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Travel Information for Argentina

A. Transportation Information

There is a reciprocity entry fee per person if you enter Argentina through an international airport; Canada and Australia passport holders are required to register and pay the fee on-line by credit card prior to arrival at the Provincia Pagos website, see <https://virtual.provinciapagos.com.ar/ArgentineTaxes/>. (United States passport holders are currently exempt.) A printout showing proof of the on-line payment must be presented upon arrival in Argentina or entry into Argentina will be denied. Also retain your proof of payment for any border crossings and re-entry if applicable. Once paid, it permits multiple entries into Argentina for the expiration of the passport in accordance with United States visa reciprocity.

Travel Tip: Please note that Argentines use the \$ sign to indicate the Argentine peso, so unless you see US\$, the currency is indicated in Argentine pesos, not US dollars.

Buenos Aires: Airport code: Ezeiza International Airport (EZE) Website: www.buenos-aires-eze.com.

Buenos Aires: Airport Code: Aeroparque Jorge Newberry (AEP) Website: <http://www.aa2000.com.ar/>. (For connecting flights within Argentina)

To and From the Ezeiza Airport

All international flights arrive and depart at the Ezeiza Airport (international airport) in Buenos Aires. Most domestic flights within Argentina arrive and depart at the Aeroparque Jorge Newberry Airport (national airport), which is about 30 miles away from the international airport. Plan at least 3 hours between the time you arrive at the international Ezeiza airport and when your domestic flight departs from the Newberry airport, to allow for customs and the approximate one hour ride between airports.

From Ezeiza Airport to Aerparque Jorge Newberry Airport

By Shuttle: Manuel Tienda León Company provides shuttle service between the two airports. Their counter is located at the baggage claim area. The shuttle leaves once an hour from 6:30am to 8:30pm and then irregularly between 9:45pm and midnight. Please check the schedule online for exact times for your arrival date. The transfer takes about one hour. It is recommended to buy tickets on the spot in case your flight is delayed. For exact prices and schedules with Manuel Tienda León, see www.tiendaleon.com.ar/home/home.asp.

By Taxi: You can hire a private taxi at the Manuel Tienda León Company counter in the baggage claim area. Additional taxi services are available at the taxi stands around the corner.

From Ezeiza Airport to the center of Buenos Aires (the “Capital Federal”)

By Shuttle: Manuel Tienda León Company provides shuttle service to and from the center of town (Terminal Madera on the corners of Avenida Madera and San Martín). Their counter is located at the baggage claim area. The shuttle runs regularly every 30 minutes from 6am to 12:45am. The ride is about 40 minutes. It is possible to buy round-trip tickets for the shuttle bus. For exact prices and schedules with Manuel Tienda León, see www.tiendaleon.com.ar/home/home.asp.

By Taxi: You can hire a private taxi at the Manuel Tienda León Company counter in the baggage claim area (maximum 3 people). Additional taxi services are available at the taxi stands around the corner.

From Aeroparque Jorge Newberry to the center of Buenos Aires (the “Capital Federal”)

By Shuttle: Manuel Tienda León Company provides shuttle service to and from the center of town (Terminal Madera on the corners of Avenida Madera and San Martín) which runs every 30 minutes and takes approximately 20 minutes. For exact prices and schedules with Manuel Tienda León, see www.tiendaleon.com.ar/home/home.asp.

By Taxi: You can hire a private taxi at the Manuel Tienda León Company counter in the baggage claim area. Additional taxi services are available at the taxi stands around the corner.

Bariloche: Airport code: Bariloche International Airport (BRC) Website: www.aa2000.com.ar/index.php.

Flying into San Carlos de Bariloche: There are flights to and from the domestic airport in Buenos Aires (Jorge Newberry - AEP) daily. There are also flights from Santiago, Chile to San Carlos de Bariloche, but often they fly via Buenos Aires so they tend to be longer flights.

By Taxi: After clearing Customs, look for taxis outside the terminal on the ground floor.

By Public Bus: Public bus Line 72 will take you to downtown Bariloche. You can find a schedule online at the San Carlos de Bariloche. Info site.

Salta: Airport code: General Martin Miguel de Guemes Airport (SLA). This airport, also called “El Aybal” airport, is about 9 km (5.5 mi) from the center of Salta. It has direct flights to other cities in Argentina such as Córdoba, Tucumán and Buenos Aires. It also has some flights to Bolivia. All flights into and out of Salta go through the Jorge Newberry Buenos Aires Airport (domestic airport). You can then transfer to the Ezeiza Airport (international airport) in Buenos Aires which is about 30 miles away from the domestic airport. Allow the approximate one hour ride between airports. Aerolineas Argentinas (www.aerolineas.com.ar) has several daily flights to Salta. Other airlines that fly to Salta include LAN Argentina and Andes. Plan at least 3 hours between the time you arrive at the international Ezeiza airport and when your domestic flight departs from the Newberry airport, to allow for customs and the approx. 1hr ride between airports.

