





HOW TO GET TO MENDOZA

If you are connecting through Santiago, Chile, you do not have to clear customs or immigration. However, you will have to go through a security checkpoint 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 cross the Andes by car, which 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 minutes, depending on traffic.

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

There are also direct flights into Mendoza from Lima, Sao Paulo, and Panama.

The city of Mendoza is 7 Kilometers from the airport (about 20 minutes). From the city to the lodge will take about another hour (50 Km).





HOW TO GET TO ALPASIÓN LODGE

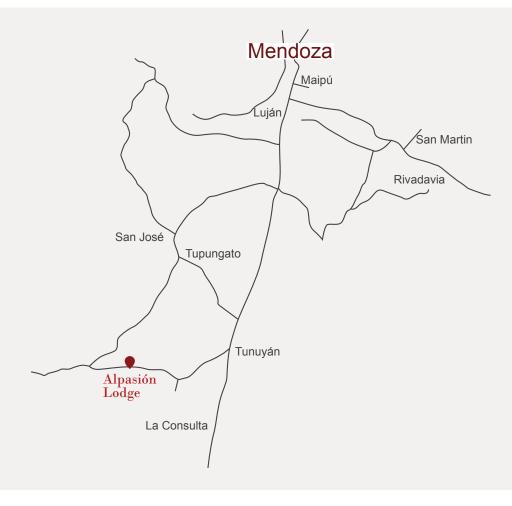
The property is located on Ruta Provincial N° 94 (on the way to Manzano Histórico), in the District of Los Chacayes, in the Municipality of Tunuyán. The property is 8 km after Lurton Winery. At the entrance, you will see the sign for "Alpasión Lodge."

The GPS coordinates are: Latitude: 33°36′22.51″S Longitude: 69°16′54.79″W

Ruta Provincial N° 94, Los Chacayes, Tunuyán, Uco Valley, Mendoza

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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.





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The Lodge has 6 double rooms, with twin and king-size beds depending on the needs of the guests.

We also have a "Glamping" area consisting of 6 luxury tents. Each tent is equipped with a private bathroom, king size bed, safe, mini bar and Nespresso machine, private deck with small hot tub where you can relax admiring the surroundings. The tubs were hand made in "Tierra del fuego" of wood that comes from 30-year-old (sustainable) forests. The Lodge & Restaurant are just a few meters away.

We are in a rural area and farm organically, therefore we do not use pesticides or insecticides on the farm. As a result, it is not uncommon to find insects and animals on the property. We advise that you take the necessary precautions.

All rooms are equipped with:

- Ceiling fans
- Warm water
- · Mosquito nets on the doors
- Heating system
- Cable TV
- · Complimentary wireless internet
- Shower gel, shampoo, and conditioner
- Hairdryer
- Flashlights and emergency candles (power outages are frequent)
- · Bottled water
- Nespresso machines
- Safes



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 two additional 110 v 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.



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 wintertime, 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 of 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 Alpasión Lodge, we offer breakfast, lunch and dinner. Most of the pastries, jams, and pastas are made daily at the lodge. The vegetables come from our herb garden.



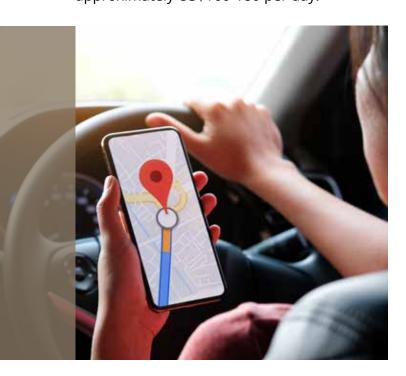


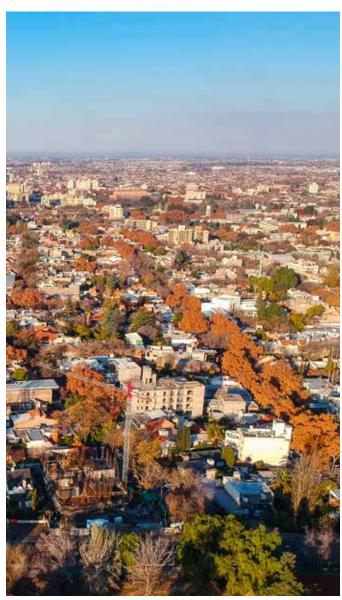


TRANSPORTATION

You can hire a car from most of the international car rental companies at the Mendoza airport: Hertz, Avis, Dollar. 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.

A taxi ride from the airport to the city of Mendoza will cost you about US\$5. A ride from the Airport to Alpasión Lodge will cost you about US\$90. Please have in mind that these prices may vary and usually cash is required. 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\$160-180 per day.







MONEY

Most places (hotels, wineries, and restaurants) accept major credit cards. However, some places only accept cash. Some also accept payment in US Dollars. To be safe, we recommend you bring enough cash or use the ATM to take out cash upon arrival at the airport.

Currency exchange controls exist in Argentina. Some places accept foreign currencies at a more attractive exchange rate than the official one. Credit card payments are processed at the official rate. To view the current exchange rates visit: www.infobae.com



TIPPING

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

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

