

## Uruguay Wineries 06 Nights

### Day 1 - Colonia

Arrive to the Colonia port (ferries to and from Buenos Aires), where a private transfer will drive you to your hotel in Carmelo. Accommodation is for 2 nights with breakfast included. Check in and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

### Day 2 – Carmelo – Irurtia Winery and Antique General Store

Pick up from your hotel lobby to go on the Visit and Wine Tasting at Irurtia Bodega and to “Almacén de la Capilla”.



THE IRURTIA WINERY was born with the arrival of Basque Don Lorenzo Irurtia to Carmelo, Uruguay during the second half of the 19th Century. His passion for good wines and his laborious dedication to the vine cultivation gave its fruits with the first harvest of 1913. Don Lorenzo found in Carmelo the opportunity to settle with his family and start his business, just like hundreds of other immigrants did, when welcomed by these lands of freedom and order. Some went into cobble stone making, and for Don Lorenzo it was the start of the vine farming, taking advantage of the wonderful possibilities given by the existing floor, quaternary rocks covered with limestone soil. Time passed, and five of the eight Irurtia-Etchenique siblings Miguel, Antonio, Carmelo, Natalia and Francisca have dedicated their life's work to the vineyard and the small winery.



ALMACEN LA CAPILLA is a very old general store located in Colonia Estella. It is set in a peaceful surrounding of nature and was founded by Antonio Cordano back in 1955 in order to supply the immediate region with assorted merchandise. You will be stepping back into the old times when entering this place.

### Day 3 – Colonia – El Legado Winery

Pick up from your hotel lobby to go on the Visit and Wine Tasting to “El Legado Winery”

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EL LEGADO (The Legacy) is a small winery, located within the Department of Colonia in the middle of the Wine Route. It offers visitors quite a unique and very well taken care of building, whose owners welcome visitors with their characteristic warmth and personal attention.

The family chose the “Legado” name in homage of the owner’s father, an agricultural producer who dreamt of having his own winery one day and never got to that come true. One of the particular aspects of this winery is the unique production system they use – the only ones producing that way in Uruguay - which results in a fruit of very high quality from which they produce



the two labels they offer: a Tannat reserve 2011 and a Syrah reserve 2012, both sold excellently only on site or at select restaurants or wine shops as they don't mass produce. The total production of both labels does not go over 2000 bottles.

#### Day 4 – Carmelo to Montevideo

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and take a private transfer to **Montevideo**.

Accommodation is for 3 nights with breakfast included.

Check in and take the rest of the day at your own leisure for resting or walking around.

#### Day 5 – Montevideo – Juanicó and Bouza wineries

Pick up from your hotel lobby to go on a [Visit and wine tasting to Juanicó Winery](#)



JUANICÓ WINERY is one of the leading wineries in the country. We will drive about 37 km from Montevideo and upon arrival, take a tour of the vineyards and facilities which are equipped with state-of-the-art processing machinery. The wine cellar dates back to 1840. After being comfortably seated, with a plate of cold cuts, cheese and bread, we will taste some of their top wines guided by one of the winery's Oenologists.

700 acres of vineyards are processed in this winery, which has a production capacity of 1.5 million gallons. The privileged soil and microclimate of the Juanicó region, has turned this area into a renowned viticulture site. The first vineyards in the region were planted in 1835 and today, the best classic varieties are grown here using an intelligent canopy management system based on organic agriculture principles. Among the white varieties are *Chardonnay*, *Sauvignon Blanc*, *Gewurztraminer* and *Sauvignon Gris*. Among the red varieties we can find *Merlot*, *Cabernet*, *Sauvignon*, *Pinot Meunier* and *Pinot Noir* as well as the flagship Uruguayan variety *Tannat*, which produces a full-bodied red wine that has carved a niche for Uruguayan wines both regionally and internationally.

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For some years now, Uruguayan winemakers have introduced their wines into very competitive markets where they are receiving international recognition and gold medals at the most prestigious wine competitions.

After the visit to Juanicó, the tour will continue on to **Bouza Winery** and have a lovely 3-course lunch there as well.



BOUZA WINERY is located at only 15 km from Montevideo. The winery is part of a harmonious milieu, surrounded by vines and native woods. The diversity of the native plants and animals is influenced by the proximity of the Santa Lucia River and its outlet into the River Plate, known as the widest river in the world. The Winery was born as a family business, placing great care in all stages of the process, starting from the vineyard and ending in the glass.

The property is divided into two fields, the one we will be visiting in the Melilla area and the one in Las Violetas, an area of important vine-growing tradition, 39 km from the center of Montevideo. The vineyard is composed by 10 hectares of *Tannat*, *Merlot* and *Chardonnay* plants, ages ranging between 20 and 40 years old. In addition, 13 hectares have new plantations of *Tannat*, *Merlot*, *Tempranillo* and *Albariño*, selecting high quality and low productivity clones.

Bouza Winery was built utilizing the existing structure of an old winery that functioned in the area since 1942. It was restored maintaining the original idea.

Our tour will start with a visit to the vineyards and orientation of the process; we will observe the natural surroundings and the wide diversification of fauna and flora. One of the attractions here is that Bouza Winery exhibits the owner's private collection of antique cars such as Ford T from 1926; Ford A, Citroens from 1950 and 1980, Alfa Romeo Spider 1960 and 1926 train wagons among other very interesting and well kept vehicles. We'll visit the cave and complete the tour with a lovely 3-course lunch paired with their suggested wines. We will then transfer back to your hotel.

## Day 6 – Montevideo – Varela Zarranz Winery

Pick up from your hotel lobby to go on a **Visit and wine tasting to the Varela Zarranz Winery**



THE VARELA ZARRANZ family first became involved with the winery business in 1933 acquiring, a decade later, the vineyard manor built in 1888 by Diego Pons, one of the Uruguayan wine making pioneers. The incorporation of a third generation in 1986 brought about renovations, which included new vineyards and the modernization of the production plant with state of the art technology combined in perfect harmony with the existing old. To visit this winery is to not only meet face to face with tradition, but also witness the most modern technology at work in the elaboration of wines. Oenologists will guide you through the process, spreading the passion and enthusiasm they feel for their exciting task. The winery's warehouse was founded in the end of the 19th century, and adds to the great historical wealth of the place. The cellar is in the central

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building and dates back to 1892. It amasses a great collection of French Oak barrels - which are still in use in Uruguay - together with more modern ones.

### **Day 7 – Depart Uruguay**

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and private transfer with guide to Montevideo Port (ferries departing to Buenos Aires).

### **END OF SERVICES – See General Conditions and Responsibilities below**

#### **General conditions**

- Subject to availability.
- Prices are NET per person, per night.
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- What is included: all services detailed only in the confirmation.
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