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BOUTIQUE MOTORCYCLE EXPEDITIONS

● LIMITED SPOTS · NEXT DEPARTURE OCTOBER 2026

10-DAY EXPEDITION · NORTHWEST ARGENTINA

The Andes Highlands

A high-altitude motorcycle expedition through Salta, Cafayate, the Calchaquí Valleys, Abra del Acay, Salinas Grandes, Purmamarca, Tilcara, and Hornocal.

10 days
GUIDED

4,895 m
HIGHEST PASS

3-5
RIDERS MAX

SLA 
SALTA LOOP

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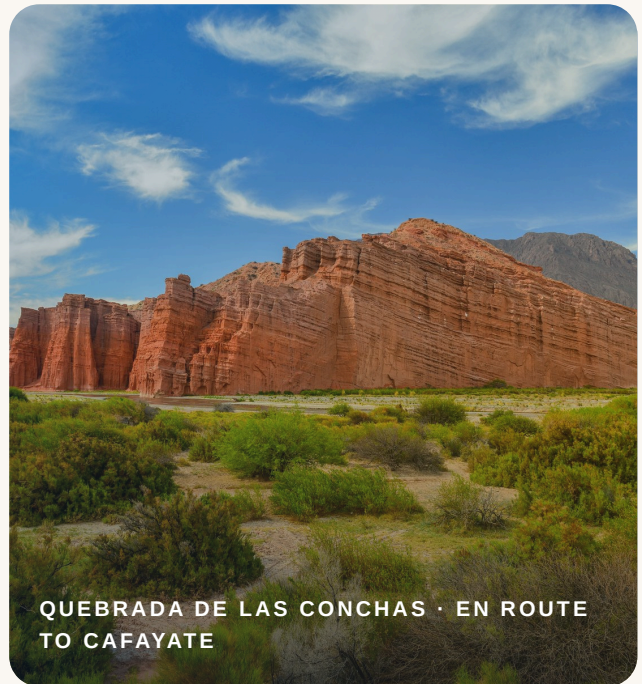
WELCOME TO THE EXPEDITION

An adventure built for riders who want more than kilometers.

The Andes Highlands is a 10-day boutique expedition through the most cinematic corner of Argentina. We start in Salta, climb the legendary Cuesta del Obispo, glide through the red rock geofoms of Quebrada de las Conchas, and trade asphalt for gravel on Ruta 40 through the Quebrada de las Flechas.

You'll cross Abra del Acay at 4,895 meters, ride the Tren a las Nubes to Viaducto La Polvorilla, sleep under the stars at Salinas Grandes, and finish in the painted hills of Hornocal.

Small group. Full support. Real local insight. The kind of trip that quietly resets how you think about travel.



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GUIDED EXPEDITION

4,895 m

ABRA DEL ACAY

3-5

RIDERS PER GROUP

9

NIGHTS, HAND-PICKED

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TRIP OVERVIEW & ROUTE

A Salta loop. Salt flats, high passes, painted hills.



KEY TRIP DETAILS

DURATION **10 days / 9 nights**

NEXT DEPARTURE **October 2026**

START / END **Salta, Argentina**
Airport pick-up & drop-off included

GROUP SIZE **3-5 riders + lead guide**

ALTITUDE RANGE **~1,200m to 4,895m**

RIDING STYLE **Paved + meaningful off-road**

LANGUAGES **English / Spanish**

PRIVATE DEPARTURES **Available year-round**

ROUTE SCHEMATIC

Indicative path · Northwest Argentina



● KEY STOP — ROUTE † ALTITUDE MARKER



THE MOMENTS YOU CAME FOR

Hand-picked highlights of a high-altitude journey.



01 · THE BUCKET-LIST DAY

Abra del Acay (4,895m) + Tren a las Nubes + Salinas Grandes glamping

High pass riding above the clouds, the legendary train to Viaducto La Polvorilla, and a night under the salt flat sky. The single most memorable day on the route, end to end.

