGARDE** currently has less than 800 bottles of the oldest wine in South America, a Semillon 1942 vintage that was bottled in 1990 and kept since then in their own private cellars.



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**Day 5 cont...**

**Catena Zapata winery**

In 1902, Nicola Catena, an Italian immigrant, planted his first vineyard in Mendoza, Argentina. The winery has been in family hands for three generations. For the last two decades, owner Nicolás Catena and his team of winemakers and viticulturists have studied the different microclimates and terroir of Mendoza's high altitude wine region to determine the best areas and vineyard techniques to grow Malbec, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. Experimentation is always ongoing with these as well as other varieties.

Nicolás Catena believes that the terroir of Mendoza's high-altitude wine country (between 3,000 and 5,000 feet elevation) is unique to the world, and that the region's organically-low alluvial soils, wide night-day temperature differentials, low humidity and scarce rains create the ideal conditions for making distinctive wines that can stand with the best of the world. Today, Nicolás Catena is recognized as Argentina's quality pioneer.

In 2001, Nicolás Catena inaugurated a new winery inspired by Mayan architecture. The unprecedented, state-of-the-art winery is located at 3,100 feet above sea level in the heart of Nicolás Catena's 18-year-old Uxmal vineyard in Mendoza. The winery aesthetically embodies the heritage and individuality of Mendoza terroir, while fulfilling Catena's ongoing quest to place Argentine wines among the best in the world. An avid history reader, Nicolás Catena envisioned a Mayan-inspired pyramid to house his winery, which he felt was the most grandiose example of Pre-Columbian American architecture.

Return to the hotel before dinner at Sur Cucine Restaurant

Overnight: Park Hyatt Hotel (B/L/D)

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**Day 6**

**Mendoza**

Day at leisure

This evening join the Great Wine Capitals conference for their closing ceremony and the announcement of the "Best & Fairest" awards.

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**Day 7**

**Mendoza/Santiago**

Departing around 07:00AM follow the Rio Mendoza to the huge Potrerillos dam offering wonderful views over the whole valley. Travel on to Uspallata where the Huarpes Indians lived in pre-Colombian times. Los Penitentes is one of Mendoza's ski resort areas, it is situated 167 KM from Mendoza. Take the chairlifts for a spectacular view over the entire region. Further on in Puente del Inca (at an altitude of 2.720m) the Rio Las Cuevas has created a natural bridge as it bored through the mountain. Near the border, there is a viewing point showing Aconcagua in all its splendour. Horcones is the boarder where you clear customs. Enter Chile at Las Cuevas at an altitude of 3.200m. Arrive in Santiago at approximately 5pm.

**Santiago:**

Santiago, the capital of Chile, is located in the Central Valley framed by the majestic Andes mountain range. First settled in 1531, it has grown into a leading metropolis where the remains of many historic colonial buildings blend with the new high-rise gleaming architecture and bustling shopping malls.

This evening transfer to a local restaurant for welcome dinner. **(B/D)**

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**Day 8**

**Santiago**

This morning head south on the Pan-American Highway towards Santa Cruz, home of more than 27 renowned vineyards. On the way you will pass the colonial Municipality of Nancagua, as well as many colonial Manor homes. Your first stop will be at **Montes Vineyard** in the valley of Colchagua.

The land here is characterized by a 45 degree slope with southern exposed vines yielding grapes exposed to a softer sun, for a delicate and balanced wine. Followed by a visit to the **Vineyard Viu Manent** where you will also enjoy a traditional luncheon. This visit will include a tour of their modern distillery systems. Finally you will visit the **Bisquert Vineyard** located in the Peralillo region. This vineyard has the capacity to maintain up to 5 million liters of wines at a time. Following this last visit return to your hotel in Santiago. **(B/L)**



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**Day 9** **Santiago**

Today visit the beautiful foothills of the Andes Mountains called Cajon del Maipo. Here stop at the vineyard **Concha y Toro** founded in 1883 by the Marquis de Casa Concha, now a region of 750 hectares. Continue to the vineyard **Santa Rita** on a picturesque mountain road bordering the Maipo River. Along the way you will see the colonial structures which have remained since the foundation of these vineyards leading into the vast agricultural Heartland of Chile. Lunch at **Santa Rita** winery. This afternoon transfer back to the hotel. (B/L)

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**Day 10** **Santiago**

This morning depart Santiago en route to the Pacific Ocean to Chile's largest commercial and colonial port: Valparaiso. On the way visit two local vineyards of the Casablanca Valley. Continue to Viña del Mar, a coastal city adjacent to Valparaiso famous for its beaches and resorts. Lunch at the Delicias del Mar restaurant. After lunch continue to Valparaiso for a tour of this marvellous port city. Afterwards, return to Santiago and to your hotel. (B/L)

