



## TOREO DE LA VINCHA (THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY)

**NORTHWEST - SALTA, PURMAMARCA, HUMACUACA - 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS – RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL TOURISM**

✓ **DAY 1 (13 AUGUST): SALTA**

Arrival at Salta airport and transfer to the hotel.

**Half day City Tour**

The foundation of the city of Salta dates back to 1582, made by a Spaniard coming from Peru. Its architecture is of a well-preserved colonial nature, which makes the city captivating because of the vigorous contrast between its colonial buildings and its modern architecture. It is the largest city in the north of the country, which offers a variety of attractions to explore the surroundings or even to practice adventure sports.

Salta is home to some architectural gems, such as the Convent of San Bernardo, the Church of San Francisco and the Cabildo (former seat of the Spanish colonial authorities) where the 'Museo Histórico del Norte' works. From the top of the San Bernardo Hill you can enjoy a panoramic view of the city, with its residential areas and also the monument to General Martín Miguel de Güemes. (Cable-car not included)

In the surroundings of the center, we visited an interesting crafts market, where crafts of all kinds converge with a unique variety. This building was a Jesuit home.

For all these reasons, it is undoubtedly said that we are in one of the most dazzling cities in Argentina. Salta in Aymara language Salta means "the most beautiful".

Return to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

✓ **DAY 2 (14 AUGUST): SALINAS GRANDES – PURMAMARCA**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check out hotel and we start the full day trip.

From Campo Quijano we will follow the path of the train and during the journey we will see some railway constructions such as viaducts and zigzag ascent systems. After a brief visit in San Antonio de los Cobres ( Optional, you can take the Train to the Clouds), we continue our journey along the RN40



(National Route 40). Crossing one of the most deserted areas of the country, we arrive at Salinas Grandes (3300m)( The Great Salt Flat) a vast formation of crystallized sodium chloride. We will walk through a wide, flat and cracked saline plain. We continue along the Lipan Cliff to Purmamarca, one of the typical villages of Humahuaca with its Cerro de los Siete Colores (Seven Colored Hill) and the charm of the little houses.

Check in hotel in Purmamarca.

Overnight at the hotel.

- ❖ Train to the Clouds: departure dates and rates are not yet defined.

✓ **DAY 3 (15 AUGUST): CASABINDO – The Assumption of the Virgin Mary & Toreo de la Vincha**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to village Casabindo.

On August 15, in Casabindo, the Assumption of the Virgin Mary is celebrated, bringing together different processions (misachicos) and bands of sikuris from neighboring towns, with dances typical of the Coya culture.

Once in Casabindo we will attend the Patron Saint Festivities in honor of the Virgin of the Assumption, which are carried out in a particular way. After the central religious ceremony, the procession goes to the bullring and in the afternoon in an atmosphere of worship, music and joy we wait for the beginning of the bullfight, known for the fact that the animal is not sacrificed, but in the horn of the bull is placed a headband with old silver coins that the bullfighter must snatch. Once this is achieved, it is offered to the Virgin.

Return to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.



✓ **DAY 4 (16 AUGUST): QUEBRADA DE HUMAHUACA TO SALTA**

Breakfast at the hotel.

We head north to visit the Quebrada de Humahuaca.

On the way, we will pass through Tilcara to visit an ancient indigenous fortress, the Pucara, a construction based on the "pirca" system, which means "stone on stone". The view is spectacular as it is surrounded by a unique cactus forest.

Then from Humahuaca crossing the Rio Grande bridge, after 28 km we will arrive at the viewpoint of El Hornocal at 4300 meters (declared a World Heritage Site). In this particular hill with a marked brushstroke in the shape of an inverted V, there are those who came to see up to 33 shades of colors.

Return to Salta.

Departure to Salta airport.

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