



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Argentina - San Miguel de Tucuman

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (Castellano)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 794,400
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 90
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$ARS)
- ✓ **Country code:** +54 (381)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 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: 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: 470m. Climate: Monsoon-influenced humid subtropical climate (Cwa), lots of rain.

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Free hikes/nature: Up and around Sierra San Javier, Cascada de Río Noque (Ruta 340), El Cadillal, El Mollar, Reserva Natural Los Sosa (on the way to Tafí del Valle).
- ☺ Free museums: Industria Azucarera, Instituto de Arqueología, Iramain, [Histórico Avellaneda](#), Folklórico, Casa Padilla, Bellas Artes, Casa Belgraniana, [Casa Histórica de la Independencia](#).
- ☺ Surrounding villages: Villa Nougues, Yerba Buena, San José de Chasquivil, Tafí Viejo. 

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Adventure sports: Paragliding in Loma Bola. Kayak & jetski in El Cadillal. Mountainbiking.
- 👍 Museums: Museo Arqueológico El Cadillal, [Museo Miguel Lillo de Ciencias Naturales](#), Museo de Arte Sacro.
- ☺ Sights: Parque 9 de Julio, Casa de Gobierno, Casa Dumit, Parque Avellaneda, El Chasqui & a shitload of churches.

Budget Bites

⌘ Supermarkets: Carrefour, Libertad, Changomás, Gómez Pardo, Walmart, Veá, Makro, Big Bill, etc.

⌘ Markets: Mercado del Norte (Calle Maipú & Mendoza), [Mercofrut](#) (Avenida de Circunvalación & Avenida Democracia).

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

⌘ Go vegan: Muna Muna (Rivadavia 431), Fon (Maipú 435), Lotos (Buenos Aires 294), Shitake (9 de Julio 94). Check all vegan-friendly restaurants on [Happy Cow](#).

Mama Said

☠ Don't walk inside Parque 9 de Julio after sunset.

☠ Boycott zoos like Reserva Horco Molle, where animals are held in captivity.

☠ 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.

Next?

→ In Argentina: Tafí de Valle, Amaicha del Valle, Cafayate, Cachi, Santiago de Estero.

→ International destinations close by: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, (Brasil, Uruguay).

Sleep Cheap

❖ Hostels are quite expensive, but camping is complicated due to the heavy rainfall. Don't pre-book, the cheapest hostels and *hospedajes* don't invest in websites.

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

Festivals

⊛ Festival 40 de Rock: Metal, Feb.

⊛ Festival Atahualpa Yupanqui: Traditional, Jul.

⊛ Septiembre Musical: Culture, Sep.

Nights Best Spent

◆ Teatro de la Paz, 9 de Julio 162.

◆ Teatro San Martín, Avenida Sarmiento 601.

◆ Centro Cultural Rougés, Laprida 31.

Free-Riding?

■ Everything within the centre of San Miguel de Tucumán is more or less walkable.

■ Due to heavy traffic and drivers not being used to cyclists it's not recommendable to rent a bicycle.

■ City buses bring you everywhere within the centre and to the surrounding villages. You need a public transport pass, but you can pay a local and ask to swipe their pass. Destinations are displayed up front and at the stops. The [bus terminal](#) for long-distance buses is located at Avenida Brigido B. Terán 250. The tourist office has excellent hand-outs with all recent bus time-tables.

■ Airport: Teniente General Benjamín Matienzo International Airport (TUC).

■ There are occasional trains from Buenos Aires from San Miguel de Tucumán., arriving and leaving from the Mitre Station, Corrientes 1019.

■ Hitch-hiking is possible and very common here. In order to pre-arrange a ride & share gas costs for long routes, try [Carpoolear](#) 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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