To and From the Salta Airport

By Taxi: Taxis are available at the airport; the trip to the center of town takes 15 – 20 minutes.

By Public Bus: Public bus number 8A runs between the airport and the bus terminal. The bus terminal is located one block from Parque San Martín and 8 blocks from the main plaza.

B. Language Tips

CÓMO SE DICE?....

Spanish is a fun language to speak. It’s amazing how much you can communicate even with just a few simple phrases or words. People will take incredible interest and express great joy in your making an effort to immerse yourself in the language. Give it a try!

Pronunciation: Vowel sounds are straightforward

- A – “ah” as in pasta E – “ay” as in tray
- I – “ee” as in feet O – “oh” as in crow
- U – “oo” as in moon

Polite Phrases:

- Gracias! – Thank you

- Muchas gracias! – Thank you very much
- De nada – You're welcome Mucho gusto – Nice to meet you
- Hola! – Hello
- Adiós – Goodbye
- When you need to pass by someone on the street, or squeeze through a crowd, use: "Con permiso." In reply, you'll hear: "Pase, adelante" which means, "go ahead."
- Disculpe ("dis-COOL-pay") – Excuse me. It's good to say this to someone before you ask a question. For example, Disculpe Señora. Dónde está el baño? ("Excuse me, ma'am, where is the bathroom?") Disculpe is also handy to use when you do something like step on someone's toe or sneeze.
- Salud – To your health, more or less. Say this when someone sneezes.
- Que le vaya bien! – Take care! Say this upon leaving stores, restaurants, etc., as a kind, parting phrase. In response you'll hear and will want to say, Gracias!
- Igualmente" which means "Thanks! Same to you."
- Usted – The formal "you." In Spanish, "you" comes in three forms. If you have to remember one, remember Usted. For example, Usted vive aquí? (Do you live here?).
- Se vende – For Sale

Bicycle Vocabulary & Directions:

- la llanta ("yanta") – tire
- la llanta se pinchó – the tire is punctured/flat
- los frenos – brakes
- el inflador – bike pump
- a la derecha – to the right
- a la izquierda ("eez-key-ER- da") – to the left
- derecho – straight ahead
- recto – forward

C. How to Dial Telephone Numbers

The International Access Code (IAC) for the US and Canada is 011 and for Argentina it's 00
 The Country Code (CC) for Argentina is 54 and for the US and Canada it's 1
 Area Codes in Argentina can be various digits in length

To call Argentina from the US or Canada, dial IAC + CC + LN.

Example: The local telephone number of the National Museum of Fine Arts in Buenos Aires is 5288-9900. The number could also be listed as +54 5288-9900. In both cases, you would dial 011-54-5288-9900. Notice no Truck code is used when you dial.

To call the US or Canada from Argentina, dial IAC + CC + LN.

Example: The local telephone number of the ExperiencePlus! headquarters in Colorado is 970-484-8489. You would dial 00-1-970-484-8489.

To call Argentina from another South American country, dial IAC + CC+ LN.

Example: The local telephone number of the National Museum of Fine Arts in Buenos Aires is 5288-9900. The number could also be listed as +54 5288-9900. In both cases, you would dial 00-54-5288-9900.

To call Argentina from within Argentina, dial LN

Example: The local telephone number of the National Museum of Fine Arts in Buenos Aires is 5288-9900. The number could also be listed as +54 5288-9900. In both cases, you would dial (0) 54-5288-9900. Unlike the US there is no need to differentiate between local and long distance by dialing a 1. Notice that the Trunk Code (0) is dialed.

D. Eating and Drinking

Hotel breakfasts are usually continental breakfasts – a roll with jam, butter and hot tea or coffee. Usually, instant coffee (Nescafe) is offered instead of freshly brewed coffee. On tour, we try to have a more filling breakfast including cereal, fruit and milk. If you need a more satisfying breakfast you can buy cheeses, fruit, or

cold cuts, at the grocery store or corner store. You might also be tempted by the smell of freshly baked bread at the panaderías. These stores offer a variety of delicious rolls fresh out of the oven as well as pastries sweetened with manjar, which is similar to caramel.

For our Discover Northern Argentina tours we will provide packed lunches on the road, as the area is sparsely settled with few places to eat along the way.