DAY 6 · HIGHEST PASS

GLAMPING



02

Cuesta del Obispo + Piedra del Molino

One of Salta's most iconic ascents (3,348m). Tight switchbacks, condor lookouts, and views that feel like a different planet.



03

Recta del Tin Tin + Valle Encantado

Fast-open landscapes, dramatic rock formations, and the kind of riding rhythm that clears your head instantly.



04

Quebrada de las Conchas

A cinematic corridor of red rock geofoms: Garganta del Diablo, El Anfiteatro, on the way to Cafayate.



05

High-altitude wine route in Cafayate

Vineyards in extreme conditions, Torrontés tastings, and a sunset experience at Bodega El Esteco. Without losing the expedition feel.



MORE HIGHLIGHTS

Off-road, painted hills, and the kind of altitude you'll remember.



06

Ruta 40 + Quebrada de las Flechas

A demanding and rewarding 127km off-road stretch through one of Argentina's most surreal geological landscapes. Day 5.



07

Glamping at Salinas Grandes

Night sky, silence, and sunrise across the salt flats. The kind of memory that stays. Designed-in comfort, expedition feel.



08

Cuesta del Lipán + Purmamarca + Cerro de los 7 Colores

A perfect combination of altitude (4,170m), curves, and culture. The artisan square of Purmamarca and the painted hill it's famous for.



09 · THE CLOSING IMAGE

Hornocal: Cerro de 14 Colores at 4,350m

A viewpoint that doesn't feel real until you're there. The painted ridge of fourteen distinct mineral hues, framed by altitude and silence. The closing image of the expedition.

DAY 8 · FINAL SUMMIT

FOLLOW THE ROUTE, DAY BY DAY

From welcome dinner to the salt flats.

Each day is paced intentionally: enough time to ride, breathe at altitude, and absorb the landscape. Distances and timings shown are typical and may vary with weather and group dynamics.

DAY · 01

01

Welcome to Salta. Meet & Greet + first ride

LATEST ARRIVAL 14:00

MEET & GREET 16:00

SALTA LOOP RIDE

Airport pick-up in Salta, then check-in. At 16:00 we meet for a welcome with regional snacks, introductions, full trip briefing, and the delivery of your rider kit (printed briefing pack with itinerary, maps, and local guidance). Around 18:00 we do the first contact with the motorcycles and a short ride through Salta to get comfortable with the bikes. Return ~20:00, time to reset before dinner.

DAY · 02

02

Cuesta del Obispo + Recta del Tin Tin

285 KM

PIEDRA DEL MOLINO 3,348M

RETURN ~19:30

After breakfast we ride toward Payogasta through a sequence of legendary Northern Argentina landscapes. Highlights include **Cuesta del Obispo** (ascent), **Piedra del Molino**, Mirador Ojo del Cóndor, and the **Recta del Tin Tin**. Lunch in Payogasta around 13:30, then return with stops at Mirador de la Ventanita, Valle Encantado, and Cuesta del Obispo (descent).

DAY · 03

03

Camino de las Geoformas to Cafayate

197 KM

GARGANTA DEL DIABLO + EL ANFITEATRO

CHECK-IN ~19:30

Breakfast and check-out, then we ride toward Cafayate through the spectacular **Quebrada de las Conchas**. Stops include **Garganta del Diablo**, **El Anfiteatro**, and other iconic formations along the route. A perfect day for photos, smooth riding rhythm, and dramatic scenery. Arrive and check-in in Cafayate around 19:30.



DAYS 4 TO 6

Reset day, off-road, and the highest pass.

