



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Argentina - Buenos Aires

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (with accent)
- ✓ **Sq km & Population:** 203 / 3,1 mln (city), 15,8 mln (provence)
- ✓ **Currency:** Argentinan Peso \$
- ✓ **Country code:** +54
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Typhoid / DTP

History Recap Over 1 Drink

Natives: Nomadic hunter-gatherers. 1536: Spanish establish 'Ciudad de Nuestra Señora Santa Maria del Buen Ayre'. 1580: Spanish back. Economy: Ranching/ trade. 17th/18th century: Spain demands high taxes. 1776: BA Capital of Viceroyalty of Río de la Plata. 1806/1807: attacks from English → 1810: Independence, followed by important battles of San Martín. 1860s: Golden Years, immigrants: Tango, wealth, conservative. 1916: Radical Party, economic decrease. 1929: Military power. 1946: Perón (fascist), marries working-class actress Evita. 1955: Military power. 1973: Isabela Perón. 1976-83: Military power → El Proceso: kill left oppostion = La Guerra Sucia (Dirty War), 10-30.000 died. 1983: Alfonsín. 1989: Menem. 1999: Rúa. 2001: Economic crisis → poverty. 2003: Kirchner, economic rise but inflation. 2007: Cristina Kirchner.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Wet												
Best												
Budget												

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Street art in Palermo Viejo.
- ☺ [MACBA](#) is free on Wednesdays for (fake) students.
- ☺ San Telmo, Plaza Dorrego: Free tango performances.
- ☺ 'Free' (tip-based) walking tours. [BA Free Tour](#), [Buenos Aires Free Walks](#) & [Buenos Aires Local Tours](#).
- ☺ Cementerio de la Recoleta, free entrance. Free guided tours in English: Tues/Thurs 11AM.
- ☺ Casa Rosada, free entrance & 1-hour free tours: Sat/Sun 10AM-6PM, every 15 minutes.
- ☺ Reserva Ecológica Costanera Sur.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 [Tierra Santa](#), Arg\$ 70, seeing is believing.
- 👍 [Fuerza Bruta](#), Arg\$ 160-190.
- ☺ Casa Rosada, free entrance & 1-hour free tours: Sat/Sun 10AM-6PM, every 15 minutes.
- ☺ Plaza de Mayo.
- ☺ A stroll around the BA Coast & Puerta Madera.
- ☺ Museo Casa Carlos Gardel, the biggest man of Argentinan tango: Free entrance on Wednesdays.
- ☺ Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, free entrance.

Tourist Trap Alert

☹ La Boca: The part where all tourists get dropped out of the tourist buses is rather fake. Walk outside this area to see the real Boca (not at night, this can be dangerous!).

☹ Some tango shows are tourist-only \$\$\$.

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ La Trastienda, Balcarce 460.
- ◆ Club Araoz, Araoz Pedro M. 2424.
- ◆ Bomba de Tiempo (drum show), Ciudad Cultural Konex, Sarmiento 3131.

... Seated Down

- ◆ Teatro Colón, Cerrito 628.
- ◆ Tango Porteno, Cerrito 570.
- ◆ Teatro Ciego, Zelaya 3006.

Free-Riding?

■ Metro's bring you to a wide arrange of Buenos Aires' areas for only 5 pesos (€0,45) and run regularly until 10PM. It can get very crowded at rush hour. Download the Subtes Argentina or True Maps app on your phone.

■ The bus system is quite difficult, but cheap (5 peso's) There are several operators with different routes. You can't pay at the bus, but must buy an SUBE card and charge it. [This might help.](#)

■ Taxi's are relatively cheap (30-80 pesos in the city). It's wise to use them upon arrival & departure and at night.

■ The city counsel organized a bike programme called EcoBici. You can rent a free bike for 1 hour on weekdays: 8-20h / weekend: 10-18h. [Register here.](#)

Tip: Download the free Triposo Argentina app for an offline map, offline guide & more.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ America Del Sur Hostel, +541143005525, Chacabuco 718.
- ❖ Hostel Estoril, +541143725494, Avenida de Mayo 1385
- ❖ Art Factory Hostel, +541143431463, Piedras 545

Budget Bites

⌘ Streetfood is very cheap. Empanadas are ±€0,80, fruit / bread €0,05 – 0,60 and take-out pizza €3,00 at time of writing.

⌘ Dinner in a restaurant cost 40 – 100 peso's (max. €10,00).

(Caminito, Chile 595: Steak worth going out of the budget for)

Mama Said

☹ Avoid the 'thumbs up' sign: It can mean 'up the ass'.

☹ Watch your bag, buy a lock. You'll need it.

☹ Be careful with discussing politics (USA/UK/Brazil).

Festivals

- ⚙ Festival de Tango: Dance, end-Aug.
- ⚙ Fashion Buenos Aires: Fashion, Mar & Sep.
- ⚙ Creamfields: Electronic dance music, begin-Nov.

Knowledge I'm Taking Home

- 📖 Hable español: [El Pasaje](#).
- 📖 Tango is live, tango is love: [La Catedral](#), Sarmiento 4006.
- 📖 Cook like an Argentino: [Tierra Negra](#).

Next?

- ➔ In Argentina: Tigre (daytrip), Rosario, Santa Fe.
- ➔ International destinations closeby: Uruguay (ferry SeaCat or Buquebus)

The Earth Becomes My Throne