We will provide suggestions for the evenings scheduled for dinner on your own. A common meal might be pollo a lo pobre, which is fried chicken, French fries, and a fried egg. Salads are a common menu item (as a first course, not as an entire meal), but note that they come with exactly what they say. For example, an ensalada de tomate (tomato salad), is chopped tomatoes on a bed of shredded lettuce. Nicer restaurants will offer a variety of seafood dishes and soups as well, and don't forget that Argentina is famous for their beef!

For snacks along the way, corner stores and panaderías can offer ice cream, pastries, chips, fruit, juice and water.

E. Hotel Recommendations

Buenos Aires

[Hotel Sarmiento Palace \(www.hotelsarmiento.com.ar/\)](http://www.hotelsarmiento.com.ar/)

Sarmiento 1953, Buenos Aires

[Fierro Hotel \(www.fierrohotel.com/\)](http://www.fierrohotel.com/)

Soler 5862, Palermo, Buenos Aires

Urban Suites Recoleta (<http://urbanrecoleta.com/?lang=en>)

Junín 1727, Buenos Aires

Bariloche

[Hotel Edelweiss \(www.edelweiss.com.ar\)](http://www.edelweiss.com.ar/)

Av. San Martin 202, S. C. de Bariloche

Hotel Alma del Lago (www.almasuites.com.ar)

Av. Bustillo km 1,151 San Carlos de Bariloche, Río Negro

Hotel Crans Montana (www.hotelcransmontana.com.ar)

Palacios 140 San Carlos de Bariloche, Río Negro

Cafayate Salta

[Hotel Killa Cafayate \(www.killacafayate.com.ar/\)](http://www.killacafayate.com.ar/)

F. Reading and Movie List

Literature on Argentina

- *Imagining Argentina*, by Lawrence Thornton, recounts some of the tragedy of Argentina's Dirty War. After this, you will want to read its sequel, *Naming the Spirits*.
- *Birds of Southern South America and Antarctica* by Marin R. de la Pena and Maurice Rumboll.
- *Tango!: The Dance, the Song, the Story* by Cooper, Azzi, and Martin, describes the evolution of the Argentine Tango.
- *Evita: The Real Life of Eva Peron*, by Nicholas Fraser and Marysa Navarro, is an in-depth biography of this fascinating woman.

Literature by Argentinean Authors

- *Collected Fictions*, by Jorge Luis Borges, is a wonderful collection of short stories by one of Latin American literature's most famous authors.

- *Martín Fierro*, by José Hernández is an epic poem from the late 19th century (originally divided in two) that depicts the perfect “Argentinean spirit” in the form of a gaucho. All children read this book at school, and you will surely enjoy the heroic antics of the proud and lively gaucho!
- *Amalia*, by José Mármol, is considered Argentina’s national novel.

Movies about Argentina That We Have Enjoyed

- *Motorcycle Diaries* – about the travels of Che Guevara and his friend Alberto Granado as they circumnavigate South America.
- *Evita* – the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas.
- *Un lugar en el mundo* (A Place in the World) (1992) - written and directed by Adolfo Aristarain. A story about a family in voluntary exile from Buenos Aires living in the countryside during the military regime. A great description of life in the countryside during this time, and a winner of several awards, both in Argentina and elsewhere.
- *La Historia Oficial* (The Official Story) – This film won an Oscar for best Foreign Film in 1985, and tells about a couple with an adopted child in the 1970s who begin to believe that the child’s parent(s) is/are one of the desaparecidos or “disappeared” by the government. (Considered one of Argentina’s best films).
- *Roma* – (2004) A young journalist in Spain is brought out of his solitude by another young journalist, and reminisces about his childhood in Buenos Aires and his relationship with his mother.
- *Same Love, Same Rain* (1999) – An Argentinean/American romantic comedy tells of a couple’s new love and their life in Argentina; this movie is the first in a trilogy that reflects on the life of the protagonist and his best friend.
- *Night of the Pencils* (1986) is a drama that tells the story of the ten young students who were kidnapped and tortured during the Dirty War in Argentina. The film describes the psychological development of the characters and provides insight into what an authoritarian regime makes people become. Based on real events and a non-fiction book by the same name.
- *180 Degrees South* (2010). A documentary where Jeff Johnson retraces the 1968 journey of Yvon Chouinard and Doug Tompkins to Patagonia, including his goal of climbing the Corcovado Volcano in Patagonia.
- *Wild Tales* (2014). Directed by Damián Szifrón this movie is actually six individual stories with the common theme of the undeniable idea of the end of patience and the resulting loss of control behavior. A critically acclaimed dark comedy and music score.