



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Argentina - Salta

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 1,33 mln
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 155,488
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (387)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911 (general,), 101 (police), 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: 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: 1188m. Climate: Humid subtropical (Cwb), dry winters and warm summers.

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Free hikes: Ascend Cerro San Bernardo (or go by expensive *teleferico*), Volcan Llullaillaco, El Dique Campo Alegre, Abra del Condor, Abra de Chorillos, Nevado/Abra de Acay.
- ☺ Free museums: Antropologia, Centro Cultural America, Bellas Artes, Arte Contemporáneo, Casa Hernandez, Fundación Recrear Arte Colonial.
- ☺ Sights: Plaza 9 de Julio, Catedral, Cabildo, Virgen de los tres Cerritos, Castillo de San Lorenzo, Palacio de la Legislatura. Don't skip the many colorful churches.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👉 Museums: MAAM, Pajcha Arte Etnico, Historico Uruburu, Ciencias Naturales, Pajarito Velarde.
- 👉 Archaeological sites: Aleros de Guachipas.
- ☺ The road from Cafayate to Salta cuts through Quebrada de las Conchas, the **Salta's highlight**. The road from Cachi passes Parque Nacional Los Cardones, Cuesta Obispo, Piedra del Molino, Quebrada Escoipe.
- ☺ Join the tip-based Salta Free Walking Tour (mon-sat 10AM, gate of Catedral).

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Supermarkets: Carrefour, Día, Veá, Jumbo, Damesco.
- ⌘ Markets: Mercado Municipal San Miguel (San Martín 780), Mercadito Belgrano (corner Vicente López & 12 de Octubre), Mercado Evita (Calle Elizabetha & J.M. Leguizamón).
- ⌘ Local food: Asado, parilla, chimichurri, empanadas, choripan, tamales, humitas.
- ⌘ Go vegan: Salta is a very vegan-friendly city. Check all vegan-friendly restaurants and grocery stores on Happy Cow, especially Chirimoya is recommendable. Any 'dietetica' sells soy and vegan products.

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.

Next?

- ➔ In Argentina: Cafayate, Cachi, Amaicha del Valle, Tafí del Valle, Jujuy, Purmamarca, Tilcara, Humahuaca.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, (Brasil, Uruguay).

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels are quite expensive. Never pre-book anything, the cheapest *hospedajes* don't invest in online marketing. Cheap camping: Camping Municipal Carlos Xameno.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

Festivals

- ☼ Carnaval: Feb.
- ☼ XL Abril Cultural Salteño: Apr.
- ☼ Tribute to Juan Martín Miguel de Güemes: 17-Jun.

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Teatro Provincial, Calle Dr. Facundo de Zuviria 70.
- ◆ Calle Balcarce is *the* bar street of Salta.

Free-Riding?

- Everything within the city centre of Salta is easily walkable. If you go further out buses are necessary.
- It's possible to rent a bike and explore the environment, especially to discover the Quebrada de las Conchas. Be careful, Argentines are not used to bikers and can be quite reckless in traffic.
- Salta has many city buses for which you need a public transport pass. You can pay the amount to a local and ask to swipe the card for you. Destinations are displayed on the front. The terminal for inter-city buses is located at Avenida Hipólito Irigoyen 339, in front of Parque San Martín.
- Airport: Martín 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 [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.

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