



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Argentina - Esquel

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 35,000
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 1170.31
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (2945)
- ✓ **Visa:** For 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

16th 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						wettest						
Winter							coolest					
Budget												

Altitude: 563m. Climate: Mediterranean (Csb). **Ski season:** Jun-Oct. **Hike season:** Dec-Mar.

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ [Parque Nacional Los Alerces](#) is 100% free. As distances are long a vehicle (car/bike) is recommended. There are also (paid) buses, frequency depending on the season.
- ☺ More nature: [Parque Nacional Lago Puelo](#), Cerro La Cruz / La Zeta / Cerro 21 / La Hoya, [glacier Torrecillas](#), Laguna La Zeta, Rio Percy.
- ☺ Daytrip: [Trevelin](#), Cholila.
- ☺ Piedra Parada (2-day camping trip).

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 [Cueva de los Manos](#).
- 👍 For the real kodak-tourists only: [La Trochita](#), a.k.a. The Old Patagonian Express.
- 👍 Adventure sports: Kayak, rafting, canopy, mountainbiking. Winter: Skiing in [La Hoya](#).
- 👍 Museums: [Museo de Leleque](#) (90km), Museo Historico Municipal (FREE).

Festivals

- ☼ Carnaval: Feb.
- ☼ Equel anniversary: 25-feb.
- ☼ Fiesta Nacional de Esquí: Aug.

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Cheapest supermarket: Anonima.
- ⌘ Local food: Mainly meat-related... asado, parilla, chimichurri, empanadas, choripan.
- ⌘ Go vegan: Redonditas de Verdura (Owen Jones 1460).

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 someone about your route and estimated return time.
- ☠ 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).

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Free campsites can be found in the Parque Nacional Los Alerces (a.o. Punta Maros, Quebrada del Leon).
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#). Paid work in hospitality is widely available.

Free-Riding?

- Everything within the center of Esquel is easily walkable. Go to the tourism information center for very useful maps and information.
 - It's recommendable to rent a bike and explore the environment.
 - The bus terminal for long-distance buses is located at Avenida Alvear 1871, in the center.
 - Airport: 20km east of town, RN40.
 - 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.

Next?

- ➔ In Argentina: El Bolson, Bariloche, El Chaltén.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil.

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