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## **Essential South America**

**July 14 – 23, 2026**



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**HIGHLIGHTS...** Santiago's Central Market & Cooking Class, Mendoza, Vineyard Tour & Tasting, Wine-Paired Lunch, Buenos Aires, Tango Lesson, San Antonio de Areco, Draghi Silversmith Museum, *Estancia* Visit with Traditional Asado Lunch

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

|            |                                                     |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Day 1      | Overnight Flight                                    |
| Days 2, 3  | Renaissance Santiago Hotel, Santiago                |
| Days 4, 5  | Diplomatic Hotel Mendoza, Mendoza                   |
| Days 6 – 9 | Palladio Hotel BA MGallery by Sofitel, Buenos Aires |

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 Overnight Flight** Set out to experience the sights, flavors, and rhythms of Chile and Argentina as you explore two countries, from bustling cities to sprawling ranches, vineyards, and natural landscapes. It all begins in Chile's cultural hub, Santiago.

**Day 2: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 Santiago, Chile** Arrive early this morning in Santiago, the vibrant capital city of Chile nestled in a valley of the Andes Mountains. Settle in at your hotel where you'll enjoy early access to your room to recoup after your flight. This afternoon, meet your fellow travelers and head out on a panoramic tour of Santiago, getting a look at the city's blend of modern and colonial architecture and learning about its diverse history. Tonight, toast to the beginning of your South American adventure at a local restaurant. (D)

**Day 3: Thursday, July 16, 2026 Santiago** Follow your curiosity about Chilean history and culture to a museum because **it's your choice!** Choose between the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, dedicated to the study and display of pre-Columbian artworks and artifacts from Central and South America -OR- the Memory and Human Rights Museum, which commemorates the victims of human rights violations during the last Chilean military dictatorship. After, set out to discover market-fresh Chilean food with a visit to the *Mercado Central de Santiago*. Joined by a local chef, walk through the fish market, stopping along the way to learn about the local seafood and pick up some ingredients. Then join a hands-on cooking experience at the chef's restaurant and sit down to a fresh feast for lunch. Take the rest of the day to enjoy Santiago as you please. (B, L)

**Day 4: Friday, July 17, 2026 Santiago - Mendoza, Argentina** An early morning flight brings you to the desert region of Mendoza, known for its vineyards and Malbec wine, and the stunning views of the Andes Mountains. Upon arriving to a vineyard, a pick-me-up comes with a taste of yerba mate tea, a traditional South American caffeinated drink. As your guide demonstrates how to make a cup, learn about the cultural significance of this beverage that brings many Argentinean families together for daily "mate breaks." Enjoy a tour of the vineyard followed by a wine tasting and chef-prepared lunch. Later, settle into your hotel in the city of Mendoza for an evening at leisure.\* (B, L)

**Day 5: Saturday, July 18, 2026 Mendoza** Enjoy a leisurely morning before continuing your taste of the region's renowned wines with a visit to a family winery. Sample wines selected to show the richness of the terroirs and come to appreciate the unique qualities of the Luján de Cuyo wine-producing sub-region with its dry, almost desert-like climate and irrigation from the Mendoza River's pure Andean meltwater. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy the laid-back city of Mendoza with its inviting restaurants and atmospheric plazas. (B)

**Day 6: Sunday, July 19, 2026 Mendoza - Buenos Aires** Say so long to Mendoza as you fly to Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Set out on a guided tour of Buenos Aires, sampling the local eats along the way and exploring the fusion of flavors that comes with the city's Spanish, Italian, and Jewish influences. During a panoramic tour, discover the San Telmo, Puerto Madero, La Boca, and Recoleta neighborhoods. Then, settle in at your hotel in the elegant Recoleta neighborhood, full of historical and architectural charm. This evening, come together for dinner and indulge in savory Argentine flavors. (B, D)



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**For bookings made after Dec 15, 2025 call for rates.**

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from San Diego Intl Airport, Inter-flights from Santiago SCL, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

**\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from SAN**

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

**Day 7: Monday, July 20, 2026 Buenos Aires** Today begins with an **Impact Moment** focused on the work of the *Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo*, a human rights organization that has helped to restore the identities of children taken during Argentina's military coup from 1976 to 1983. Meet with someone who was personally impacted and learn about *los desaparecidos* ("the disappeared") and this time in Argentina's history. This afternoon, **it's your choice** how you see more of the city. Choose between two walking tours, either exploring the captivating Recoleta Cemetery **-OR-** discovering the colorful murals of the Palermo neighborhood. This evening, it's time to live like the locals! Take a lesson from a professional tango dancer, then take your moves to the dance floor at a local milongas social club. (B)

**Day 8: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 Buenos Aires** Today is yours to explore Buenos Aires as you wish, taking your time to wander through neighborhoods, savor Argentine cuisine, or maybe visit the city's fantastic opera house. Add another stamp to your passport during a full day optional excursion to one of Uruguay's oldest towns. Take an early morning ferry across the Rio de Plata to Colonia del Sacramento\*\* with its picturesque cobblestone streets and charming cafes. Travel into the Uruguayan countryside for an included lunch, followed by free time to explore the city's Historic Quarter before returning to Buenos

Aires by ferry. Tonight, perhaps you'll decide to join an optional tango show and dinner at a popular tango house. (B)

