



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Argentina - Puerto Madryn

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 94,000
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 339
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (2804)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Rabies.



### 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												
Whales		orcas	orcas	orcas					orcas	orcas	orcas	

Altitude: 10m. Climate: Desert Climate (BWk).

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ **Whale watching:** Mid-May-Dec. Coast/pier of Puerto Madryn, Playa La Cantera & Playa El Doradillo: May-Sep. Puerto Piramides: May-Dec.
- ☺ **Orca watching:** Year-round, attack hotspots are Caleta Valdes/Punta Delgada : Sep-Nov, Punta Norte: Feb-Apr. Best with high tides.
- ☺ **Dolphin watching:** Dec-Mar. **Sea lions:** Sep- Nov.
- ☺ **Penguin watching:** Punta Tombo: Late Sep -Mid-Mar. Best after Nov. Check also [Estancia San Lorenzo](#).

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 [Peninsula Valdes](#) has an (ever-changing) entrance price. Check the current price [here!](#)
- 👍 Sport: Scuba-diving, snorkeling, kayaking, canoeing
- 👍 Museums: [Ecoentro](#), Museo Provincial de Ciencias Naturales y Oceanográfico (Tue free), [Museo de Gemas](#), Museo del Desembarco, CeNPa.
- ☺ Catch some sun at the rocky beaches of town, like Playa Parana.



## Festivals

☼ Madryn Rock: Jan.

☼ MAFICI: film, Nov.

Boycott the unethical Festival Cordero.

## "Budget" Bites

⌘ Supermarket: Anónima (cheap), Carrefour.

⌘ Local food: Asado, parilla, chimichurri, empanadas, choripan.

⌘ Go vegan: vegan options in Gurupan (Vesta 20), Nutricia Alimentos Vegetarianos (Mitre 130). Keep an eye on the [Happy Cow](#).

## Nights Best Spent

◆ Margarita Bar, Roque Sáenz Peña.

◆ Rancho Cucamonga, Brown & Jenins.

◆ [Cine Teatro Auditorium](#), 28 de Julio 129.

## Next?

→ In Argentina: Buenos Aires, Mar de Plata, Bahia Blanca.

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

## Sleep Cheap

❖ Camping is not allowed in Peninsula Valdes, except in Punta Parledas, where it's semi-legal and FREE (no amenities / water).

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

## Free-Riding?

■ Everything within the centre of Puerto Madryn is easily walkable. To go from neighbourhood to neighbourhood alternative transport is recommended.

■ Biking is perfectly possible.

■ The [terminal](#) can be found a Calle Dr. Avila & Independencia. Intercity buses are unreasonably expensive. City buses within Puerto Madryn reach all edges of town. Buses go from the terminal to Puerto Piramides, but in order to see the entire Peninsula Valdes you need your own transport.

■ There are many taxis and a *remis* can be arranged by stepping into an office. Expect elevated prices.

■ Airport: El Tehuelche Airport (PMY).

■ Hitch-hiking is possible and very common here. Via Ruta 3 traffic heads north to Buenos Aires or south to Ushuaia.

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.

## Mama Said

☠ Tap water is drinkable, but if you just arrived in the country you are better off with filtered water.

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

☠ Is it really necessary to kill, hurt or use animals (fish/horses)? If you love nature, and you do because you're here, act upon it

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