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1 GENERAL INFORMATION



Spirited **Argentina**, with its clamouring capital, vast pampas, rolling wine regions and snowy peaks, is a land bursting with adventure. It's a place where the clichés hold true: football is essentially a religion, the beef is phenomenal and there's little point even thinking about starting a proper night out before midnight. Its natural wonders range from Andean plateaux and Patagonian glaciers to subtropical waterfalls and wildlife-rich wetlands. There's an awful lot to love.

➤ **Buenos Aires** might sit at the very edge of the country, gazing out across the Rio de la Plata, but it's very much Argentina's centrepiece. The city of *Evita* and *Maradona*, its tango halls, *parillas* (grill restaurants) and feisty *porteños* (BA residents) provide a gutsy introduction to the country. In the high-end neighbourhoods of *Recoleta* and ➤ **Palermo** you'll find designer boutiques and trendy eateries, while historic *San Telmo* offers antique stalls, old-world cafés and an abundance of live music.

In the north, scorched mountains and otherworldly rock formations characterise the *Salta* region, where Spanish and *Gaúcho* traditions combine and Argentina's famous white wines flourish. Further west, in the *Mendoza* region, the

grapes are red and the foothills of the *Andes* offer skiing, while down south, in *Patagonia*, you'll find an astonishing spread of expansive lakes, jagged peaks and mile upon empty mile of open space.

Elsewhere, try walking in the glistening *Lake District*, whale-watching off the coast at *Puerto Madryn*, meeting baby penguins in *Punta Tombo* or exploring the Jesuit chapels and farmhouses of *Córdoba*. Another of the country's majestic natural beauties is the mighty *Iguazu Falls*, bordering Argentina and ➤ **Brazil**.

Despite living through a dark military dictatorship and a spectacularly devastating economic crisis, Argentineans still have a vivacious and infectious lust for life. And from its subtropical top to its icy tip, it remains a mesmerising country.

Neuquén is a province of Argentina, located in the west of the country, at the northern end of *Patagonia*. It borders *Mendoza Province* to the north, *Rio Negro Province* to the southeast, and *Chile* to the west. It also meets *La Pampa Province* at its northeast corner.

Villa La Angostura is a village in the south of the province of Neuquén, on the northwest shore of the Nahel Huapi Lake, 473 km from Neuquén Capital and 1.693 km from Capital Federal in the middle of the Patagonian Cordillera. Surrounded by lakes and forests, an extraordinary landscape combines with warmth and singular beauty of mountain architecture.

LOCAL TIME IS UTC/GMT -3



2 KEY FACTS

- **AREA** 2,780,400 sq km (1,073,518 sq miles)
- **POPULATION** 45,874,216 (UN Estimate 2022)
- **POPULATION DENSITY** 15.5 per sq km
- **CAPITAL** Buenos Aires
- **GOVERNMENT** Federal Republic
- **HEAD OF STATE** President Alberto Fernández since 2019
- **ELECTRICITY** 220 volts AC, 50Hz
Plug fittings in older buildings are of the two-pin round type, but most new buildings use the V-shaped twin with earth pin. Travellers should bring a world travel adaptor.

3 USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Argentina Country Code	+54
Ambulance	107
Civil Defence	105
Police	101/911/449-4188/494-121
Firemen	100
Tourist Police	0800-999-5000/ 0800-999-2838
Civil Defence	103
Municipal Tourism Secretary	494-124

AIRPORT

- **International Airport Teniente Luis Candelaria, Bariloche** (80 km) +54 2944 40 5016

TAXI

- Different number online +54 9 294 494-2522

AIRLINE COMPANIES

- Aerolineas Argentinas 0-810-222-86527
- LAN 0810 9999 526

CAR RENTAL

- **SIXT Bariloche Airport BRC** +54 294 452-1539
- **Europcar Bariloche Airport BRC** +54 294 489-2228
- **Hertz Bariloche Airport BRC** +54 294 442-3457

4 HEALTH AND SAFETY

HOSPITALS AND PHARMACIES

HOSPITAL VILLA LA ANGOSTURA

Address Blvd. Nahuel Huapi 1107,
Q8407 La Villa, Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +54 294 449-4170

