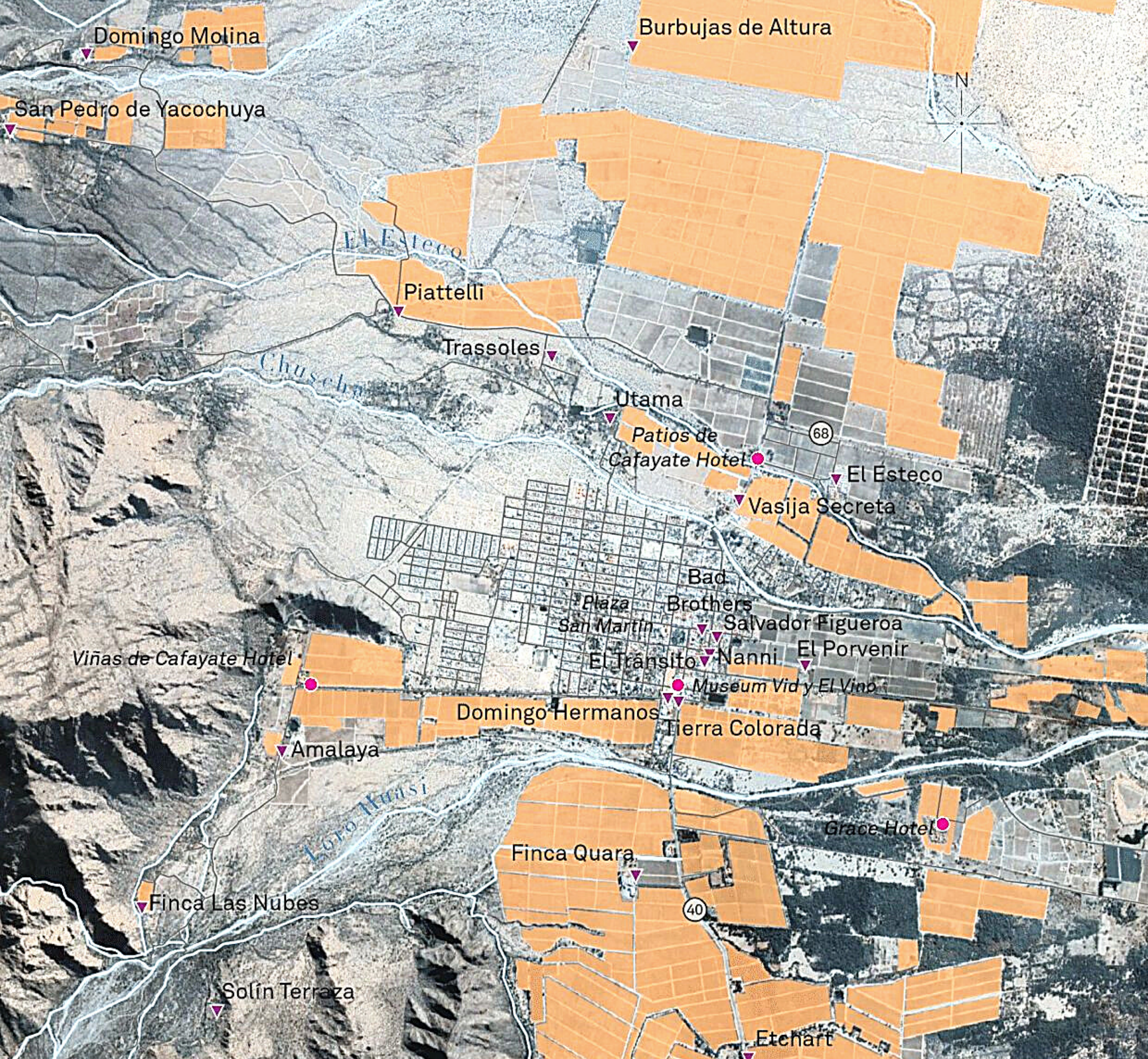


Cafayate Travel Guide

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Cafayate is one of the most charming wine destinations in Latin America. With its jaw-droppingly gorgeous landscapes, a quaint and peaceful town, and balmy temperatures all year round... it's hard not to love Cafayate. The gateway to Cafayate is Salta city, and it's certainly worth spending a couple of days in Salta for its excellent museums (including visiting the lightning-struck Incan mummies at the Museo de Arqueología de Alta Montaña), beautiful churches and lively nightlife



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How to get around

Salta's **Martín Miguel de Güemes International Airport** has national and some international flights. It's a three-hour drive to Cafayate from Salta, during which you'll head deep into the Calchaquí mountains. There are **public buses**, but if you want to stop and take in the views on the way, either book in for a tour or rent a car from Salta.

Cafayate town is small and quaint, easily explorable **on foot** or by **bicycle** (available to rent in hotels), and an oasis of handicrafts, traditional restaurants, and boutique wineries.

If you want to visit some of the further-flung and higher-altitude vineyards it's certainly worth hiring a car.

You can also include Cafayate in a 2-week adventure wine tour by road from Mendoza, check out **Mendoza-Andes.com**.

Where to stay

Grace Cafayate is an upmarket spa and golf course with a boutique hotel just outside of the centre.

Patios de Cafayate is the chic wine hotel of El Esteco.

Viñas de Cafayate is a pleasant B&B among the vines.

Or stay a bit further out, at **Estancia Colomé** — it's a bumpy, 3-hour 4x4 journey by dirt road, but the sublime views are worth it.

All of them have nice swimming pools to while away the siesta hour.

What do to

Evenings are best spent drinking wine in the scenic small plaza, where bars and restaurants line each corner as do small artisan markets and boutique galleries
Make sure you also pop along to **La Última Pulpería** while you are in town, to see a traditional pulpería – a store that sells everything from wine and cheese to witches’ potions and batteries
Wandering around the centre, you’ll almost always catch the sounds of a guitar being strummed or folkloric song being sung, and while the live music scene isn’t as lively as that in Salta (where I fully recommend staying for a peña at **La Casona del Molino**), there’s plenty to help you to begin to explore Cafayate’s distinctive altiplano culture

Where to eat & drink

Most restaurants are around the main plaza, including long-time favourite **Terruño** and upmarket **Pacha**
Wineries **Piattelli** and **El Esteco’s Patios de Cafayate** also have excellent restaurants
For wine bars, try **Bad Brothers** and **Chato’s**

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