



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Argentina – Bariloche & Surroundings

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 113,500
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 220
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (2944)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Rabies / Dengue & Malaria prevention.



### History Recap Over 1 Drink

16<sup>th</sup> century: Start Spanish colonization. 1776: Spanish Viceroyalty of River Plate. 1810: Viceroy overthrown → War of Independence: '16. '61: Forming of united country (after Battle of Pavon). '80: Start of liberal ec. & immigration policies: income & population growth. 1916: Yrigoyen pres. → min. wage. '39: Ec. downturn caused by Great Depression, armed forces in power. '43: Nationalist army seizes power. '45: Arg declares war on Japan & Germany. '46: Peron pres., wife Evita: labor relations. '49: New constitution: Jail for government opponents, independent media suppressed. '55: Military coup, Peron into exile. '66: Gen. Onganía power. '73: Peron again pres. → '74: dies, new wife Isabel succeeds him. '76: Armed forces seize power → Guerra Sucia (Dirty War) 1000s of left-wing sympathizers killed, babies abducted from mothers. '82: Start Falklands (Malvinas) War, Arg occupies British island, 2 months later UK re-takes it. '83: Alfonsín pres., Dirty War criminals charged. Inflation over 900%. '89: Menem pres. '90: Diplomatic relations with UK restored, but remains claim Falklands (Falklanders want to remain UK). '92: Peso \$. Bomb Israeli embassy kills 29. '94: Bomb in Jewish center: 86 killed. '99: Rúa pres. 2000-01: Strikes & protests. Banks shut down. '02: ending parity US\$. \$800m debt. '03: Kirchner pres. '03: debt-deal. '07: Kirchner's wife pres. '15: Macri pres.

### Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring	driest							coolest				
Summer	warmest											
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 793m (center). Climate: Cool Mediterranean – Oceanic (Csb). **Ski season:** Jun-Oct. **Hike season:** Dec-Mar.

### Bucket List For Free (Bariloche only)

☺ Nahuel Huapi NP (free), register for long hikes [here](#).

- **Hikes to Refugios** (camping free): Frey, Neumeyer, Lopez, San Martín, Rocca, Meiling, Italia, Viejo del Tronador, Laguna Negra, Berghof.

- **Other hikes:** Circuito Chico (passing Cementerio del Montañas, [Llao Llao NP](#), Lago Escondido, Puente Romano, Sendero de los Arrayanes, Cerro/Bahia Lopez, Puerto Pañuelo), Puerto Blest, Lago Steffen, Cascada de los Duendes, Lago Jacob, Glaciar Castaño Overa, Paso de las Nubes, Laguna Llum, Los Césares, Laguna Ilón,

Laguna Azul, Pedra Pérez, Pampa Linda, Palotinos, Valle del Rio Manso. Stop at the many beaches.

☺ Viewpoints (Cerro) that can be climbed for free (chairlifts \$\$\$): Campanario, Catedral, Otto (*short route unsafe!*), Llao Llao, Tacul, Capilla, Bahia Lopez, Brazo Tristeza, del Valle, Leones, Viejo.

☺ Free sights: Catedral, Llao Llao Hotel, Colonia Suiza.

☺ Day trips: San Martín de los Andes, Villa La Angostura, Ruta de 7 Lagos, El Bolsón.

*Everything can be reached by public transport, hitch-hiking (common) or walking, don't waste money on organized tours.*

## Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 Nature: Cerro Tronador / Ventisquero Negro (in summer: public bus), [Cavernas del Viejo Volcan](#), rent a car/bike for Circuito Grande and Ruta de 7 Lagos, canopy, rafting.

👍 Sport: Ski & snowboard (Cerro Catedral), rafting, mountainbiking, trekking, canyoning, kayak & canoeing, paragliding, rock-climbing.

👍 Museums: [Museo de la Patagonia](#), Museo de Lago Gutierrez, [Nahuelito Themepark](#).

## Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Cervecería Patagonia, Circuit Chico KM24,7.
- ◆ Cerebro, Juan Manuel de Rosas 405.
- ◆ Genux, Juan Manuel de Rosas 412.

## Mama Said

☠ Tap water is drinkable, but if you just arrived in the country you are better off with filtered water.

☠ Before going on long hikes, register yourself at [www.nahuelhuapi.gov.ar](http://www.nahuelhuapi.gov.ar) (they'll find you if you get lost). Check conditions before departure.

☠ The short Cerro Otto climb is notorious for robberies (close to the slums).

☠ Don't destroy nature, always walk on the indicated paths. Take your trash home. Don't make a fire in the woods (it's really dry here).

## Next?

➔ In Argentina: San Martín de los Andes, Villa La Angostura, El Bolsón, Esquel, Neuquen.

➔ International destinations close by: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil.

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Most refugio's have free campgrounds.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#). Paid work in hospitality is widely available.

## Budget Bites

⌘ *Everything in the supermarkets is super expensive too, but the cheapest option is the Anonima.*

⌘ Markets: Mercado Comunitario.

⌘ Streetfood: Mainly meat-related... asado, chimichurri, empanadas, choripan.

⌘ Go vegan: Ren, Naga Kesara, Aashi & more... [Happy Cow](#) for more info.

## Festivals

☼ Carnaval: Feb.

☼ Festival de Chocolate: July.

☼ Festival de Nieve (Snow Festival): August.

## Free-Riding?

■ Everything within the centre of Bariloche is easily walkable. Go to the National Park Centre for very useful maps for trekking, the Club Andino isn't very helpful.

■ It's recommendable to rent a bike in Bariloche and explore the environment.

■ City buses are quite expensive, but bring you everywhere. Get a free map at the tourist information or check the info-photos on this blogpage. You need a sube-pass, the same one as Buenos Aires. The bus terminal for long-distance buses is located at ...

■ Airport: Ruta Provincial 80.

■ Hitch-hiking is possible and very common here. In order to pre-arrange a ride & share gas costs for long routes, try [Carpooler](#) or the Facebook-pages [Grativiajes](#) and [Camiones y Mochilas](#) (all in Spanish!).

Tip: Download the Triposo Argentina app for offline maps, landmark descriptions & more, or load Google Maps when you have Wi-Fi and leave it open, you will still be able to use it offline.