



“Unknown wonders of Tucumán”

1) Read the information provided. Identify the “amazing fact” of the texts. Discuss in groups.

The Empanada Route Famaillá is a friendly town in Tucumán. Its special name is the “Capital of the Empanada.” This is because the local food is a popular attraction. The most famous dish is the “knife-cut empanada,” which is cooked in a clay oven. The town is also beautiful, with crafts made from leather and stone. This town is part of The Empanada Route. The route has 50 different food places in three towns: San Miguel de Tucumán, Yerba Buena, and Famaillá. This route teaches people the real, traditional recipe for the Tucumán empanada. Families keep this recipe alive, passing it from generation to generation for many years. A real Tucumán empanada includes: It has meat cut carefully with a knife, onion, eggs, and special spices. It is always very juicy. The dough is thin and very crunchy. Each empanada must have 13 to 15 small folds on the edge. Eating these empanadas makes people very happy. It is a fun route for walking, learning, and tasting. Every year, Famaillá celebrates the National Empanada Party. It is a big folk festival for this important regional food. There is good music, famous singers, and lots of delicious food. This festival shows that the empanada is the true pride of Tucumán.

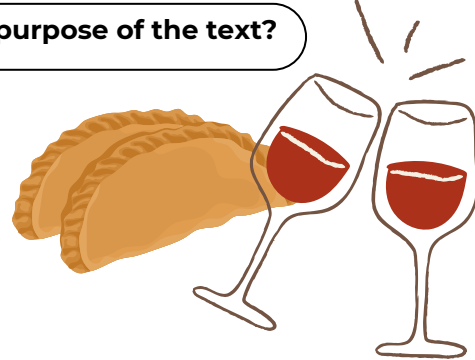


The Wine Route Tucumán is a small but important region in the north of Argentina. It has a lot of history for the country. The wine region is part of the Calchaquí Valley. A long time ago, Spanish people brought the first grape plants to this area. The weather is generally hot in the summer and dry in the winter. It has sandy land with big mountains around it. This special place gives the wine its unique character. Tucumán is famous for the high quality of its red wines. The best examples are Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. There is also a popular white wine from this area called Torrontés. Most of the vineyards grow red grapes. The entire Tucumán wine region has a special name for its quality. One smaller area inside it, called Táfi, also has its own special name for wine. This means the wine from here is of high quality and comes only from this special place.



2) Read the text quickly. Which of the following best describes the main purpose of the text?

1. To explain the history of the Spanish arrival in Argentina.
2. To provide recipes for traditional Argentine dishes.
3. To introduce two cultural and gastronomic routes in Tucumán.



3) Read the text again. Find these specific numbers or names.



1. What is the specific name given to Famaillá? _____
2. How many food places are part of the Empanada Route? _____
3. How many folds (repulgue) must a real Tucumán empanada have? _____
4. Which valley is the wine region part of? _____
5. Name the three types of wine mentioned in the text. _____

4) Answer the following questions

1. The Empanada Traditions: Why is the recipe for the Tucumán empanada considered "traditional," and how has it survived over time?

2. The Environment: Describe the climate and geography of the Tucumán wine region. How do these factors affect the wine?

3. The Festival: What happens during the National Empanada Party, and what does it represent for the people of Famaillá?



5) Match the word from the text to its meaning.

1. clay oven
2. crafts
3. generation
4. character
5. crunchy
6. regional

- A. A traditional chamber made of earth or brick used for baking at high temperatures.
- B. Objects made by hand, often using traditional skills like leatherwork or stonework.
- C. All of the people born and living at about the same time (e.g., from parents to children).
- D. The collective qualities (like taste or smell) that make a specific wine unique.
- E. Having a hard, firm texture that makes a loud noise when you bite it.
- F. Relating to a specific area or "region" of a country rather than the whole world.

6) Imagine you are a travel blogger. Write a short social media post (3-4 sentences) inviting people to visit Famaillá, mentioning the food and the crafts.