

# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

# Argentína - Ushuaía

#### Quick Facts

✓ Capital: Buenos Aires

✓ Language: Spanish (Castellano)

**✓ Population:** ± 60,000

✓ **Sq km:** ± 23

✓ Currency: Pesos (\$ARS)

✓ Country code: +54 (2901)

√ Visa: Fore some countries, check here!

✓ Alarm codes: 101 (police), 107 (ambulance), 100 (fire)

✓ **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: Menempres. '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	warmest											
Autumn												
Winter							coolest					
Budget												

Altitude: 47m. Climate: Tundra Climate (ET), humid. Ski season: Jun-Oct. Hike season: Dec-Mar.

## Bucket List For Free

- © Free hikes: Glaciar Vinciguerra, Glaciar Martial, Laguna Esmeralda / Encantada / Margot, Lago Escondido / Roca. Cerro Alvear / Guanaco. More <a href="here!">here!</a>
- © Free museums: Museo del Ciudad y Antigua Casa Beban, Paseo de Artesanos Enriqueta Gastelumendi. Free visit to <u>Planta Industrial Newsan</u>.
- © Sights: Beagle Channel, Playa Larga, Cabo San Pablo.

Everything can be reached by public transport, hitch-hikingor walking, don't waste money on organized tours or guides.

# Worth The Extra \$€¥

- Nature: <u>Parque Nacional Tierra del Fuego, Natural</u> Reserve Cerro Alarkén.
- Wintersport: Glaciar Martial / Cerro Castor. Diving.
- Touristy: <u>Tren del Fin del Mundo</u>, boat tour Beagle Channel, Isla Lobos Marinos / Pájaros / Martillo, Faro les Eclaireurs... or travel to Antarctica or the Malvinas.
- Museums: Marítimo, Fin del Mundo, Yamana,
  Acatushún (Estancia Haberton), Fueguina, Territorial.

### Budget Bites

- ₩ Everything in the supermarkets is super expensive too, but the cheapest option is the Anonima (expect long lines).
- **Markets: Mercado Solidario Municipal de Frutas y Verduras.**
- ★ Local food: Asado, parilla, chimichurri,
  empanadas, choripan. Check out Ramos Generales,
  cool place.

#### 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.
- Boycott Valle de los Lobos, it's unethical.
- Don't destroy nature, always walk on the indicated paths. Take your trash home. Don't make a fire in the woods.

#### Next?

- → In Patagonia: Puerto Wiliams, Tolhuin, Rio Grande, Rio Gallegos, Punta Arenas, Puerto Natales (Torres del Paine).
- → International destinations close by: Chile, (Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazi).

The Earth Becomes

My Throne

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels are very expensive. Free camping: in Parque Nacional Tierra del Fuego & Lago Roca (Cerro Cristal),
- Go <u>Couchsurfing</u> or <u>house-sitting</u>! Also check <u>WorkAway</u>. Paid work in hospitality is widely available.

#### **Festivals**

- Desafio Ushuaia (marathon): Mar.
- Festival Nacional de la Noche (music): Jun.
- ☼ Marcha Blanca (ski): Aug.

# Nights Best Spent

- ♦ Milonga del Fin del Mundo, Maipú 1210.
- Dublin Pub, 9 de Julio 168.
- ♦ Casa de la Cultura, Malvinas Argentinas & 12 de Octubre

## Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centre of Ushuaia is easily walkable.
- In summer, it's recommendable to rent a bike and explore the environment.
- City buses are quite expensive, but bring you everywhere. You need a sube-pass, the same one as Buenos Aires. The bus terminal for long-distance buses is located at Avenida Maipú 655.
- Airport: Malvinas Argentinas International Airport.
- Hitch-hiking is possible and very common here. In order to pre-arrange a ride & share gas costs for long routes, try <u>Carpoolear</u> or the Facebook-pages <u>Grativiajes</u> and <u>Camiones y Mochilas</u> (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.