

AMERIC[^]NDINA



SPECIAL EXCURSION – “TOTAL FOREST”

Duration: 5 days / 4 nights

The province of Jujuy has a low population density. This makes finding places with little or no human activity easy. It possesses four regions: the arid Puna, the Quebrada de Humahuaca canyon, valleys, and the cloud forest known as Yungas. Large altitudinal variations in these regions produce different micro-climates, allowing one to pass from the most dense Andinian sub-tropical forest to the extreme aridity of the Humahuaca Canyon in a few days of walking. Jujuy has 1,500 archaeological sites and the population has deep-rooted ancestral customs and festivities. The diversity of its flora and fauna is spectacular.

Day 1: Salta, the Capital – Finca San Andrés - Orán

SALTA PROVINCE- YUNGAS BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Departure 07.00 a.m.

Leaving the city of Salta we pass through the San Francisco valley, where we will see seemingly endless sugar cane plantations. After passing through Jujuy province we enter Salta again, at la Finca San Andrés. During the trip we travel along a winding route where you will be able to appreciate the splendour of the Yungas, framed in the unique and breathtaking Geographic formations of the rocky Macizos. After an expedition lunch we drive to the City of San Ramón de la Nueva Orán where we will spend the night in the hotel Alto Verde.



Services include:

- Transfers
- Accommodation
- Lunch and Dinner

Day 2: Orán – Los Toldos – Excursion to El Nogalar

SALTA PROVINCE – YUNGAS BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Departure 7.30 a.m.

We leave the City of Orán and head towards the locality of Aguas Blancas, close to the border where we enter Bolivia. We drive to Mamora along a winding road, with innumerable tunnels, cut out of the rock and enter Argentina near Los Toldos. We enter the National Reserve, El Nogalar de Los Toldos, and begin our trek through forest with centuries-old, cedar, walnut and mountain pine. This part of the journey offers an excellent opportunity for observing nature given its accessibility and proximity to Los Toldos. The route takes us through forests crossed by crystal streams, narrow paths carpeted by ferns, bromeliads and orchids. The trip is pleasant and you will be able to observe a landscape of Yungas-covered mountains and find marvelous spots to rest on the banks of cool streams. We return along the same path and the walk can take 2 to 4 hours depending on how long you want to trek. As we go deeper into the forest the trees increase in size. The difficulty of the trip depends on how far into the forest we go. On returning to Baritú a delicious traditional Andean meal awaits you.



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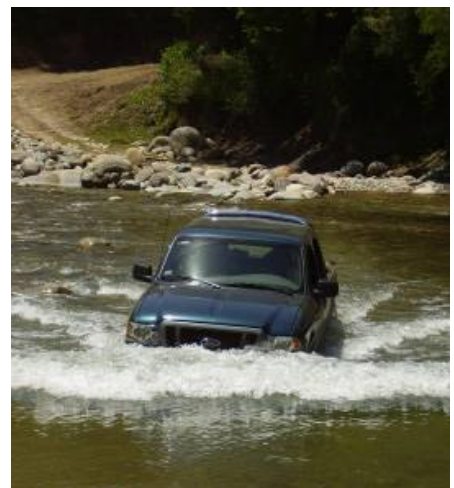
- Transfers.-
- Accommodation.-
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner.-
- Guidedservice.-

Day 3: Los Toldos – Lipeo – El Cedral del Baritú

SALTA PROVINCE – YUNGAS BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Departure 08.00 a.m.

From Los Toldos we drive along a dirt road that goes through Baritú National Park to Lipeo. The roads are passable in the dry season with all-terrain vehicles. During the rainy season the journey is only possible on horseback or foot. The first part of the circuit climbs up towards Lipeo along a wide road of packed dirt. On arriving at Lipeo we cross an imposing



river that has a hanging footbridge across it. From here, we hike into the forest to admire the impressive Cedral del Baritú, a "cathedral" of cedar trees that, in this region, reach imposing diameters of up to 2 metres. We leave Lipeo village (1,150 m) and we enter the beautiful, old forests of Baritú National Park. The journey is pleasant with abundant opportunities to appreciate forest covered mountains. On arriving at the Cedral del Baritú you can observe a mountainside completely covered with a blanket of cedar that reaches up to 40 metres in height creating a powerful visual impact. To admire the beauty of these typical examples of Northeastern Argentinean mountain forest one can walk up the mountainside and enjoy the imposing cedars, locally known as "cedros abuelos", or grandfather cedars. We spend the night in the Baritú National Park.

Services include :

- Transfers.-
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner.-
- Accommodation.-
- Guide service .-

Day 4: Baritú National Park – The Tree Ferns

SALTA PROVINCE – YUNGAS BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Departure 09.00 a.m.

This hike allows you to admire the beauty of the tree ferns, unique examples in the mountain forests of northeast Argentina that can reach heights of 4 to 5 metres. The route from the village of Baritú breaks off and follows the outer limit of the park before



entering the National Park of the same name. We enter beautiful, old, forests criss-crossed by small crystal streams. The journey is pleasant and the mountains covered in forest are breathtaking. In the last part of the trip the path descends to Los Helechos (1460 m), a cluster of luxuriant tree ferns. On returning to Baritú a delicious traditional Andinian meal awaits you and you can enjoy the experience of watching the best artisans in the region weaving precious woolen textiles on their floor looms. We return to the Baritu community of Los Toldos by the same route to spend the last night.

Services include:

- Transfers.-
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner.-
- Accommodation.-
- Guide service .-

Day 5: Los Toldos – Salta, the Capital

Departure 10.00 a.m.

We return along the same route we arrived, from Los Toldos, along Bolivian roads, and re-enter Argentina at Aguas Blancas continuing on to the province Capital, Salta.

Services include:

- Transfers.
- Breakfast, lunch

General Considerations

Clothing

Clothing must be practical, comfortable and warm. Take into account the variety of climates that you may encounter. You should anticipate that in the day temperatures can be as high as 30 °C and at night as low as 0 °C. In addition, windy conditions are not unusual. We suggest long sleeves and wind-proof clothing, while trekking, and a good fleece or jacket during camping. You must carry clothing that



insulates you from the atmospheric conditions. A water/windproof impermeable, hooded poncho would be useful. It is recommended that you bring quick-drying synthetic clothing. Jeans are not recommended as it will not be possible to dry them during the trip.

Footwear

Generally, trekking footwear must be comfortable, **already broken in**, and appropriate for the type of terrain. For the excursion, it is preferable to carry low-topped boots.

Equipment needed for the trip

- 1 cup
- 1 Set of cutlery
- Back-pack cover, or plastic bags
- Sunglasses with UV filter
- Kit of personal items including all the articles that you would normally use e.g. toiletries

- 1 flashlight (Remember to bring replacements batteries and bulbs). - Penknife
- 1 bottle or personal canteen for water of 1 litre to 1 ½ litres
- Sunscreen and lip protector
- Insect repellent
- If you are on medication do not forget it
- Camera, with replacement batteries
- Jacket appropriate for mountains, impermeable on the outside and lined with fleece
- Gloves in winter
- Cap or hat (with earflaps in winter)
- Binoculars
- Make sure you have any replacements that may be necessary E.g.: Batteries, sunglasses or medication.

SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE EXCURSION

- Exclusive vehicle transfers
- Accommodation
- All meals, from lunch on the first day, to snacks on the last day.
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- 24 hr personal attention
- Community guides
- Facilitation of the customs process to enter Bolivia
- Expedition insurance
- Information and promotion material

