



How to get to Mendoza

If you are connecting through Santiago you do not have to clear customs or immigration. However, you will have to go through a security check point to get to the departure lounge. There are several lounges available at Santiago Airport (American Airlines/American Express, Priority Pass, LAN etc). The travel time from Santiago to Mendoza is less than 1 hour. It is also possible to do the trip by car crossing the Andes. This can take about 4 hours, however delays are common and the road can be closed due to snow or bad weather.

If you are renting the car you will need a permit to cross the border.

If you travel through Buenos Aires you will most likely need to change airports. The best way is to take a taxi from the International Airport (EZE) to the domestic one (AEP). The ride can take up to 45 min depending on traffic.

The flying time from Buenos Aires to Mendoza is about 2 hours.

The city of Mendoza is 7 Kilometers from the airport (about 30 minutes). From the city to the lodge you have about another hour (50 Km).

Mendoza Argentina



Alpasi3n Lodge



The Food





How to get to Alpasión Lodge

The property is located on Ruta Provincial N° 94 (on the way to Manzano Histórico), in the District of Los Chacayes, in the Municipality of Tunuyán. The property is 8 km after Lurton Winery. At the entrance you will see the sign for "Alpasión Lodge".

The GPS coordinates are:

Latitude: 33°36'22.51"S

Longitude: 69°16'54.79"W

It is a rural area surrounded by vineyards, wineries and mountains. The closest town is Vista Flores which is 15 min away by car. It is a very small town but there you can find the basic things: a gas station, a small supermarket, a bank with an ATM and a pharmacy. A bit further away (about 20-30 minutes) you have the Towns of Tunuyan and Tupungato where you have more options including a Carrefour supermarket.

The Lodge

The Lodge has 5 double rooms, 3 of them have two single beds that can be converted into a king size bed depending on the needs of the guests. The other 2 rooms have a queen size bed. The sixth room is a family room equipped with a double bed and a sofa bed. An extra bed can be made available upon request.

All rooms are equipped with:

- Ceiling fans
- Warm water
- Mosquito nets on the doors
- Heating system
- Cable TV
- Complementary wireless internet
- Shower gel, shampoo and conditioner
- Hair dryer
- Flashlights and emergency candles (power outages are frequent)
- Bottled water

In addition we have:

- 2 local mobile phones that are available to guests. You will only need to buy a calling card to use the phone.
- 1 GPS that you can borrow at no charge.

The electricity in Argentina is 220v. However, all rooms in the Lodge have two 110v outlets, one by the television and the second one in the bathroom. There are 2 additional 110v outlets in the library.

Please bear in mind that we are in a remote area where the internet service and mobile phone connection is not as fast and reliable as what you can expect in the city.

Tipping at the lodge is not necessary or expected. However welcomed if the service has exceeded your expectations.





Climate

During the summer, from December to the end of February, temperatures can reach 30 degrees Celsius during the day. However, at night temperatures can drop dramatically (as much as 10 degrees). The difference in temperature has to do with the altitude and the proximity to the Andes (the property is located at approximately 1,200 meters above sea level). Autumn starts in March and extends until May. This is probably the best time to visit Mendoza as it is also the harvest season.

Temperatures during the day are around 20 degrees and at night it can get a bit chilly (about 10 degrees or even lower). During the winter time, from June to August, temperatures can go as low as 0 degrees. However during the day you can still enjoy clear blue skies and often, on a sunny day, you can even sit outside with just a light jacket. The weather in Spring, from September to November, is similar to that of autumn. However September can be a bit cloudy and wet so it is better to go at the end of October or November.

Activities

The main interest for visiting Mendoza is of course the wine culture. Visitors come from all over the world to taste the wines and experience the harvest season. And yet there is far more to Mendoza.... Therefore, apart from the mandatory visits to the different wineries (there are more than 1,200 wineries in Mendoza) we encourage you to make time to experience some of the other activities such as horseback riding, white water rafting, fly fishing, canopy, golf, mountain biking, paragliding and hiking.

