

Buenos Aires

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The Argentine capital is a city like no other. It has a hint of a European feel, but with a distinct Latin American flavour. It is cosmopolitan, yet autochthonous. Every street corner and narrow alleyway is teeming with art and culture, history and personality, tango, rock n' roll and football. It is a city of museums, of galleries, of classical-style cafes and world-class steakhouses, of antique markets and bookstores, a city for screams of joy at the Bombonera Stadium and midnight strolls along the majestic River Plate. Buenos Aires is a true world city in every sense of the world, and none who visit can resist its charms.

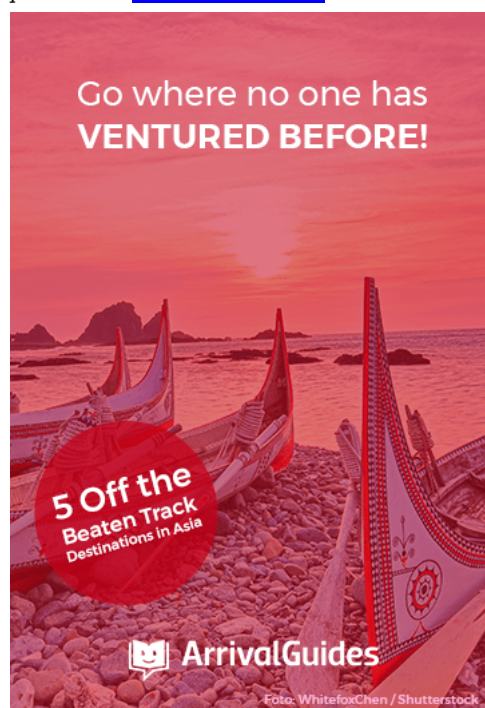
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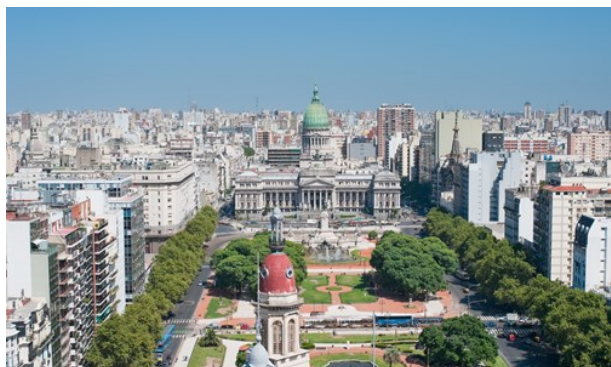


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THE CITY



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Buenos Aires is an extensive city, and every area has something new to offer. Recoleta and Palermo are widely considered the trendiest neighbourhoods, the former being a more cultured area with fashionable boutiques and galleries and high-end hotels lining its broad tree-lined avenues, the latter being a greener, more peaceful area, whose parks and lakes attract weekend crowds for fun and relaxation. The former port area of Puerto Madero has been thoroughly refurbished, turning old brick warehouses into hip bars and nightclubs.

Those seeking a more bohemian vibe will prefer to visit San Telmo and La Boca. As one of the oldest neighbourhoods in the city, the whole of San Telmo, with its narrow cobblestone streets and colonial style buildings, is considered a national historical monument, and both locals and tourists flock here on weekends to browse the antique boutiques and markets. The historic and more working-class La Boca also attracts huge crowds on weekends to admire the colourful steel shacks that were once the dwellings of migrant workers and catch a sensual tango show.

The city has even more to offer, if you still have time. Las Cañitas is Buenos Aires' gastronomic hub, old aristocratic Retiro boasts some of the

city's most beautiful architecture, residential Belgrano mixes mansions with skyscrapers, and of course, the downtown area is home to most of the city's monuments and important national buildings. Those who take the time to really explore the city will marvel at the sheer amount and diversity of things to see and do, and will surely feel that one visit is not nearly enough to take it all in.

