

## WELCOME TO THE **MENDOZA** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavor – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. With each hotel offering its own bespoke selection of services, and every experience designed around you, the InterContinental Insider Collection delivers unique events firmly rooted in their location with a rare, but tangible sense of place.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Mendoza experiences.



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### INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

### INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

### INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

### INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

### INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.

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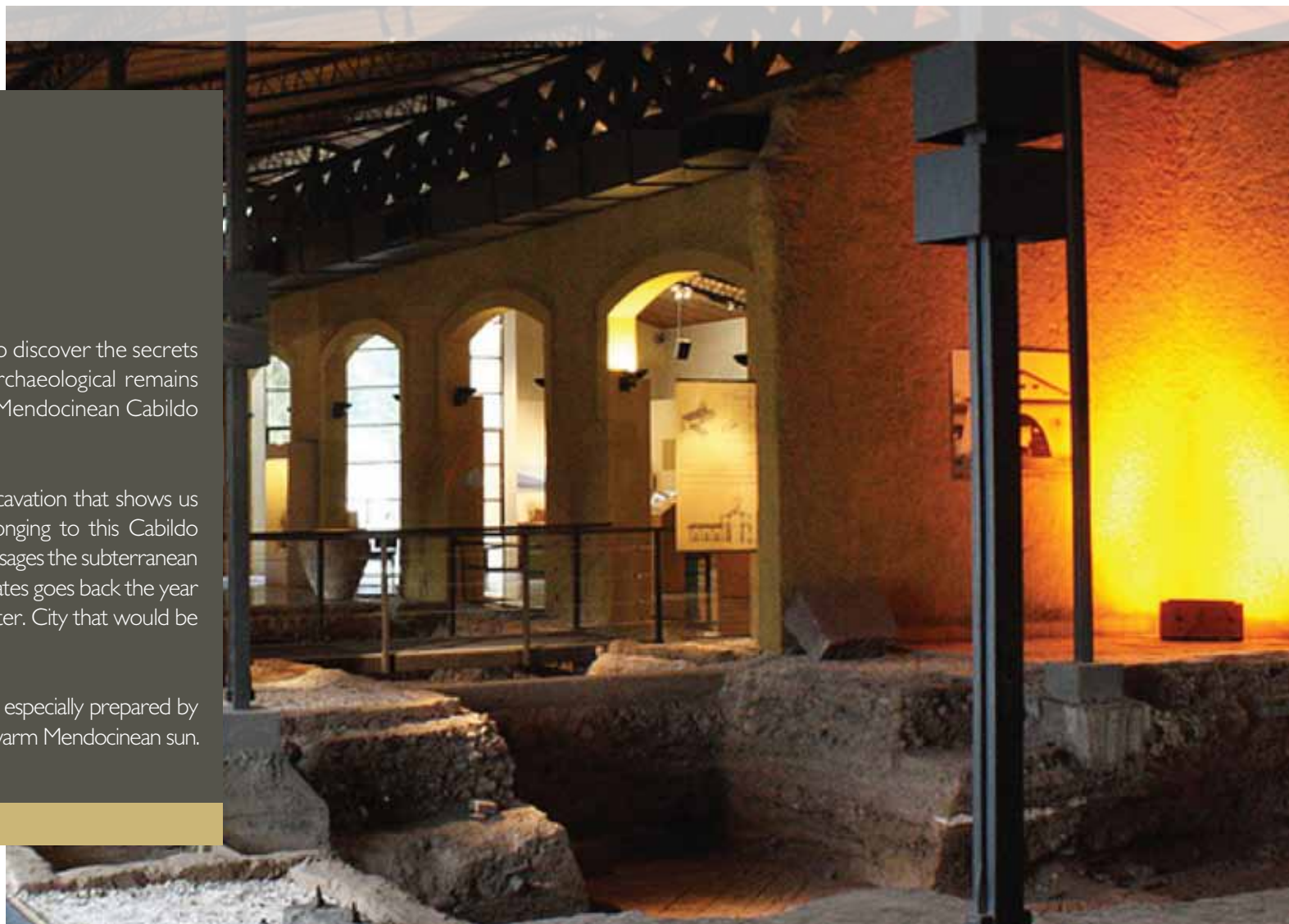
## EXPERIENCE A JOURNEY THROUGH THE **COLONIAL TIMES**

On a trip to the historic heart of the city, join us to discover the secrets behind this fascinating museum that saves the archaeological remains located over the old Plaza de Armas, where the Mendocinean Cabildo worked years ago.

Together with the experts, explore the central excavation that shows us the remaining foundations, walls and pottery belonging to this Cabildo dating from the XVIII century. Discover among its passages the subterranean chamber that wards the ruins of the fountain, this dates goes back the year 1810 and served to supply the colonial city with water. City that would be later razed by the famous earthquake in 1861.

Round off this exciting visit enjoying a colonial menu, especially prepared by our chefs in the gardens of the museum, under the warm Mendocinean sun.

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AREA FUNDACIONAL MUSEUM

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## ENJOY NATURE WITH LUNCH IN THE VINEYARDS

Live an outdoor experience surrounded by mountains, sun, old vineyards and olive groves in one of the centenarian wineries of Mendoza. The winery, built in 1912 and inspired in the ancient Italian Renaissance for its symmetrical forms and monumental facade, invites us to travel throughout its history and architecture.