We can assist you with booking the different activities as well as organizing the visits to the wineries. Most wineries charge between US\$10-\$40 for a guided visit and they usually include a wine tasting at the end.

The Food

Apart from the wine Mendoza is also known for its cuisine. You can have a decent meal almost anywhere, and a magnificent one in many places. The ingredients are usually very fresh and in some cases (in the more remote areas like in the Uco Valley) they are grown organically on site.

At Alpasi3n Lodge we offer breakfast and a 3 course Dinner menu. Most of the pastries, jams, and pastas are made daily at the lodge.

We also offer lunch upon request. To explore something different we invite you see check out the list of restaurants mentioned at the end of this document.

Transportation

You can hire a car from most of the international car rental companies at the Mendoza airport: Hertz, Avis, Dollar and some trusted local ones like Cordillera or Auto Mendoza. You should reserve it in advance as availability is limited. Bear in mind that once you leave the city the signals become scarce and reaching your destination can be a challenge. Make sure you hire a car with a GPS. We have a GPS at the lodge that you can borrow at no charge. However it is on a first come first serve basis.





A taxi ride from the airport to the city of Mendoza will cost you about US\$20. A ride from the Airport to Alpasión Lodge will cost you about US\$180. Please have in mind that these prices may vary.

We can also arrange for a driver to pick you up at the airport. A driver can also be hired for the duration of your stay. That way you will not have to worry about directions or having too much wine.... The cost of hiring a driver is approximately US\$150 per day.

Money

Many places in rural areas (outside the city) do not accept credit cards. Some do accept payment in US Dollars. However, to be safe we recommend you bring enough cash or use the ATM to take out cash upon arrival at the airport. Most of the bigger wineries do accept credit cards as well as the restaurants and shops in the city.

There is currently an exchange control in Argentina. The current official exchange rate is about 15 Pesos = 1 US\$.

Tipping

The tip is normally not included in your bill. At restaurants the standard tip is 10%. Waiters will appreciate a tip in cash.

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Restaurants in the Uco Valley Area



Andeluna

Address

Ruta 89 s/n - Gualtallary - Tupungato

Telephone: (02622) 423-226

Email: turismo@andeluna.com.ar

Website: www.andeluna.com.ar



“Killka” en Posada Salentein

Address

Ruta 89 s/n - Los Árboles - Tunuyán

Telephone: (02622) 4295000

Email: restaurant@killkasalentein.com

Website: www.bodegasalentein.com





Restaurants in the Uco Valley Area



Posada del Jam3n

Address

Ruta 92. Km 14 - Vista Flores - Tunuy3n

Telephone: (02622) 49-2053 - Miguel Cairo

Email: laposadaj@hotmail.com



Rincon Atamisque

Address

Ruta Prov. N°86 Km 30 - San Jos3 - Tupungato

Telephone: (0261) 156 855184

Email: rincon@atamisque.com

Website: www.atamisque.com





Restaurants in the Uco Valley Area



“Urban” en la Bodega O.Fournier

Address

Calle Los Indios s/n - La Consulta - San Carlos

Telephone: (2622) 451-579 / (0261) 154-671021

Email: reservas@ofournier.com

Website: www.ofournier.com



Bodega La Azul

Address

Ruta n° 89 Camino a Tupungato

Telephone: 2622423593

Email: administracion@bodegalaazul.com

Website: www.bodegalaazul.com





Wineries in Uco Valley:

- Clos de los 7
- Piedra Negra
- Salentein
- La Azul
- O.Fournier
- Atamisque
- Gimenez Riili •
Zorzal

Wineries in Lujan de Cuyo:

- Carmelo Patti
- Achaval Ferrer
- Ruca Malen
- Vistalba
- Septima
- Caelum
- Cruzat
- Catena Zapata

Wineries in Maipú:

- La Rural
- CarinaE
- Trapiche
- AMP Cava

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