

The Best Wineries to Visit in Mendoza in 2025

Mendoza is synonymous with wine. With over 1,500 wineries and an outstanding international reputation, this Argentine region is a must-visit destination for wine lovers. Within Mendoza, three main regions concentrate the most complete and sophisticated experiences: Luján de Cuyo, Maipú, and the Uco Valley. Each offers a unique combination of landscape, terroir, history, and wines that are well worth exploring.

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Mendoza's Wine Regions

Luján de Cuyo

Is considered the birthplace of Argentine Malbec. Its proximity to the city of Mendoza and its rich wine history make it a key destination. Sitting at 900 to 1,100 meters above sea level, its temperate climate and alluvial soils give rise to medium- to full-bodied wines that are intensely fruity and well-structured. Many of Argentina's pioneering premium wineries are found here.

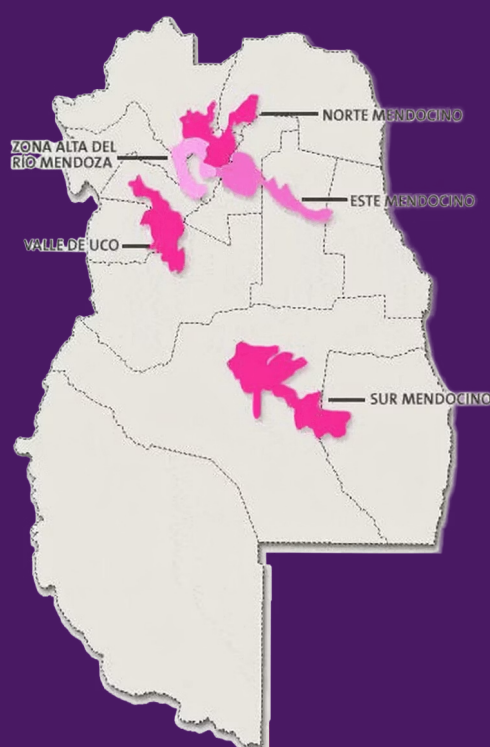
Maipú

Is one of the oldest wine-producing areas in Mendoza. Its low-altitude vineyards and more clay-rich soils, which retain moisture well, yield smooth, approachable, fruit-forward wines. The region preserves the traditional spirit of Mendoza winemaking, with historic wineries, rural routes, and a winemaking legacy that dates back to the 19th century.

Valle de Uco

Is the youngest and highest-altitude wine region, and it has become a hub of innovation. Vineyards located between 1,000 and 1,500 meters above sea level benefit from a cooler climate and rocky soils that produce fresh, mineral, and elegant wines. With breathtaking mountain views, avant-garde architecture, and high-end projects, it is the epicenter of modern wine tourism in Mendoza.

Map of Mendoza's Wine Regions



Luján de Cuyo: Cradle of Malbec

- **Susana Balbo Wines:** Founded by Argentina's first female winemaker, this winery blends legacy and innovation. Visits include a detailed tour of the facilities, tastings of their Crios, Signature, and Nosotros lines, and a gourmet lunch at Osadía, their award-winning restaurant. The winery is known for its precision winemaking and sustainable practices such as solar energy use and efficient irrigation.
- **Terrazas de los Andes:** Part of the LVMH group, this winery is known for its high-altitude Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. It offers immersive vineyard experiences in cool-climate sites, guided tours by expert enologists, and tastings of its Single Vineyard collection. The winery incorporates water conservation and biodiversity programs. Its culinary offerings blend Andean flavors with modern techniques.
- **Clos de Chacras:** A boutique winery set in a restored 1921 building. The tour includes a walk through historic underground cellars and ends with tastings paired with regional dishes at their award-winning restaurant. Signature wine lines include Ereditá and Gran Estirpe, with a focus on artisanal methods and aging potential.
- **Pulenta Estate:** Run by the third generation of the Pulenta family, this winery focuses on small-batch, high-quality wines like its Gran Cabernet Franc. Personalized tours cover the entire process from vineyard to barrel room. Sustainable practices include full traceability and hand-harvesting.
- **Matervini:** Created by the founders of Achaval Ferrer, Matervini produces exclusively Malbec from various soils and micro-terroirs. Visits include comparative tastings and insights into their low-intervention winemaking. The winery runs on solar power, uses native yeasts, and prioritizes local biodiversity.

