

Buenos Aires

Argentina

Pack plenty of energy for Buenos Aires. It is big, beautiful and buzzing. The city revels in its vibrant nightlife, but as UNESCO's first City of Design, it also offers lots to do by day with a multitude of parks, cafés and ice-cream joints for chilling out. The credit crisis has reached the city but porteños just shrug and say they've seen it all before. Be patient with the chaotic transport, regular strikes and demonstrations.

Essentials

- 01 Everyone and everything is always behind schedule.
- 02 Buenos Aires is a sporty town. Pack for a run in the parks or a yoga class, or try biketours.com.ar
- 03 Even male friends greet each other with a kiss on the cheek.
- 04 Endear yourself to shopkeepers by paying with small change: coins are like gold dust.
- 05 You can dress up to the nines or down in trainers and jeans, but do avoid the terrible 1980s haircuts enjoying a revival here.

Guide/Info

Hotels

Independent and easy
 Mine Hotel Boutique
 4770 Gorriti
 + 54 11 4832 1100
minehotel.com

Dependable chain
 Sofitel Buenos Aires
 841-849 Arroyo
 + 54 11 4131 0000
sofitel.com

Premium
 Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt
 1661 avenida Alvear
 + 54 11 5171 1234
buenosaires.park.hyatt.com

Dining

Fast breakfast
 Havanna
 Dozens of locations
havanna.com.ar

Business breakfast
 Museo Renault
 3399 Figueroa Alcorta
 + 54 11 4802 9626
mrenault.com.ar

Mid-morning coffee
 Le Blé
 899 Alvarez Thomas
 + 54 11 4554 5350

Working lunch with colleagues
 Tancat
 645 Paraguay, Centro
 + 54 11 4312 5442

Need-to-impress-clients lunch
 Osaka
 5608 Soler
 + 54 11 4775 6964
osaka.com.pe

Lunch on your own
 Olsen
 5870 Gorriti
 + 54 11 4776 7677

Afternoon tea/drink
 High tea at the Alvear Palace Hotel
 1891 avenida Alvear
 + 54 11 4808 2100
alvearpalace.com

Dinner on your own
 Museo Evita Restaurant
 3926 José María Gutiérrez
 + 54 11 4800 1599
museoevita.org

Dinner with colleagues
 Miranda
 Costa Rica y Fitz Roy
 + 54 11 4871 4255
parrillamiranda.com

Private dinner
 Café San Juan
 450 avenida San Juan
 + 54 11 4300 1112

Big dinner with partner/clients
 Tomo I
 521 Carlos Pellegrini
 + 54 11 4326 6695

Drink after dinner
 Milión
 1048 Paraná
 + 54 11 4815 9925
milionargentina.com.ar

Late drinks
 Gran Bar Danzón
 1161 Libertad
 + 54 11 4811 1108
granbardanzon.com.ar

On the tiles
 Mundo Bizarro
 1222 Serrano
 + 54 11 4773 1967
mundobizarrobar.com

Reading

Bookshop
 Librería El Ateneo
 1860 avenida Santa Fe
 + 54 11 4811 6104
lsf.com.ar

Thank yous

Stationery
 Galeria Wussmann
 570 Venezuela
 + 54 11 4343 4707
wussmann.com

Shopping
Something you can't get anywhere else

Tango shoes at Comme Il Faut
 1239 Arenales, Suite 3M
 + 54 11 4815 5690
commeilfaut.com.ar

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

Galerías Pacífico
 Florida and Córdoba streets
 + 54 11 5555 5110
galeriaspacifico.com.ar

Something for someone you love

Paper goods from Papelera Palermo
 4945 Honduras
 + 54 4833 3081
papeleralpalermo.com.ar

Something for the kids
 Wooden toys at Recursos Infantiles
 1766 Borges
 + 54 11 4834 6177
recursosinfantiles.com.ar

Two-hour tour

- 01 Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires (MALBA)
 3415 avenida Figueroa Alcorta
 + 54 11 4808 6500
malba.org.ar
- 02 Recoleta Cemetery
 1790 Junin
 + 54 11 4804 7040
- 03 Fundación PROA
 1929 avenida Pedro de Mendoza
 + 54 11 4104 1000
proa.org

Limousine/car

Remis Buenos Aires
 40 José María Moreno, Piso 4
 + 54 11 4903 3202
remisbuenosaires.com.ar

Transport

Buy a Guía "T" street map
 It costs 3-4 pesos/€1 in a kiosk and a Subtepass multi-trip card for the metro (70 centavos a trip). The subway (subte.com.ar) is much simpler than the bus system and faster than a taxi for most journeys.

Fitness

Running route
 Bosques de Palermo
 Enter Parque 3 de febrero at avenida del Libertador and Sarmiento.

Alternative diversion
 Riding at Club Hípico Argentino
 7285 avenida Figueroa Alcorta
 + 54 11 4787 1003
clubhipicoargentino.org.ar