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**Day 11** **Santiago**

This morning depart on a tour of Santiago, visiting the city's most outstanding landmarks including the President's Palace (Casa de La Moneda), historic buildings, main parks and avenues and the Club Hipico Racetrack - considered one of the most beautiful in South America. Drive to San Cristobal Hill for a panoramic view of the city and Andean mountain range and continue to the residential districts of Vitacura Las Condes and Providencia. Between the modern and old part of the city, drive along the long promenades featured in Forestal Park. Lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon at leisure (B/L)

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**Day 12** **Santiago/Auckland**

At leisure until evening transfer to the airport for your home-bound flight via Auckland. (B/L/Meals on flights)

- *Your hotel room has been made available for your use until you transfer to the airport this evening.*



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| <b>Day 12</b>           | <b>Santiago/Auckland cont...</b>        |
| <b>LAN Flight LA801</b> | Departing Santiago<br>Arriving Auckland |

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| <b>Day 13</b> | <b>In Flight</b> |
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| <b>Day 14</b>   | <b>Auckland/Melbourne</b>                |
| Arrive Auckland and connect with your flight to Melbourne |  |
| <b>QANTAS Flight QF026</b>                                | Departing Auckland<br>Arriving Melbourne |

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**Welcome home!**

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**COSTINGS:**

**Land Only:** AUD \$4655.00 per person twin share  
**Flights:** Economy Class From AUD \$2467.00 ex Melbourne plus taxes

**Single Supplement:** AUD \$820.00  
**Business Class Airfares available on request.**

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**TOUR INCLUDES**

- *Twin share* accommodation with private facilities at *First* class hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- Transfers airport/hotel/airport - as shown in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing tours with English speaking guides - as shown in the itinerary.
- All land transport - as shown in the itinerary.
- Tour Leader - Liz Nettlefold from Focus on Tours  
Liz has been involved in the travel industry for many years and brings a wealth of experience to Focus on Tours. Liz has travelled extensively and has visited all but 2 of the Great Wine Capital cities.



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**NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR**

- Passport and visa costs.
  - Australian Passport holders require:
    - *A visa (tourist card) to enter Chile which is obtained on arrival (USD56.00 per person).*
  - Australian Passport holders **DO NOT** require a visa for *Argentina (some exceptions apply).*
  - Insurance.
  - Medical & vaccination costs.
  - Airport departure taxes.
  - Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
  - Expenses of a personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, tips, room service, drinks, etc.
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**\*\* Focus on Tours recommends Travel Insurance \*\***

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Please note:

**\* MINIMUM NUMBERS REQUIRED \***

**\*\* ALL FLIGHTS/BUS/TRAIN TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME \*\***

**\*\* ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME. \*\***

**\*\*\* HOLIDAYS IN LATIN AMERICA USUALLY INVOLVE SOME LONG FLIGHTS. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR REGARDING DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS. \*\*\***

**DFAT - Australian Government Travel Advice**

- The Department of foreign Affairs issues Travel Advice notices for the benefit of all travellers.
- ***Focus on Tours*** recommends that you consult these notices before finalising arrangements to travel. Advice notices are currently issued for a wide range of countries
- Foreign Affairs Travel Advises can be accessed on <http://www.dfat.gov.au/travel> or by phoning the 24-hour Consular Emergency Centre +61 2 6261 13305 or (local call cost - within Australia only) 1300 555 135
- or check the ***Focus on Tours*** website on [www.fourcornerstravel.com.au](http://www.fourcornerstravel.com.au)



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**BOOKING FORM**

**Name of Passengers:** (\*\*Please note the name must be exactly the same as shown on passports)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Address - 1<sup>st</sup> Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D.O.B.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nationality:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Passport No:** \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>In an emergency contact:</b> | <b>Health:</b> (Please include details in a covering letter if there is insufficient room) |
| Name:                           | DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS ? (Please specify here)                    |
| Address:                        | ARE YOU PHYUSICALLY FIT FOR THIS HOLIDAY ?   |
| Home Ph:                        |  |
| Work Ph:                        |  |

**I enclose: Full Payment: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned accept and agree to the booking conditions in the Focus on Tours tour on behalf of the travelling party by whom I am duly authorised to make this agreement in the conditions relating to Insurance, cancellation amendment fees, limitation of liability have been read and understood. I, nor any member of the travelling party have any pre-existing medical condition except those stated on the booking form. I acknowledge the conditions present in a tour such as that I have chosen compared with my/our usual daily life or conventional holiday travel. I agree to pay the tour cost as soon as possible prior to departure.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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## Terms & Conditions:

**Brochure Validity:** This brochure was published in September 2006. The information presented in this brochure was correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing but is subject to change without notice. Changes may occur since publication with respect to prices, itineraries, duration of holidays, service standards, tour content, airline fares and schedules. Please confirm details of your requirements at the time of booking to ascertain if there have been alterations to the tour you select before you book.

**Reservations / Bookings:** Bookings can be made with Focus on Tours

**Passenger Details:** We require the correct names and initials of all people travelling in order to make bookings. The names and initials must match exactly each traveller's passport so as to avoid any problems with bookings. Should the wrong information be given, Focus on Tours reserves the right to charge additional fees to cover additional administrative costs to rebook or re-ticket the bookings under the correct name.