Enjoy a regional lunch in the ancient vineyards preceded by a special directed tasting of nine different Malbec combining pleasure, culture, satisfactions and emotions.

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## THE HISTORY BEYOND **THE BOOKS**

Learn the history of Mendoza passed down through generations in this original and relaxed chat in which we will discover the reason for Mendoza's famous trees, its irrigation ditches, wide streets and beautiful squares.

The survival and effort of the people of Mendoza, who built a city in the middle of the desert, today known as an oasis.  
The secrets of its architecture, the reconstruction after the terrible earthquakes that hit the area, and the incredible management of the water resources that transformed the life and health of the inhabitants of that time, which still exists to date.

Pure wisdom through the eyes of a man who knows each of the places and histories, narrated like a short story that will captivate you from beginning to end.

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GENERAL SAN MARTIN PARK

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## THE WINE REGIONS OF MENDOZA

Our guests will experience a little bit of Mendoza as a destination during their stay without leaving the hotel.

This is how the wine regions of Mendoza are represented in this emblematic wine space through their wineries: Zuccardi, Trapiche, Bianchi, Clos de los Siete and Terrazas de los Andes.

Here, the enologist will teach us the art of wine tasting while enjoying an interactive activity by telling the history of the winery.

The best way of showing gratitude to all of those people that have made possible the growth of the wine industry throughout these years is by paying tribute to their wines.

Wine tasting is an art that requires time and above all, a lot of practice to master it.

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## HELPING TO EDUCATE

Be a teacher, a cooker and a bricklayer for one day.  
Participate of an educational encounter full of lessons and apprenticeships.

Help with the education, the food, the construction and restoration of a small rural school located in one of the most arid areas of Mendoza. You will be able to interact with children of all ages reading short stories, recounting anecdotes, painting walls, hanging blackboards, cooking bread in old clay ovens and preparing lunch and snacks for the children.

Interact with a children's community who live from their land, their customs and traditions, and their limited resources, learning day by day to read and write.

Live from the inside this wonderful experience of educating with the word and the affection, with the effort and the hope of giving them a better world.

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LAVALLE RURAL SCHOOL

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## A FASCINATING CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Interact among dunes and carob trees in the desert of Lavalle with the Huarpe indigenous community, native settlers of this land.

Learn their customs and language, enjoy their typical food and collaborate with the daily chores of this community.

You can shear sheep, herd cattle, weave on a traditional loom, pick carobs and even participate in Saint Vincent Festival, a pagan ritual to call the rain during droughts.

Learn to communicate in an ancient language, the Huarpe language, which is still used in the community.

Be part of a unique cultural exchange, full of challenges, mythical stories and ancestral customs in a community that opens its arms to work, teach and share.

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HUARPE NATIVE COMMUNITY

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## RAFTING THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS

Get together with your work colleagues and live a unique adventure zipping through the rapids of the Mendoza river. Share an amazing experience surrounded by breathtaking nature between rivers and mountains where the main objective will be the team work.

The participants play an important role by actively engaging in dynamic experiences. The adventure activities break the monotony and routine of daily life and motivate the team members to improve their performance as well as to become aware of the importance of each member of the team.

Enjoy this sport full of adrenaline while guided by experts that will teach us the right techniques and movements and will make the adventure an unforgettable experience.

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## AMONG THE OLIVE GROVES

Participate in the process of making extra virgin olive oil and even create your own signature olive oil.

Walk around the ancient olive groves which date back to 1920 and learn the most important tasks regarding olive tree care, the fabrication process, its characteristics and properties.

Visit the factory where you will learn all the secrets of this traditional elaboration process of oil and olives.

Take part in an original and exquisite tasting of olive tapenade produced in the facilities of a former winery which dates back to 1910.

As a perfect end to the excursion enjoy an authentic lunch, a traditional charcoal grilled “asado” (barbecue) under the shade of big weeping willows that make this place a unique natural space, surrounded by ancient constructions and centenarian trees.

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## TASTE OUR TYPICAL “MATE” WITH “TORTITAS”

Enjoy one of our exclusive thematic coffee breaks: “mate” with “tortitas”, one of the most typical infusions of Argentina served with a Mendocinian delicacy.

The “mate” is an herb based infusion prepared with the dry leaves of “yerba mate” and hot water. Drinking and sharing “mate” with friends is a frequent activity among the young people and relatives.

The Mendocinian “tortitas” have the shape of a big round biscuit and they come in different varieties: “raspadas”, “hojaldradas” or “pinchadas”.

An expert chef will explain us all the details about the importance of “mate” in the Argentinian culture and he will teach us the steps to prepare it. You will also have the opportunity to taste the different varieties of “tortitas”.

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## DISCOVER THE **ART OF WINE**

Learn in this original break the necessary techniques to become an excellent wine taster in Mendoza, one of the 8 Great Wine Capitals of the World.

We will share stories, anecdotes and secrets with the best wineries of Mendoza.

Enjoying an exclusive wine tasting led by our sommelier accompanied with delicious olives and flavoured breads, in which we will learn to open our senses and discover new textures, colours and flavours, finding our way in the fabulous wine world.

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