



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Argentina - Tafí (T) & Amaicha del valle (A)

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 15,000 (T), 3,200 (A)
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (3867) T & (3892) A
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 421322101 (police T), 421031 (ambulance T), 421152 (fire T) – 03892-421041(police A), 03892-421049 (ambulance A), 03892-421141 (fire A)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Rabies / Malaria prevention.



### 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												
Budget												

Altitude: 2009m (T), 1979m (A). Climate: Local Steppe Climate (BSk) (A) & Desert (BWk) (A).

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ All mountains surrounding Tafí are free to hike. Climb up to Loma de la Cruz and continue the path to Cerro El Pelao for stunning sights. Also go up to El Cristo or Mirador del Indio for good views.
- ☺ **Nature Tafí:** Reserva Natural Los Sosa, Cascada de los Alisos (Las Carreras), Abra El Infiernillo. **Nature Amaicha:** Laguna de los Amaicheños, , Cascada El Remate, Dique Las Zazos, Dique La Angostura, Dique Los Cardones, [Las Salinas](#) (Santa Maria), Tiu Punco, La Aguadita.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👉 Museums: Museo Jesuitico La Banda (T), Museo de la Pachamama (A), [Eco Museo de Fundación Amauta](#) (A).
- 👉 [Observatorio Astronómico de Ampimpa](#) (A).
- 👉 Archeological sites: Reserva Arquelógica Los Menhires (El Molllar), Ruinas de Quilmes, Tolombón.

The Earth Becomes My Throne

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ Supermarkets: There are no big supermarkets, just privately owned mini-markets.
- ⌘ Markets: Street vendors around Tafí's bus stop.
- ⌘ Local food: Asado, parilla, chimichurri, empanadas, choripan, tamales, goat cheese.
- ⌘ Go vegan: Try humitas without cheese.

## 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.
- ☠ Tafí and Amaicha are located quite high and the sun is very strong. Sunscreen is essential.

## Next?

- ➔ In Argentina: San Miguel de Tucumán, Cafayate, Salta, Cachi.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, (Brazil, Uruguay).

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Wild-camping is easy in Tafí, along the river there is plenty of space. Other budget options: Camping Municipal Los Sauzales or Hospedaje QuiQui. Amaicha has various cheap campsites further into town.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

## Festivals

- ☼ Fiesta Nacional de la Pachamama: Feb (Amaicha).
- ☼ Carnaval: Feb.
- ☼ Día de la Tradición: 10-Nov (Tafí).

## Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Tafí's main street has a lively bar and restaurant scene in high season.
- ◆ Check out live music & folk dancing at Amaicha's main square at night.

## Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centres of Tafí and Amaicha is easily walkable, it's tiny.
- It's recommendable to rent a bike and explore the stunning environment.
- Tafí's Terminal de Ómnibus: Avenida Critto s/n. [Transporte Aconquija](#) operates in Amaicha.
- Airport Tucumán: Teniente General Benjamín Matienzo International Airport (TUC).
- 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.