



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Argentina – Cachi

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 7,300
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 2925
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (03868)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Rabies / Malaria & dengue 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. Ongania 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: Alfonsin 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: Rua 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												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 2531m. Climate: Steppe, Semi-Desert (Bsk)

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ The true attraction is the road from Cafayate to Cachi & from Cachi to Salta, cutting straight through Quebrada de las Flechas, Las Pailas, Parque Nacional Los Cardones, Quebrada de Escoipe, Cuesta del Abispo, Valle Encantado & Recta del Tin Tin.
- ☺ Free hikes & mountain-climbing: Cachi's surroundings, Parque Nacional Los Cardones.
- ☺ Alien Gateway: Ovnipuerto de Cachi.
- ☺ Sights: Iglesia de San Jose, Plaza 9 de Julio, cemetery.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Museums: Museo Arqueológico Pio Pabo Diaz.
- 👍 Tours: Aventura Calchaqui.
- 👍 Wineries: El Viejo Almacen, Bodega El Molina de Cachi.

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## Budget Bites

- ⌘ Supermarkets: There are no big supermarket chains, but mini-markets have basic alimentations.
- ⌘ Markets: None.
- ⌘ Local food: Asado, parilla, chimichurri, empanadas, choripan, tamales, locro.
- ⌘ Go vegan: Order a 'humita' without cheese... or cook yourself.

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ The Camping Municipal is the cheapest option.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

## Festivals

- ⚙ Festival de Tradición Calchaquí: Jan.
- ⚙ Carnaval: Feb.

## 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, inform others about your whereabouts and indicated time of return. Bring enough water and sunscreen in Cachi.

## Next?

- ➔ In Argentina: Cafayate, Salta, Amaicha del Valle, Tafí del Valle, Jujuy, Purmamarca, Tilcara, Humahuaca.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, (Brasil, Uruguay).

## Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centre of Cachi is easily walkable.
- It's possible to rent a bike and explore the environment. Realize it's all dirt road.
- Cachi is too small to have city buses. Intercity buses leave a few times a day from and to Salta and Cafayate. Inform locally about the latest up-to-date time table.
- Airport: Salta, Martín Miguel de Güemes International Airport (SLA).
- Hitch-hiking is possible and very common here. However, traffic isn't abundantly present, so in the worst-case-scenario it can take a while. 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.

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