HOSPITAL BOUQUET ROLDAN

Address Planas 1555, NEUQUÉN
Tel +54 (0299) 442-5105

HOSPITAL DR. EDUARDO CASTRO RENDÓN ÁREA CENTRO

Address Buenos Aires 450, (Q8300BCI) NEUQUÉN
Tel +54 (0299) 449-0800

PHARMACIES IN VILLA LA ANGOSTURA

Address Av. 7 lakes 850
Tel 449-5985

HOSPITAL DR. HORACIO HELLER B° MELIPAL

Address Godoy Lihuén Quimey (zona Oeste)
NEUQUÉN
Tel +54 (0299) 449-0700

Address Av. 275 Myrtles
Tel 449-4896

Address Myrtle Av. 66 - Local 11
Tel 449-4000

VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS

DISEASE	RECOMMENDATION	WHEN TO SEE A DOCTOR
➤ Typhoid	Vaccination recommended	10 days before travel
➤ Hepatitis A	Vaccination recommended	2 weeks before travel
➤ Diphtheria	Vaccination recommended	3 months before travel
➤ Hepatitis B	Vaccination sometimes recommended	at least 2 months before travel
➤ Rabies	Vaccination sometimes recommended**	1 month before travel
➤ Yellow fever	Vaccination recommended for endemic areas - get expert advice. No certificate required.	10 days before travel
➤ Malaria	Not required*	

* Argentina is a low risk area for malaria and instances are limited to northern lowlands in the Jujuy, Salta, Corrientes and Misiones provinces. Protection against mosquito bites should be enough, but chloroquine can be used as an extra precautionary measure.

** Recommended if visiting jungle or remote rural areas. If bitten, seek medical advice without delay. Recommendations that are marked "Vaccination sometimes recommended" should be considered as "Vaccination strongly recommended" if a person is travelling frequently or spending extended time in that country, or if a person's occupation or planned activities could put them at higher risk. It is important to get expert advice.

All travellers are advised to ensure that tetanus and polio vaccinations are kept up to date.

Recommendations do change from time to time and it is important to discuss your personal requirements with your doctor.

Medical insurance is highly recommended as there are no reciprocal health agreements. Medical facilities are generally of a high standard in ➤ **Buenos Aires**, though of varying quality outside the capital. Immediate cash payment is often expected by doctors. To call an ambulance dial 107.

Many medicines that require a prescription in North America and Europe can be bought over the pharmacy counter in Argentina, although they may be known under a different name here. If you require a regular medication, bring the packaging into the pharmacy with you to show the pharmacist.

OTHER RISKS

Tap water is generally considered safe in main cities and towns, especially in Buenos Aires, but otherwise bottled water is recommended. If bottled water is unavailable then boil water for over a minute before drinking.

Dengue fever, carried by mosquitoes, is present but not common. Leishmaniasis, a skin disease spread by sandflies, is a low risk. Both can be avoided with sensible

precautionary measures such as using mosquito nets and insect repellent in lowland and jungle areas. From around March to October time, Argentine haemorrhagic fever – a viral disease caused by Junin virus – can be picked up in the pampas. It is transmitted by the corn mouse, by either by breathing in dust contaminated with droppings or by contact with the creature.

5 VISA AND PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

PASSPORTS

To enter Argentina, a valid passport is required by all nationals referred to in the chart below. The passport must be valid for the duration of your stay.

VISAS

	PASSPORT REQUIRED	RETURN TICKET REQUIRED	VISA REQUIRED
Australian	Yes	Yes	No
British	Yes	Yes	No
Canadian	Yes	Yes	No/1
Other EU	Yes	Yes	No/1
USA	Yes	Yes	No

A visa for Argentina is not required by nationals referred to in the chart above for either business or tourism for stays of up to 90 days except:

Canadian nationals and nationals of some EU countries (Austria, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain) who require a visa if they intend to travel for business purposes only.

Nationals not referred to in the chart above are advised to contact the embassy to check visa requirements.

RECIPROCITY FEES

Travellers from the USA, Canada and Australia entering Argentina via any port of entry are required to pay a fee online before travelling and they must show proof of payment on arrival. You are able to pay this on the **Provincia NET website**. The reciprocity fee is waived for travellers who are in transit for less than 12 hours, have an onward connecting flight and do not leave the international area of the airport (do not pass through immigration).

TYPES AND COST

Reciprocity fees for

- **US CITIZENS** US\$160 This fee covers unlimited entries to Argentina for 10 years.
- **CANADIANS** US\$92 The fee allows multiple entries for one year from the date of issue.
- **AUSTRALIANS** US\$100 The fee allows multiple entries until one month before the traveller's passport expires.

For nationals requiring a tourist visa, the cost is £30.

VALIDITY

Tourist visa 90 days.

Passengers staying for less than six hours within the airport waiting for connecting international flights do not need to go through immigration control or apply for visas.