DAY · 04

04

High-altitude wine route in Cafayate

RESET DAY

LOCAL RIDES ~30 KM

EVENING: BODEGA EL ESTECO

A "reset day," still active but lighter on kilometers. Morning: **Piattelli Vineyards** for an off-road-style Can-Am 4x4 wine adventure with a scenic picnic and a bottle of Torrontés. Optional wine + chocolate pairing and finger food by the resort's gastronomy spot. Evening: **Bodega El Esteco** for the "Noches Mágicas" experience: sunset light in the vineyards, micro-terroir tasting, and a fire pit moment with regional bites under the stars.

DAY · 05

05

Ruta 40 + Quebrada de las Flechas to Cachi

167 KM TOTAL

127 KM OFF-ROAD

CACHI ~18:30

Climbing gradually from ~1,200m (Cafayate) to ~2,500m (Cachi) on the legendary **Ruta 40**. The key stretch: 127 km off-road through the surreal geological formations of the **Quebrada de las Flechas**. Mid-route stop for a rustic "almuerzo agreste" in a landscape that feels untouched. Arrival in Cachi around 18:30.

DAY · 06

06

Abra del Acay + Tren a las Nubes + Salinas Grandes

START 07:00

ABRA DEL ACAY 4,895M

~235 KM OFF-ROAD

GLAMPING ~18:30

Early start. We climb toward San Antonio de los Cobres, ~140 km off-road, crossing **Abra del Acay at 4,895m**, one of the highest drivable passes in Argentina. Arrival at the train station around 11:00. At 11:45 we board the **Tren a las Nubes** to Viaducto La Polvorilla. Return to San Antonio ~14:45, refuel, and ride another ~95 km off-road to **Salinas Grandes** for a glamping night. The signature "bucket-list" day of the expedition.



DAYS 7 TO 8

Painted hills and altiplano culture.

DAY · 07

07

Salinas Grandes + Cuesta del Lipán + Purmamarca + Tilcara

SALT FLATS SUNRISE

CUESTA DEL LIPÁN 4,170M

CERRO 7 COLORES

OVERNIGHT: TILCARA

After breakfast and check-out, we ride inside the **Salinas Grandes** for footage and iconic viewpoints like Ojo de Agua and Los Piletones. Then Route 52 into the iconic **Cuesta del Lipán**, with a stop at the altitude marker (4,170m). On to **Purmamarca** to explore the main square and artisan market, then the scenic viewpoint circuit of **Cerro de los 7 Colores** and Cerro Porito. Continue to **Tilcara** for overnight.

DAY · 08

08

Humahuaca + Hornocal (Cerro de 14 Colores)

HORNOCAL 4,350M

PHOTOS + TIME TO BREATHE

IRUYA OPTION (CONDITIONS)

After breakfast, we ride to **Humahuaca** and continue climbing toward **El Hornocal**, the famous **Cerro de 14 Colores at 4,350m**. Time for photos and to let the landscape sink in. After lunch in Humahuaca, the afternoon adapts to the group: either the traditional road toward **Iruya** (depending on conditions) or an alternative cultural experience like the solar train circuit. Same goal either way: a memorable high-altitude day without rushing.

FIELD NOTE

"The North isn't a destination. It's a recalibration. Above 4,000 meters, the air thins, the colors saturate, and time stretches. By the end of Day 8, you'll know exactly what we mean."



DAYS 9 TO 10

Yungas, farewell, and the airport.

DAY · 09

09

Return to Salta. Farewell Dinner

SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY

LUNCH: DIQUE LA CIÉNAGA

YUNGAS OF JUJUY

FAREWELL DINNER

After breakfast and check-out, we ride back toward Salta with a cultural stop in **San Salvador de Jujuy** (main square, Cabildo, historic sites). Lunch near **Dique La Ciénaga**, then we ride through the stunning **Yungas of Jujuy**, lush, green, and a perfect contrast after days of altitude. Arrive back to Salta, time to reset, then **Farewell Dinner** with the group.

