



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Argentina – Purmamarca & Tilcara

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 2100 (P), 5700 (T)
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 1845 (T)
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (388)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911 (general), 101 (police), 107 (ambulance), 100 (fire).
- ✓ **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: 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: Purmamarca 2192m, Tilcara 2461m. Climate: Steppe (Bsk).

Bucket List For Free

☺ Purmamarca:

- Nature: Cerro de los 7 Colores, bordering the town. When coming from Jujuy you pass Parque Provincial Portrero de Yala.
- Look-out point: Abra de Portrerillos.

☺ Tilcara:

- Sights: Cementerio Nuestra Señora del Carmen.
- Nature: Laguna de los Patos.
- Museums: Museo en los Cerro.

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Purmamarca: Tours head to Salinas Grandes, Huachichocana & Laguna de Guayatayoc.



Tilcara:

- Nature: La Garganta del Diablo waterfall, Waira caves.
- Archaeological sites: Pucará de Tilcara (incl. Museo Arqueológico), Pucará de Juella.
- Museums: Posta de Hornillos, Irureta, Pintura Jose A Terry, Avendaño.

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Supermarkets: There are no big-chain-supermarkets, just mini markets.
- ⌘ Markets: Mercado Municipal de Tilcara, on the side of the main square.
- ⌘ Local food: Asado, parilla, chimichurri, empanadas, choripan, humita, tamal, lama stew.
- ⌘ Go vegan: Tamales (corn pastries) without cheese or sopa de maní (peanut soup) are vegan. Any 'dietetica' sells soy and vegan products. Casa los Molles, Bella Flor and La Cheba 1910 serve vegan options. Check all vegan-friendly restaurants and grocery stores 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.
- ☠ Boycott horseback riding if you truly love animals.

Next?

- ➔ In Argentina: San Salvador de Jujuy, Salta, Humahuaca, Iruya.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, (Brazil, Uruguay).

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels are quite expensive here. Camping is the budget option, campsites are everywhere. I stayed at Camping Billy in Purmamarca.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

Festivals

- ☼ Encuentro de Copleros (P): Folklore, 12-Jan.
- ☼ Carnaval (P&T): Jan-Feb.
- ☼ Semana Fiesta Tradicional del Norte (P&T): Feb.

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Casa los Molles (T), Belgrano 155 (live music).
- ◆ La Peña de Carlitos (T), Lavallle 397.
- ◆ Don Heriberto (P), Sarmiento, corner Libertad.

Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centre of Purmamarca and Tilcara is easily walkable.
- It's possible to rent a bike and explore the environment.
- Within both Purmamarca and Tilcara there are no city buses, as it's really small. There are buses for inter-city transport. Purmamarca bus terminal: Florida, 2 blocks from main square. Tilcara bus terminal: Belgrano 263-331.
- Airport Jujuy: Gobernador Horacio Guzmán International Airport.
- Hitch-hiking is possible and very common here. In order to pre-arrange a ride & share gas costs for long routes, try [Carpoollear](#) 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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