



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Argentina - Iruya

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 1,500
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 2.138
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (3887)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911, (03887) 48-2001 local.
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Rabies / 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: 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: 2780m. Climate: Local steppe (BSk).

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Free hikes: Hike to San Isidro, Mirador El Condór, Mirador de la Cruz.
- ☺ Daytrips: Salinas Grandes (salt flats), Yavi.

Festivals

- ⚙ Festival del Canto y La Copla: Jan.
- ⚙ Carnaval: Feb.
- ⚙ Fieta Patronal Virgen Rosario: Oct.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and *hospedajes* are relatively cheap. Don't pre-book, the cheapest ones don't have websites. Once you come out of the bus many people will approach you with accommodation options. This is the time to negotiate.
- ❖ There are 2 main campsites: 1 in the city center, 1 after the bridge to the left: walk down into the valley and go up again after 1 km.

The Earth Becomes My Throne

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Supermarkets: There are no big supermarkets, but many smaller 'dispensas' and minimarkets.
- ⌘ Local food: Asado, parilla, chimichurri, empanadas, choripán, humitas, tamales.
- ⌘ Go vegan: Up until now there are no vegan restaurants in Iruya, but local ladies make vegan empanadas upon request (explain you only want vegetables inside). Cooking is the way to go.

Next?

- ➔ In Argentina: Humahuaca, Tilcara, Purmamarca, Abra Pampa.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, (Brazil, Uruguay).

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- ☠ Tap water is NOT drinkable here. The locals don't even drink it.
- ☠ Before going on long hikes, inform others about your whereabouts and indicated time of return.
- ☠ Even though it's hot during the day, Iruya is very high and therefore cold at night. Bring appropriate clothes.

Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centre of Iruya is easily walkable.
- Bike rental is unavailable and highly unnecessary here.
- Due to the small size of Iruya, there are no city buses. There are only a few buses per day available for tourists, pre-booking is necessary.
- Airport Jujuy (which is reached more easily than Salta's): Gobernador Horacio Guzmán International Airport (JUJ).
- Hitch-hiking is complicated due to the limited traffic, but certainly not impossible. Leave early!

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.