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# 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](http://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](http://minehotel.com)

#### Dependable chain

Sofitel Buenos Aires  
841-849 Arroyo  
+ 54 11 4131 0000  
[sofitel.com](http://sofitel.com)

#### Premium

Palacio Duhau –  
Park Hyatt  
1661 avenida Alvear  
+ 54 11 5171 1234  
[buenosaires.park.hyatt.com](http://buenosaires.park.hyatt.com)

### Dining

#### Fast breakfast

Havanna  
Dozens of locations  
[havanna.com.ar](http://havanna.com.ar)

#### Business breakfast

Museo Renault  
3399 Figueroa Alcorta  
+ 54 11 4802 9626  
[mrenault.com.ar](http://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](http://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](http://alvearpalace.com)

#### Dinner on your own

Museo Evita Restaurant  
3926 José María  
Gutiérrez  
+ 54 11 4800 1599  
[museoevita.org](http://museoevita.org)

#### Dinner with colleagues

Miranda  
Costa Rica y Fitz Roy  
+ 54 11 4871 4255  
[parrillamiranda.com](http://parrillamiranda.com)

#### Private dinner

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

#### Big dinner with partner/clients

Tomo 1  
521 Carlos Pellegrini  
+ 54 11 4326 6695

#### Drink after dinner

Milión  
1048 Paraná  
+ 54 11 4815 9925  
[milionargentina.com.ar](http://milionargentina.com.ar)

#### Late drinks

Gran Bar Danzón  
1161 Libertad  
+ 54 11 4811 1108  
[granbardanzon.com.ar](http://granbardanzon.com.ar)

#### On the tiles

Mundo Bizarro  
1222 Serrano  
+ 54 11 4773 1967  
[mundobizarrobar.com](http://mundobizarrobar.com)

### Reading

#### Bookshop

Librería El Ateneo  
1860 avenida Santa Fe  
+ 54 11 4811 6104  
[lsf.com.ar](http://lsf.com.ar)

### Thank yous

#### Stationery

Galeria Wussmann  
570 Venezuela  
+ 54 11 4343 4707  
[wussmann.com](http://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](http://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](http://galeriaspacifico.com.ar)

#### Something for someone you love

Paper goods from  
Papelería Palermo  
4945 Honduras  
+ 54 4833 3081  
[papelerapalermo.com.ar](http://papelerapalermo.com.ar)

#### Something for the kids

Wooden toys at  
Recursos Infantiles  
1766 Borges  
+ 54 11 4834 6177  
[recursosinfantiles.com.ar](http://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](http://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](http://proa.org)

### Limousine/car

Remis Buenos Aires  
40 José María Moreno,  
Piso 4  
+ 54 11 4903 3202  
[remisbuenosaires.com.ar](http://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](http://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](http://clubhipicoargentino.org.ar)



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