APPLICATION TO

Consulate (or consular section at embassy).

WORKING DAYS

Nationals requiring visas are advised to apply at least two months in advance of their trip.

ENTRY WITH CHILDREN

Single parents/adults travelling alone with children should be aware that Argentina requires evidence that both parents have given permission for the child to enter/leave the country.

6 EMBASSIES INFORMATION IN ARGENTINA

In Argentina there are **240 foreign embassies and consulates**.

Visit HERE <https://embassy.goabroad.com> you will be able to find the embassy you require in alphabetical order.

7 CURRENCY AND BANK INFORMATION FOR ARGENTINA

CURRENCY INFORMATION

Peso (ARS; symbol AR\$) = 100 centavos.

Peso notes are in denominations of AR\$100, 50, 20, 10, 5 and 2. Coins are in denominations of AR\$5, 2 and 1, and in 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1 centavos.

US Dollars are accepted in some hotels and tourist centres. Prices in US Dollars are typically marked with US\$ to avoid confusion, but sometimes both peso and dollar prices are both preceded by just \$, so check if unsure.

€1 = AR\$ 206.27

£1 = AR\$ 232.44

US\$1 = AR\$ 193.10

CREDIT CARDS

Most major credit cards are accepted, but not as widely as in the US or Europe; even some major hotels do not have credit card facilities.

ATM

ATMs are available in most cities and have options in English, but it is still best to carry alternative forms of payment as daily withdrawal limits are low and machines don't always work. During national holidays ATMs can run out so it is wise to withdraw in advance.

Foreign tourists who are not resident in Argentina can no longer pay for tourism-related services (air tickets, bus travel, hotel rooms, all-inclusive tours etc) in Pesos. These services must be paid for with foreign credit and bank cards, money transfers (in foreign currencies) from abroad, in cash with foreign money (eg US Dollars) or with cheques from foreign accounts.

TRAVELLERS CHEQUES

It is advised to bring traveller's cheques in US Dollars; these can be exchanged at banks, bureaux de change and some hotels. However, it is often difficult to exchange these in the smaller towns.

BANKING HOURS

Mon-Fri 1000-1500.

CURRENCY RESTRICTION

Visitors to Argentina can import up to US\$10,000 or its equivalent without having to declare. The export of foreign currency for amounts higher than US\$10,000 or its equivalent in other currencies is prohibited. Minors aged between 16 and 21 years old can exit Argentina with a maximum of US\$2,000 or its equivalent in other currencies, and minors under 16 years old with a maximum amount of US\$1,000 or its equivalent in other currencies.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

Foreign currencies can be exchanged in banks and authorised cambios (bureaux de change), which are available in all major cities. Visitors should be aware that due to the instability of the peso, there is a large 'blue' market for dollars, which provides a much more favourable exchange rate of exchange. Whilst it is illegal to exchange currency in from these unauthorised money lenders, the practice is so common so as to make the black market rate the de facto rate.

DUTY FREE

The following goods may be imported into Argentina by travellers over 16 years of age without incurring customs duty:

- **US\$300** in personal or new goods if arriving by air, plus an additional **US\$300** of goods purchased in duty-free shops upon arrival.
- **US\$150** in personal or new goods if arriving by land or waterway, plus an additional **US\$150** of goods purchased in duty-free shops upon arrival.

Travellers under 16 may import half these amounts. You should declare upon arrival items that might not be considered part of normal luggage (such as expensive camera equipment or musical instruments) and show the declaration on departure. A licence is required for firearms and ammunition for hunting purposes. You must declare gold.

8 FOOD AND DRINKS IN ARGENTINA

Argentina serves up an exceptional standard of food, although choices can often be restricted to meat, pasta and pizza. Buenos Aires, however, offers a wide selection of culinary genres, with Japanese, Thai and Asian-fusion food becoming increasingly popular. Vegetarians may struggle to find extensive veggie options, but most restaurants do serve vegetables and salads. Outside Buenos Aires, however, vegetarians may be faced with quite limited choices. Wherever you are in the country, meat is the name of the game here, and if you fancy broadening your carnivorous horizons, then there is a weird and wonderful array of meat treats to get stuck into. The traditional Argentine parrilla (grill) is the very heart and soul of Argentina's cuisine. Don't forget to liberally douse your chosen meats in delicious chimichurri – a sauce made from finely chopped parsley and oregano, garlic, olive oil and vinegar. Those after an authentic and reliably delicious meat experience in Buenos Aires, try El Trapiche in Palermo, and Desnivel in San Telmo. For breakfast, head to a traditional confitería (café) and sample a few medialunas (small, croissant-like pastries) and a strong café con leche. In cities, fashionable resto-bars (restaurant-bars) are taking hold, offering more contemporary takes on traditional Argentine cuisine, and all manner of lunch options. A strong Italian influence means quality ice cream is also popular. In the evening, Argentines dine late – 21:00 is considered early – and the feasts are typically massive. Argentina's wines have flooded the international market in recent years, and are famed for their quality and value. Try a light pinot noir from Patagonia or an inky and smooth Malbec, and don't miss Argentina's celebrated white, the aromatic Torrontés.