**Day 9: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires** Set out into the countryside to explore Argentina's Pampas region. In San Antonio de Areco, discover the small town's strong connection with silversmithing and *gaucho* culture. A visit to *Museo Draghi* offers the chance to see silversmiths at work and admire a private collection of silverware. Then, it's on to experience a true taste of *gaucho* life by spending the rest of the day on a traditional *estancia*, following a bumpy, unpaved road to the gates of the ranch's sprawling land and inviting, rustic house. You may decide to explore the property by horse drawn carriage or head inside the main house to relax and take in views from the porch. Gather for a traditional *asado* lunch, with flame-cooked meats served at the table along with sides and wine. Later, sit back and enjoy a folk performance of *gaucho* traditions with singing, dancing, and displays of horsemanship – topping off an unforgettable encounter with this South American way of life. This evening back in Buenos Aires, gather for dinner at a local restaurant and toast to the end of a grand adventure. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Thursday, July 23, 2026 Buenos Aires - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to an end today. Transfer to the airport for your flight home later today. (B)

### Experience It! Mendoza

Traveling to Mendoza, Argentina, is a journey into the heart of wine country, where desert landscape and vineyards stretch out against the backdrop of the majestic Andes Mountains. The Mendoza wine region comprises several renowned sub-regions like Luján de Cuyo, known for its Malbec, Maipú with its mix of traditional and boutique wineries, and Valle de Uco, celebrated for high-altitude vineyards producing top-quality wines. The San Rafael and General Alvear regions, situated even further south, feature a desert-like climate with sandy soils. In Mendoza city, discover a blend of colonial architecture in a city known for its laid-back atmosphere. From exploring the vineyards to simply taking in the breathtaking landscape, Mendoza promises a blend of relaxation and culture in Argentina's renowned wine country.

**For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1323324>**

## Important Tour Information:

**Book Now rates valid until Dec 15, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.**

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

**Travel with no more than 22 travelers on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.**

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

\*Restaurants in Mendoza do not open for dinner until 8:00 p.m.

\*\*The optional tour to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay must be booked at least 60 days prior to departure.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple rooms are not available.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Arrival flights should arrive before noon in order to participate in the Santiago city tour.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

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Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

## Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for



details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Upon entry into and exit from Argentina, all travelers, regardless of their citizenship, are submitted to biometrics checks, such as digital fingerprints and a digital photograph, at the immigration counter.

Each traveler is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of December 08, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by April 15, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until December 15, 2025.**

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For important reservation information visit  
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1323324>.  
You can also find this information on your tour documents.

BOOKING NUMBER: 1323324

DEPARTURE DATE: July 14, 2026

TOUR: Essential South America featuring Chile, the  
Mendoza Wine Region & Buenos Aires

GROUP NAME: San Diego Regional East County  
Chamber of Commerce and East County Schools  
Federal Credit Union

### Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

*Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.*

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

### Buenos Aires



#### Day Trip to Colonia del Sacramento with Farm to Table Lunch \$289 USD

Set out on a full-day excursion to Uruguay and add one more country to your tour experience! Take an early morning ferry across the Rio de Plata from Buenos Aires to Colonia del Sacramento, one of the oldest towns in Uruguay, founded by the Portuguese in 1680. Upon arrival, set out into the countryside to visit a family-owned dairy farm where you'll enjoy a tour and farm-to-table lunch featuring delicious cheeses. Then, return to Colonia del Sacramento to explore the city's Historic Quarter with cobblestone streets and buildings dating back centuries with a fusion of Portuguese, Spanish, and post-colonial styles. Enjoy free time to explore and shop as you like, and later, take the ferry back to Buenos Aires. This option must be booked 60 days prior to departure. The ferry tickets require passport information to book. Our team will secure them a minimum of 45 days prior. *Duration: Approximately 12 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



#### Tango Show & Dinner

\$120 USD

Make it a night to remember in Buenos Aires when you join a riveting evening of tango and folklore accompanied by a three-course gourmet dinner. Take your seat at the table inside a beautiful venue as artists take the stage to perform tango music and dance and folk traditions, and indulge in delicious Argentinean flavors. Must be confirmed 4 hours prior to show in order to secure transportation. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 6 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

**PASSENGERS NAME:** (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

| ✓ | Option                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Price Per Person (USD) |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|   | Day Trip to Colonia del Sacramento with Farm to Table Lunch<br><i>This option must be booked 60 days prior to departure. The ferry tickets require passport information to book. Our team will secure them a minimum of 45 days prior.</i> | 289.00                 |
|   | Tango Show & Dinner<br><i>Must be confirmed 4 hours prior to show in order to secure transportation.</i>                                                                                                                                   | 120.00                 |



TRAVEL DATE: 7/14/2026 TERRITORY: W4  
RES#: 1323324

**Essential South America featuring Chile, the  
Mendoza Wine Region & Buenos Aires**

This form is intended for use by the Group Leaders only. Please note that Collette is unable to process this form

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**YOUR INFORMATION:**

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ( ) Male ( ) Female Date of Birth: month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOMING WITH:** ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

**AIR GATEWAY:** Departure airport for this tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Air Seat Request: ( ) Aisle ( ) Window ( ) Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of:

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class, or First Class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? ( ) Yes ( ) No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$549 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Collette



## Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: [TravelOperations@collette.com](mailto:TravelOperations@collette.com)

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations  
180 Middle Street  
Pawtucket, RI 02860

### TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. \*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

***\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female (circle one)

**Are you traveling with a wheelchair?** Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

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*This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:*

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you traveling with a walker?** Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

*This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:*

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Width \_\_\_\_\_

*Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

**Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations?** Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

*Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.*

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Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

**Do you understand and accept?** Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

**Are you traveling with an oxygen tank?** Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

*Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

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

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Internal Use Only**

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Reservation # \_\_\_\_\_

TS/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour Date: \_\_\_\_\_