Maipú: The Historic Heart of Wine

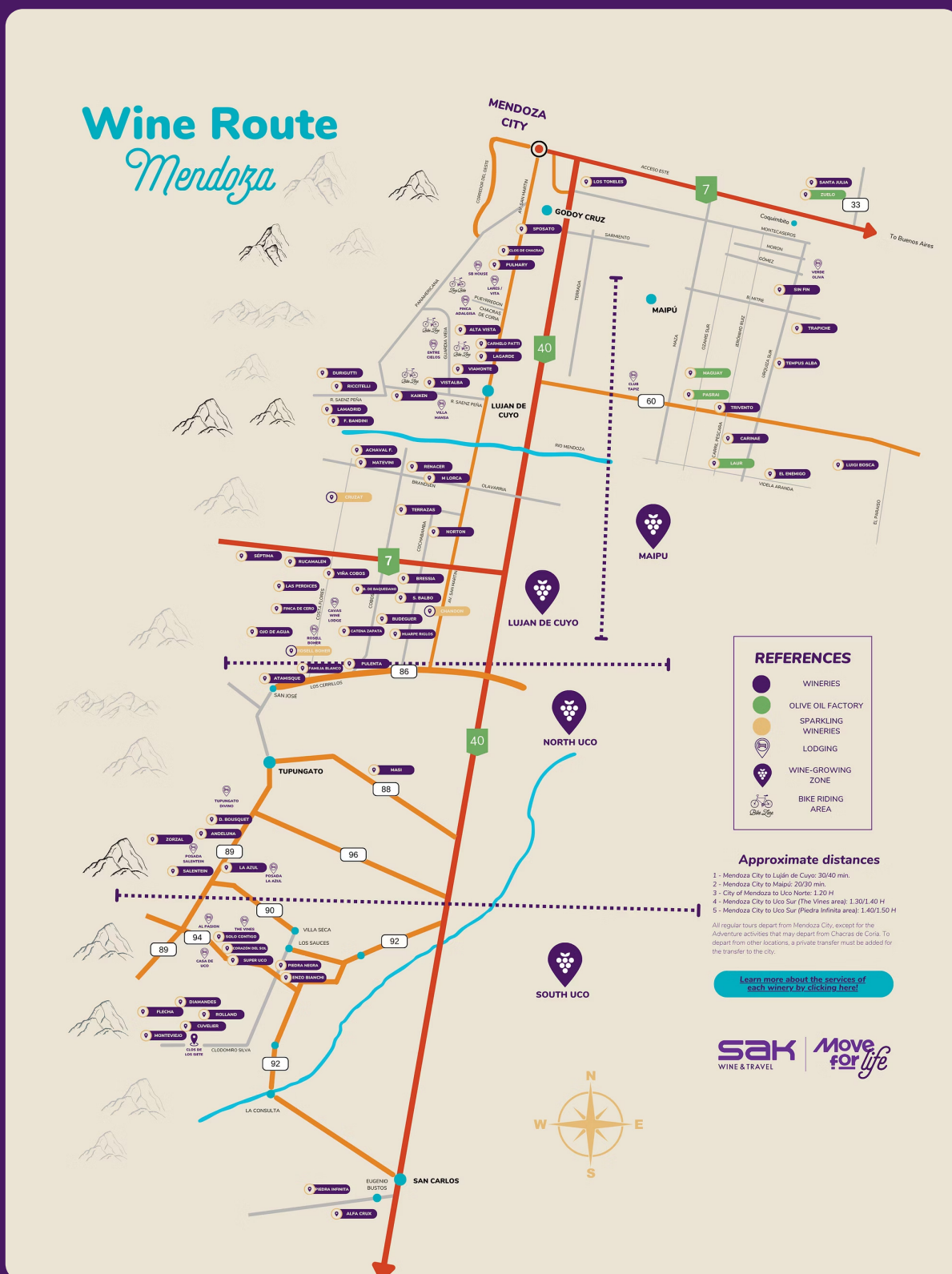
- **Trapiche:** One of Argentina's largest and most awarded wineries, with over 130 years of history. Tours include their historic building, botanical gardens, and barrel room. Highlights include the Terroir Series and Iscay labels. Tastings are expertly guided and paired with fine dining at Espacio Trapiche, their internationally acclaimed restaurant.
- **Carinae:** Founded by a French couple, this boutique winery balances tradition and innovation. Warm, personalized visits include tastings of labels like Hommage and Prestige. The winery embraces low-intervention methods and sustainable vineyard practices. They also offer nighttime tours and stargazing experiences.