DO & SEE



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It's difficult to fit everything there is to do in Buenos Aires into any itinerary, no matter how hard you try. Art-lovers will have plenty to enjoy at the world-class museums and theatres, shopaholics will splurge at the numerous markets selling everything from antiques to leather, fans of architecture can admire the art nouveau, art deco and neoclassical style buildings that dominate the different neighbourhoods, foodies will delight at the top-notch steakhouses and fusion restaurants, and the list goes on. It is above all, however, a city that begs to be walked, and wise travelers will take their time exploring broad avenues and narrow alleyways alike, taking in all they have to offer.

Plaza de Mayo



Surrounded by the Casa Rosada (the presidential office), the Cabildo (former seat of government during colonial times), the Banco

de la Nación and the city's main cathedral, Plaza de Mayo is the very heart of Buenos Aires and civic life and thus where most of the city's rather frequent protests take place.

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Address: Plaza de Mayo, Buenos Aires

Casa Rosada



Centrally located on the Plaza de Mayo, the Casa Rosada ('pink house') contains federal offices and was once the president's residence.

The famous balcony where Eva Perón would speak is visible on the facade, but the interior can also be explored during free half-hour tours on weekends.

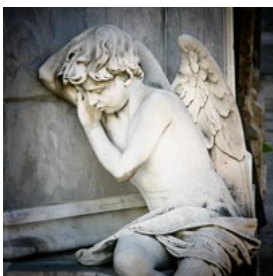
Photo: Eduardo Rivero/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza de Mayo, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Sat-Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +54 4344 3600

Cementerio de la Recoleta



Everyone who is anyone in Argentina's history is likely to be found buried in Cementerio de la Recoleta. The seemingly endless rows of tombs

and small mausoleums are the final resting places of former presidents, generals and historic figures, including the much beloved Eva

Perón.

Photo: Neale Cousland/Shutterstock.com

Address: Junín & Guido, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5:30pm

Phone: +54 800 444 2363

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes



Argentina's best and most important art museum houses impressive collections from some of the most celebrated names in both national

and international art, including Cézanne, Solar, Picasso, Van Gogh, Degas and Rembrandt. The museum itself is beautiful and surrounded by the lovely greenery of the museum district.

Photo: Beatrice Murch (image cropped)

Address: Av del Libertador 1473, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 12:30pm-8:30pm, Sat-Sun

9:30am-8:30pm

Phone: +54 11 5288 9900

Internet: www.mnba.gob.ar

Puerto Madero



Once an important port and centre for European trade, Puerto Madero has been completely redeveloped into a busy daytime business district

and a trendy nightspot full of classy restaurants, cool bars and tons of hip porteños strolling along the water enjoying the night air.

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Address: Puerto Madero, Buenos Aires

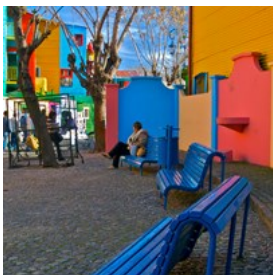
San Telmo



A more traditional, if a bit bohemian, part of town, San Telmo's cobblestone streets and colonial style houses are all about antique-hunting, people-watching and tango. The streets are lined with top-notch steakhouses and quaint shops where you can get lost for hours. Be sure to check out the Sunday market for great deals on some unique antiques.

Photo: Anibal Trejo/Shutterstock.com
Address: San Telmo, Buenos Aires

La Boca



Though it was once a busy shipyard where European immigrants settled after coming in search of work, this colourful and vibrant neighbourhood has developed into a fashionable centre for trendy galleries and boutiques. Tourists flock here to snap a shot of the colourful Caminito, where painted metal shacks reflect the area's past, and to pay a visit to one of football's most legendary stadiums.

