

NEUQUÉN

TRAVEL GUIDE



Neuquén, Argentina — Travel Guide

Neuquén: Where Andes Kiss the Sky

Cradled by the Andes in Patagonia's northwest, Neuquén blends alpine charm, Mapuche heritage, and landscapes of sapphire lakes, emerald forests, and snow-bright peaks. From lively riverfronts to winding mountain roads, it's a place where nature's grandeur and tradition meet in harmony.

Suggested 5-Day Itinerary

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Day 1 – Neuquén City & Surroundings	Arrive in Neuquén City, visit the Gregorio Álvarez Museum	Walk along the Limay River promenade	Dinner in a riverside restaurant
Day 2 – Dinosaur Route & Villa El Chocón	Drive to Villa El Chocón, visit the Ernesto Bachmann Dinosaur Museum	See the Ezequiel Ramos Mexía Dam & nearby viewpoints	Return to Neuquén City or stay overnight in Villa El Chocón
Day 3 – San Patricio del Chañar Wine Route	Visit local wineries, enjoy guided tastings	Enjoy Patagonian lamb or trout for lunch at a vineyard	Sunset walk among the vineyards
Day 4 – Lanín National Park & San Martín de los Andes	Morning hike in Lanín National Park with views of Lanín Volcano	Explore San Martín de los Andes and its artisan shops	Stay overnight in San Martín de los Andes
Day 5 – Scenic Drive & Return	Drive the Seven Lakes Route (partial)	Lunch in Villa La Angostura	Return to Neuquén City or continue to Bariloche

Travel Tips for Neuquén, Argentina



Mind the seasons – Summer (Dec–Feb) is ideal for hiking and lakes, winter (Jun–Aug) for skiing in Cerro Chapelco.



Rent a car – Many top attractions (like Villa El Chocón or San Patricio del Chañar wineries) are best reached by car.



Fuel up in advance – Gas stations can be far apart in rural areas, especially when heading into the Andes.



Book tours ahead – Dinosaur Route museums and guided paleontology visits often have limited daily spots.



Allow extra driving time – Scenic routes like the Seven Lakes Road invite frequent photo stops.



Bring cash – While cards are widely accepted in the city, small towns and rural areas may only take cash.