DAY · 10

10

Airport transfers

BREAKFAST + CHECK-OUT

SALTA AIRPORT (SLA)

BASED ON FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Breakfast and check-out. Transfers to Salta airport according to flight schedules. We'll coordinate transfers in advance so the departure morning is simple and stress-free. End of expedition.

EXPEDITION TOTALS

~1,000 km
TOTAL RIDDEN

~250 km
OFF-ROAD

3 passes
ABOVE 3,000M

8 cities
VISITED



BUILT FOR A SMOOTH, UNFORGETTABLE EXPEDITION

Everything you need. Clearly.

Planning, pacing, support, and the details handled. Here's exactly what's covered in the package, and what to plan for separately.



Included

- Motorcycle rental options (adventure / touring class).
- Lead guide (English / Spanish) with regional expertise.
- Support van for luggage, tools, spare parts, snacks, passenger seats.
- 9 nights of accommodation, hand-picked for comfort and location.
- Daily breakfasts + selected included meals and experiences.
- All scheduled experiences (Can-Am vineyard, Tren a las Nubes, etc.).
- National park, reserve, and attraction entry fees where applicable.
- Daily briefings, route planning, and safety coordination.
- Rider kit + printed briefing pack + digital roadbook.
- Airport pick-up and drop-off (Salta).



Not included

- International & domestic flights.
- Travel medical insurance (mandatory; we can recommend providers).
- Fuel for the rider's motorcycle.
- Lunches, drinks & personal expenses (unless specified as included).
- Optional upgrades, tastings, or activities not in the final program.
- Tips for guides or hotel staff.
- Anything not listed under "Included".

Note: Route conditions (paved vs gravel / off-road) and distances may vary due to weather, altitude, and group safety considerations. We always prioritize a safe, smooth, and comfortable expedition over rigid scheduling.

PRACTICAL INFO & GEAR

What to expect, what to bring, and how we keep you safe.



Riding level

Solid road experience is essential, and comfort on gravel is strongly recommended. The route includes **meaningful off-road sections** (127 km on Day 5, ~235 km on Day 6). Confident on paved roads and open to learning? Our guides brief you daily on what to expect. Optional **pre-trip workshops** available to build confidence before departure.



Altitude

We reach extreme altitudes, up to **4,895m at Abra del Acay**. Altitude can cause fatigue, shortness of breath, and headaches. We plan pacing intelligently with gradual ascent days, monitor the group daily, and carry coca leaves and basic altitude support. Specific health concerns? Tell us in advance and we'll guide you on preparation.



Gear

Full protective riding gear required: helmet, jacket and pants with armor, gloves, and waterproof boots. Warm layers strongly recommended for early mornings and high passes (temperatures can drop below 0°C above 4,000m). We send a detailed packing guide after booking.



Group size & pace

3-5 riders + lead guide. Passengers can ride pillion or travel comfortably in the support van, joining the group at every stop, meal, and experience. The support van is always with the group: if you need a break, feel unwell, or want to skip a stretch, you can travel in the van and rejoin at any point.



Getting to Salta

Salta has an international airport (**SLA**) with daily flights from Buenos Aires (~2 hours). Direct connections from other Argentine cities also available. **Airport pick-up and drop-off included** on Day 1 and Day 10. Latest arrival on Day 1 is **14:00** to keep the start smooth for the group.



Best time to ride

The dry season in Northern Argentina runs roughly from **April to November**. Our scheduled departures fall within this window for optimal road conditions and clear skies. **October** is particularly good: warm days, cool nights, minimal rain.

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Your **Andes Highlands** expedition starts here.

Tell us about your riding experience and what you're looking for. We'll reply within 24 hours with availability, pricing, and a tailored proposal for your group.

STEP 01

Reach out

Send us a message via email or WhatsApp. Rider or passenger, with or without motorcycle.

STEP 02

Tailored proposal

Within 24 hours: availability, pricing, and the right options for your group.

STEP 03

Confirm & ride

Deposit secures your spot. We handle the rest. You show up ready to ride.

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