



# DINING OUT



Recommended

## MENDOZA CITY

### Josefina



Josefina Resto

The trendy, cosmopolitan international cooking experience Josefina resto is an island of elegance on hectic Aristides street. The building is a playful mix of the urbane and the natural. The warmth of vintage style drawings adorning the walls are illuminated through large handsome street windows. After work hours you are welcome to pop up for some gourmet tapas accompanied with a rotating selection of by the glass wine. At sunset, a thoughtful combination of candle and industrial light bulbs will put you in the mood for a fine dinner. The food is eclectic, seasonal, and very personal - a fusion of Ana's mum traditional cooking experience. Aristides Villa nueva 165. Tel - 4233531



La Patrona

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Cozy Mendocino restaurant with a casual, rustic charm attracts with traditional Argentine food and friendly and warm atmosphere. Hearty empanadas and sizzling asado go with warm, open sandwiches. We recommend the artichoke hearts and goat cheese; roasted vegetables with white wine and honey; or the more traditional pick of rich glands cooked in lemon. 9 de Julio 656. Tel - 4291057. Mon. to Sat.:12.30pm-3.30pm and 8.30pm-close. Avg. Meal cost: \$220.

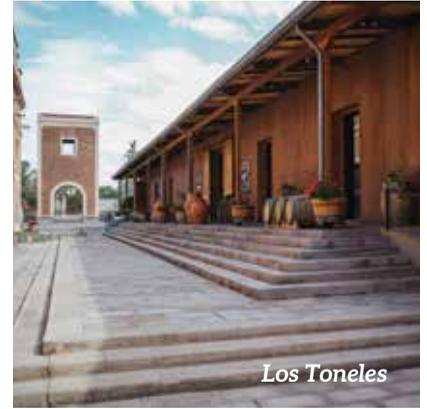
### El Mercado



The perfect spot for some lunch time sunshine or al fresco dining. Run by three friends, El Mercado has a cool vibe and relaxed music making it a favorite. Opening in the morning for healthy breakfasts and antioxidants juices, El Mercado stays open throughout the siesta with its light menu of sandwiches, big salads and some Argentine classic meals. Aristides Villanueva 521. Tel - 4638847. Avg. meal price: \$190. Chacras de Coria: Viamonte 4961. Tel - 4962267.



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Los Toneles

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Located 15 minutes walk beyond the city center, this handsome historical winery offers Old World elegance and atmosphere. The expansive restaurant serves traditional dishes with a gourmet twist and it's the perfect lunch or dinner spot for those who have just arrived and want some genuine Mendocino ambience. Lateral Norte Acceso Este 1360. Tel - 431 0403. Open Tuesday to Saturday lunch and dinner.

### Grill Q

Chic parrilla style restaurant (part of the Park Hyatt hotel) with open kitchen. Famous for grilled meats and gigantic empanadas, and serves hearty Argentine classics such as 'locro' - a stew that hails back to the early independence days. The Hyatt's other restaurant, Bistro M, offers a more gourmet evening menu and the most exuberant 'lunch menu' in town. Chile 1124. Tel - 4411225. Avg. meal Grill Q \$250 pesos. Bistro M - Executive Menu \$280.



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## OUTSIDE THE CITY

### Finca Agostino

Elegance, history and the perfect marriage of food and wine is what you'll experience by dining at the restaurant of Finca Agostino winery. The overall vibe is polished and handsome. The food is equally majestic - 5 courses of well thought, imaginative dishes that are paired exquisitely with all the winery wines - often explained and described by the chef Sergio Guardia. The menu is seasonal with much of the ingredients freshly picked from the property's organic vegetable garden and orchard. Carril Barrancas 10590, Maipú. Tel - 5249358. Avg. meal price: \$650 pesos.



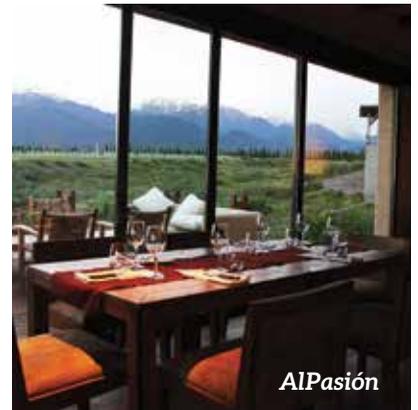
Finca Agostino

### Lunch in a Winery

Whatever you do in Mendoza, make sure to have lunch in a winery. There is nothing quite like sitting back to a long line of wine glasses holding delicious Chardonnay, Torrontes, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon (amongst others), accompanied by the finest, gourmet food Argentina has to offer. The icing on the cake is that icing on the Andes in the background and the lush green vines of the vineyard. It is definitely the most civilised way to get drunk on the planet.

### Ruca Malen

Ruca Malen winery is synonymous with gourmet food & wine pairings in Mendoza and was a pioneer in this area. Having lunch in Ruca Malen is also a visual experience, from the food served in creative plates designed especially for the occasion by local craftsmen to the breathtaking view one gets of the Andes and the vineyard. It also offers great vegetarian and gluten-free options. Ruta Nacional Km 7, Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza. Tel: +54 261 553 7164. Cel: +54 9 261 454 1236. mendoza@bodegarucamalen.com



AlPasión

### Los Negritos

Family-owned restaurant in the rustic splendor of Las Vegas in Potrerillos, 80 km from Mendoza. This is without doubt the best restaurant in the mountains, specializing in traditional family recipes that add a new twist to Andean fare such as humitas, tomaticon and mondongo. The restaurant itself is simple and modern with no frills, but the food of course. Open weekends and public holidays 12 midday to 4pm. Avg \$250 AR. Los Olmos ST. La Vegas, Potrerillos. Te. (0261) 155697431.

### AlPasión



Elegance and luxury are combined with breath taking views at what is the latest hotel and restaurant in the stunning Uco Valley. Traditional dishes with the accent on season are served in a light filled dining room with red leather seats, bare rafters and stone walls shadowed by snowcapped peaks. The overall vibe is comfort and elegance with an open fireplace for those chilly high altitude nights. Avg. meal price: \$400 pesos. Ruta Prov. No 94. Las Chacayas, Tunuyan. Tel. +54 9 2613202999. www.alpasion.com.ar.

### La Azul



A pioneer in the Uco Valley region, this boutique winery now offers hearty lunches in a rustic setting with stunning views of the mountains. Family-owned, the owners are often your hosts and they take pride in serving giant portions of excellent beef and pork dishes, accompanied by the winery's excellent, high altitude wines. Popular, authentic and unforgettable. Open Tuesday to Sunday. Lunches only. Tupungato. Tel - (02622) 423 593.



Vistalba

### Restaurant Lares de Chacras

One of Mendoza's most charming boutique wine hotels has now opened its excellent restaurant to the general public. Located in the picturesque wine village of Chacras de Coria, a 20 minute drive from the city, Lares offers traditional local dishes in a rustic deluxe environment. Every Wednesday they offer asado, Argentine bbq. Larrea 1266, Chacras de Coria, Tel. (0261) 491 1061 www.laresdechacras.com/

### CAP Vistalba



Undoubtedly one of Mendoza's most beautiful wineries with seductive mix of new technology and Old World charm. The restaurant is super gourmet and elegantly set above the vineyards with breath taking views. Be sure to try the top blend Corte A. Lunches only. Roque Saenz Peña, Vistalba, Lujan de Cuyo. Tel. 498 9400.