



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Argentina - Cafayate

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 12,000
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 1579
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (3868)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 101 (police), 107 (ambulance), 100 (fire)
- ✓ **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: 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												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 1624m. Climate: Desert (Bwk), dry.

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Quebrada de las Conchas has no entrance price. It can be done hitch-hiking, by bike (Flecha bus goes to Garganta del Diablo and allows bikes), car or tour.
- ☺ Free hikes: Cerro San Isidro.
- ☺ Free museums: Arquelógico, Calixlo Mamani.
- ☺ Sights: Catedral, Mirador Cerro Santa Teresita.
- ☺ Plaza Central hosts free folklore dance performances almost every night, as well as live music.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Nature: Cascada de Rio Colorado.
- 👍 Museums: Museo de la Vid y el Vino. Archeological sights: Ruinas de Quilmes, Tolombón, Divisadero.
- 👍 Bodegas in centre: Nanni, Domingo Hermanos, El Tránsito, San Figueroa, El Porvenir. Outside town: Felix Lavaque, Etchart, La Banda (Vasija Secreta), Esteco, Animana, Piatelli, Yacochuya, Las Nubes, Amalaya, Utama, Tierra Colorada, Domingo Molina, Mounier.

## Budget Bites

⌘ Supermarkets: There are no big supermarket chains, just privately owned mini markets. The Chinese ones are the cheapest (*ask for "superchinos"*).

⌘ Markets: Mercado de Frutas / Mercado Municipal, Pasaje 11 de Noviembre.

⌘ Local food: Asado, parilla, chimichurri, empanadas, choripán, tamales, locro. Check out Ramos Generales, cool place.

⌘ Go vegan: Humita without cheese. Check all vegan-friendly restaurants on [Happy Cow](#).

## 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.

☠ Don't destroy nature, always walk on the indicated paths. Take your trash home. Don't make a fire in the woods.

## Next?

→ In Argentina: San Carlos, Cachi, Salta, Quilmes, Amaicha del Valle, Tafí del Valle.

→ International destinations close by: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, (Brazil, Uruguay).

## Sleep Cheap

❖ Don't pre-book accommodation if you want to stay in budget, the cheapest hostels and *hospedajes* don't invest in websites. Camping: Municipal, El Rafa, Rio Chuscha.

❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

## Festivals

☼ Carnaval & Seranata a Cafayate: Folklore, Feb.

☼ Dia de la Pachamama: Culture, 1-Aug.

☼ Semana de Torrontés: Wine, Oct.

## Nights Best Spent

◆ Complejo La Barra, Güemes Sur & Perdiguero.

◆ Chato's Wine Bar, Nuestra Señora del Rosario 132.

◆ Free folklore dancing at Plaza Central.

## Free-Riding?

■ Everything within the centre of Cafayate is easily walkable.

■ It's recommendable to rent a bike and explore the environment, especially the Quebrada de las Conchas. Take Flecha Bus to Garganta del Diablo and bike back.

■ Cafayate is too small to have city buses, but Flecha Bus (Mitre, 2 blocks from main square) offers rides to the main highlights and other cities. The bus terminal for long-distance buses is located at Avenida Maipú 655.

■ Airport: Salta, Martin Miguel de Güemes International Airport (SLA).

■ Hitch-hiking is possible and very common here. In order to pre-arrange a ride & share gas costs for long routes, try [Carpoolear](#) 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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