**Deposit & Balance:** A non-refundable security deposit of \$500.00 per person is payable at the time of booking together with a signed booking form. Payment of deposit represents acceptance of Focus on Tours Terms & Conditions by the purchaser and/or passenger/s. The balance is payable 60 days prior to departure, or immediately if travelling within 60 days of booking.

**Late Bookings and Amendment Fees:** A late booking fee of \$55.00 per file will be charged for bookings made within 14 days of departure. Should you wish to amend your arrangements or transfer to another trip, due to the extra administrative and communications costs incurred, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$33.00 per amendment or transfer. Additionally, there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased.

**Prices:** All prices are quoted in Australian Dollars and are current at the time of printing. All prices are indicative only and are subject to change at any time up to and including the day of departure.

**GST:** From 01 July 2000, the Australian government has introduced a 10% GST and even though at present overseas travel is exempt from GST, any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. We, therefore, reserve the right to vary the costing to incorporate the GST where applicable.

**Included in Trip:** Price Specific trip and accommodation inclusions are generally listed.

**Airport/Ticket Taxes:** Ticket taxes, airport taxes etc are subject to change without notice. Some airport taxes are not included on your air ticket and are payable on departure from some international airports in Africa. These are usually payable in US Dollars in cash; exact amounts are required as no change is given.

Any cancellations must be received in writing and will take effect from the date it is received by Focus on Tours. The following cancellation fees will apply for tour costs:

40 - 31 days before departure 60%

Under 30 days or less No refund

The exceptions are those amounts that can be refunded, such as airfares (less those amounts forfeited under airline regulations and loss of profit incurred by Focus on Tours). Whilst insurance premiums are not refundable, should the reason for cancellation fall within the terms of the insurance cover, cancellation fees will normally be refunded by the insurance company. The non-issuance of an invoice or non-payment of deposit will not exempt passengers from these cancellation and administrative fees. We regret that we can make no exception to the charges and strongly recommend that insurance is taken out to cover cancellation fees (See Insurance below). There will be no refunds on unused tours, accommodation or other services.

**Passport:** You should be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay in South America

**Visa Requirements:** Australian Passport holders require:

A visa (tourist card) to enter Chile which is obtained on arrival (USD56.00 per person).

Australian Passport holders **DO NOT** require a visa for Argentina (some exceptions apply).

Please contact us for further details.

**Travel Insurance:** It is a condition of booking that you are adequately insured for the full duration of your trip. We recommend a comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses, in particular to cover emergency evacuation. Further we recommend a separate insurance cover for expensive camera and video and other equipment. Further we advise that insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash. We strongly recommend that insurance be purchased at the time of booking. Should you not take out insurance, we cannot be held responsible for costs incurred (including cancellation fees) arising from circumstances outside our control; such as airline strikes.



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## Terms & Conditions cont...

**Vaccinations & Health:** For most trips to Africa, the following vaccinations are recommended Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Meningitis, Hepatitis A, (Maybe Hepatitis B for longer visits), Polio, Diphtheria, Cholera, Tetanus and Malaria. Whilst these vary depending on the countries visited, length of time away and the type of accommodation and transport used, we do recommend that these and your other health needs be discussed with your doctor or specialist travel medical centre. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the appropriate vaccinations and documentation.

**Currency:** You should take most of your money in travellers cheques in US Dollars, Pounds or Euro. It is strongly recommended that you carry some US dollars cash in small denominations, as well as credit cards such as Visa or Mastercard.

**Extensions and Amendments:** Not possible after a holiday has commenced

**Hotel and Tour Information:** Whilst every effort is taken to ensure the accuracy of hotel and tour information, we rely on the information supplied to us. As all hotels and tour operators are constantly changing services and facilities, we cannot be liable for any errors or omissions caused by the hotels and operators concerned.

**Changes in itinerary:** As we are only an agent for airlines, hotels, tour operators and other Service Providers (see below under "Responsibility") your booking may be required to be changed or cancelled due to circumstances outside our control; for example, if a hotel is overbooked or an airline changes its timetable or reschedules its flights or if a tour is cancelled. Further, at certain times of the year, due to heavy bookings, we may not be able to acquire the accommodation advertised. In this case, we will use alternative accommodation of a similar standard, or the next best available. Accordingly we reserve the right to vary your itinerary or cancel your booking at any time.

**Not Included in the Holiday Cost:** Costs of passports or visas, meals (other than those specified), travel insurance, all items of a personal nature such as excess baggage, telephone calls, laundry, room service, airport taxes and government taxes (other than accommodation taxes) any costs in Australia, Australian Passenger Movement Charge, Sydney Noise Levy Tax and any international taxes.

**Passenger Contact Advice:** You must notify Focus on Tours of any changes of address or telephone numbers to ensure any variations to the arrangements can be notified within 24 hours.

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