If you're baffled by the choice of meat cuts most waiters in parrillas are more than happy to advise on what to start with and how much per person – even if you have limited Spanish.

BANNED IMPORTS

Firearms (unless under licence from the National Arms Registry), explosives, flammables, narcotics, and goods considered a risk to health or safety.

SPECIALITIES

Bife de ancho (rib eye steak).

Bife de chorizo (sirloin steak).

Bife de lomo (fillet steak).

Empanadas (little pasties typically stuffed with meat, vegetable or cheese).

Parrillada (mixed grill which might include morcilla - blood sausage).

Alfajores (shortbread-type biscuits sandwiched with dulce de leche - a caramelised milk sauce).



TIPPING

Around 15% is acceptable in restaurants as well as bars (unless you were dissatisfied) which waiting staff rely on to survive.

REGIONAL DRINKS

Yerba mate (tea-like drink).

Quilmes is the national brand of lager.

Malbec wine.

DRINKING AGE

The legal age for drinking alcohol in a bar/cafe is 18.



9 RESTAURANTS

Villa la Angostura invites you to make a tour through the unique flavors of Patagonian cuisine and also through International cuisine with pastas and pizzas and fondue, Patagonian lamb, or dishes prepared with trout, salmon, venison, among others.



LA TASCA

Address **Av. Arrayanes 6155 | Puerto Manzano, Villa La Angostura 8407, Neuquén, Argentina**
Tel **+54 294 478-8994**

LA ENCANTADA Patagonian, Pizza

Address **Av. Arrayanes 67, Villa La Angostura, Neuquén, Argentina**
Tel **+54 294 449-5035**

RUSTICA - Argentinian Restaurant, Pizza

Address **Av. Siete Lagos 86, Villa La Angostura, Neuquén, Argentina**
Tel **+54 294 449-4864**

VIEJOS TIEMPOS International restaurant

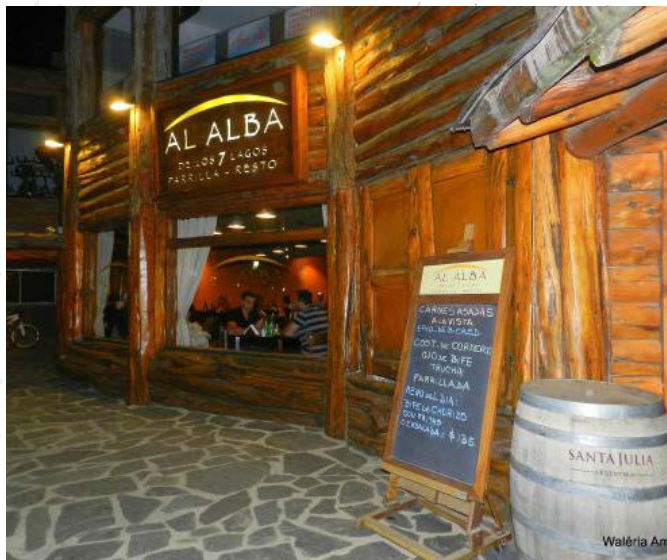
Address **Av. Nahuel Huapi 2136, Villa La Angostura 8407, Neuquén, Argentina**
Tel **+54 294 448-8127**

NICOLETTO RESTAURANT DE PASTAS CASERAS

Address **Av. Arrayanes 256, Q8407 Villa La Angostura, Neuquén, Argentina**
Tel **+54 9 294 496-1180**

AY AY AY MARIA Mexican restaurant

Address Cerro Belvedere 204,
Q8407 Villa La Angostura, Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +54 294 154 21-6166

AL ALBA PARRILLA RESTO Grill


Address Av. Arrayanes 270, Q8407 Villa La Angostura,
Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +54 294 424-1094

TINTO BISTRO Excellent for special occasion

Address Av. Arrayanes 305,
Q8407 Villa La Angostura, Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +54 294 432-8622