Tips for Visiting Mendoza's Wineries

- **Book in advance:** Many wineries, especially premium ones, only accept guests with prior reservations. SAK Wine & Travel can help organize your ideal itinerary.
- **What to wear:** Comfortable clothing, closed-toe shoes, and sun protection are essential. Summer days can top 95°F (35°C), while winter mornings are cool but sunny.
- **What's included?** Tours typically feature premium vehicle transportation, a bilingual expert guide, snacks with local products in biodegradable packaging, bottled water, guided winery visits, tastings, and multi-course paired lunches.
- **How long does it take?** A 2-winery experience lasts around 4 hours. A 3-winery tour with lunch usually spans 7–8 hours.
- **Can I buy wine?** Yes! All wineries have shops, and some offer international shipping. On private tours, you can coordinate shipping for full cases.
- **Sustainability:** Mendoza is a leader in responsible viticulture. Many wineries are organic, biodynamic, or carbon-neutral certified. At SAK Wine & Travel, we're committed to protecting Mendoza's water resources through various sustainability initiatives.

Map of Mendoza's Wine Routes

This map highlights Mendoza's main wine regions—Luján de Cuyo, Maipú, and the Uco Valley—along with the most iconic wineries in each area. It also shows approximate distances from the city, main routes, and practical references for planning your visit, such as bike-friendly zones, accommodations, olive oil producers, and sparkling wine cellars. It's a key visual tool to understand Mendoza's wine geography and easily locate the wineries that best match your interests.



Tour Categories for Winery Experiences in Mendoza

- **SPVD Standard Tour**

This tour features approachable wineries and services designed for general-interest travelers who want a relaxed introduction to the world of wine. Daily departures available.

- **PVD Standard Tour**

Ideal for casual wine tourists starting their wine journey. These experiences include accessible wineries, guided visits, and introductory tastings. Daily departures available.

- **PVD Premium Tour**

Designed for wine enthusiasts who value excellence and refined service. Featured wineries may include Pulenta Estate, Andeluna, or Carinae. Daily departures available.

- **PVD Premium+ Tour**

For seasoned wine lovers seeking unique and in-depth experiences. Includes wineries such as Susana Balbo Wines, Salentein, or Monteviejo. Daily departures available.

- **PVD Icons Tour**

Exclusive, high-end experiences featuring Mendoza's most iconic wineries, ideal for expert travelers and connoisseurs. Includes Zuccardi Valle de Uco, Terrazas de los Andes, Domaine Bousquet, and Michel Rolland Wines. Daily departures available.

These categories help match your wine experience with your level of curiosity and connoisseurship. Whether you're new to wine or looking for something world-class, there's a perfect tour waiting for you.

Wine as an Experience

Visiting Mendoza's wineries is more than a tourist activity—it's a way to connect with the region's identity, its people, and their passion for winemaking. Every glass tells a story of land, climate, craft, and vision. Whether you're walking through century-old vineyards in Maipú, exploring Luján de Cuyo's elegant estates, or embracing Uco Valley's bold innovations, there's always a place that speaks to you.

At SAK Wine & Travel, we believe that a well-designed wine tour can be a transformative journey. Let us take care of every detail so you can focus on what matters most: enjoyment. Mendoza is ready to welcome you—with open arms and wine at its finest.

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