LAS BALSAS RESTAURANT

Address Calle Las Balsas s/n | Las Balsas Hotel & Spa,
Villa La Angostura 8407, Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +54 294 449 4308

DECK 56

Address Avenida Arrayanes 5775,
Villa La Angostura 8407, Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +54 294 478-6598

CUCU SCHULZ

Address 100, Av. Arrayanes 2, Villa La Angostura,
Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +54 294 449-5671

CHOP CHOP

Address Av. Siete Lagos 365,
Q8407 Villa La Angostura, Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +54 294 449-5419

WALDHAUS

Address Av. Arrayanes (R231) 6431, Villa La Angostura,
Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +54 294 447-5323

CERVECERIA EPULAFQUEN

Address Cacique Antriao 1965,
Villa La Angostura 8407, Neuquén, Argentina
Tel +(54) 294 449-5887

10 TRAVELING AROUND ARGENTINA

BY AIR

Argentina is huge, making air travel the most practical way to get around. However, airlines in Argentina operate a two-tier pricing structure, which means that foreign travellers pay twice, or even three times as much as locals.

✈ **Aerolíneas Argentinas** serves many domestic destinations from its key hubs in Buenos Aires, Cordoba and Bariloche.

ROAD CONDITIONS

A 4x4 is recommended if venturing too far outside rural areas. When driving in cities keep windows closed and doors locked, especially when stopping at junctions.

Major roads are generally in good condition, although rural roads, composed of packed dirt, can become impassable after rain.

The 'A' roads are the autopistas (motorways) and those labelled 'R' are rutas (roads) - tolls exist on all main roads.

The Automóvil Club Argentino - ACA (Tel 0800 777 2894 in Argentina; www.aca.org.ar) offers breakdown cover and reciprocal benefits for members of motoring organisations in other countries.

REGULATIONS

The maximum speed limit on motorways is 130kph (80mph), 80kph (50mph) on one-lane roads, while the speed limit in built-up areas varies (40-60kph/25-37mph). The wearing of seat belts is compulsory.

CAR HIRE

Visitors aged 21 or over may hire a car in Argentina. Car hire is available in most towns and cities, and many international companies operate out of Buenos Aires and main tourist destinations.

11 RESERVATIONS

➡ **SEL - Sport & Events Logistics S.r.l.** is the Official Carrier and Travel Agency of the FIM World Championship, for any reservation or information request you may contact:

SEL TRAVEL OFFICE:

Email

Mobile

➡ travel@sel.it

+39 011 3981202

MAIN CONTACT PERSON:

Stefano Viero

Mobile

+39 348 2324353

12 TRACK INFORMATION



RACE TRACK

Name	PATAGONIA RACE TRACK
Full Address	Ruta 40 - km 2123.5
GPS Coordinates	40° 41' 54.70" S 71° 42' 11.41" W
Tel	+54 0351-4872010
Email	➤ info@maseventos.com.ar
Website	➤ www.mxgpargentina.com

ORGANIZER

Name	+ EVENTOS SA
Tel	+54 0351 4872010
Email	➤ info@maseventos.com.ar
Website	➤ www.maseventos.com.ar

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Name	CAMOD
Website	➤ www.camod.com.ar

TOURIST BOARD

Name	Secretary of Tourism of Villa La Angostura
Website	➤ www.villalaangostura.gov.ar

AIRPORTS

Name	Luis Candelaria Airport of the city of Bariloche
Distance to the track	50 Km
Website	➤ www.aeropuertos.net/aeropuerto-internacional-teniente-luis-candelaria

ROAD DIRECTIONS

From Bariloche you will drive towards the north and about 20 kms away you will find the route to Villa La Angostura which is 70 kms away. It is all paved and it has a beautiful overlook of all the coast line of Nahuel Huapi Lake. From the North you can get here along the Seven Lakes Route, which you can take in San Martin de los Andes. You will have a 90 kms drive while observing the mountain range lakes with their awesome sights.

Frontier passages: Cardenal Samoré Passage (former Puyehue)

It is 1314 AMSL (42° 29' 07" South Latitude – 70° 25' 91" West Longitude) and it is open all year long. It is considered the second most important in the country because it has direct communication with Puerto Montt (220 kms away) and Osorno (117 kms away) along the Chilean Austral Motorway and with all the other parts of the Chilean Patagonia.

The road is paved in almost all its stretches, you must be careful in the stretches which are still being built. It is an important commercial passage, which makes the traffic quite thick. The road is of rubble over National Route 231, it is averagely 7 metres wide and it is in good conditions. The distance to the limit is 4 km.