Photo: Daniel Korzeniewski/Shutterstock.com
Address: La Boca, Buenos Aires

La Bombonera Stadium



The Bombonera Stadium is home to the Boca Juniors football team, former club of the legendary Diego Armando Maradona, which boasts what is perhaps one of most passionate fan-bases in all of football. You can explore the club's

history at the Museo de la Pasión Boquense, and if you're lucky enough, you might even be able to score some tickets to see the action live.

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Address: Brandsen 805, Buenos Aires
Phone: +54 11 4309 4700
Internet: www.museoboquense.com

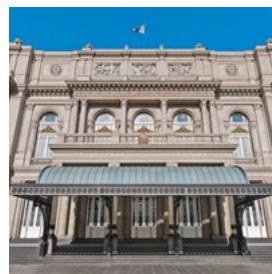
Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires



The Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires (MALBA) is one of the country's, and perhaps the continent's, premier art museums, boasting astonishing collections and temporary exhibitions. One of the main draws is the enormous 19th and 20th century Latin American exhibit, but be sure to check out the cinema and the wonderful gift shop, as well.

Photo: anna carol (image cropped)
Address: Av. Presidente Figueroa Alcorta 3415, Buenos Aires
Opening hours: Thu-Mon 12pm-8pm, Wed 12pm-9pm
Phone: +54 11 4808 6500
Internet: www.malba.org.ar
Email: informes@malba.org.ar

Teatro Colón



Often considered one of the top opera houses on the planet because of its acoustic quality, architectural magnificence and stunning beauty, Teatro Colón is perhaps the best place in Buenos Aires to enjoy some of the finer performance arts. The constantly changing program includes some of the world's best orchestras, operas and ballets.

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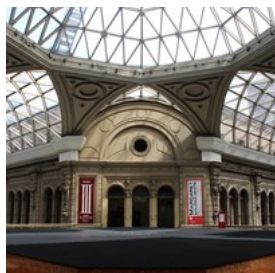
Address: Pasaje Toscanini 1180, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +54 11 4378 7100

Internet: www.teatrocolon.org.ar

Centro Cultural Borges



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Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 12pm-9pm

Phone: +54 11 5555 5359

Internet: www.ccborges.org.ar

Email: info@ccborges.org.ar

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Address: Feria de San Pedro, Defensa 1098, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Sun 10am-5pm

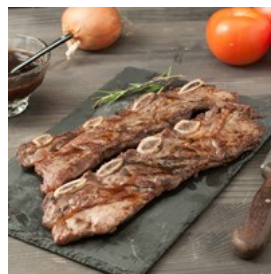
DINING



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The first thing that pops into people's minds when they think of food in Argentina is without a doubt steak. The whole country is famous for its juicy and flavourful steaks from grass-fed Pampas cattle. 'Parrilla' (meaning both steakhouses and the grill itself) is key to the country's cuisine and culture, but be sure to explore other culinary trends during your visit. The popular 'bodegones', or neighbourhood eateries, serve meats, pasta, chicken Milanesa and other comfort foods, and a large number of new restaurants are opening regularly, bringing a larger variety of international specialties to the dining scene in Buenos Aires. And then there's always everyone's favourite street food: the 'choripan'.

Steaks by Luis



Perhaps one of the best steak experiences you are likely to find anywhere, Steaks by Luis offers private asados for small groups on four nights per

week. The 5 course dinner includes a cheese and cold-cut platter, salad, grilled starters, prime steak and desert, and each course comes paired with a specialty Argentine vintage. Prepare for one of the best meals of your life.

Photo: giovanni boscherino/Shutterstock.com

Address: Malabia 1308, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat 8:45pm-12:30am

Phone: +54 11 4776 0780

Internet: www.steakbuenosaires.net

i Latina



Named one of Latin America's top 50 restaurants, this Villa Crespo restaurant, run by three Colombian siblings, strives to bring the very

best of Caribbean flavours to Buenos Aires. Their seven-course meals provide a sweep of different Latin American tastes and ingredients, all expertly paired with local wines.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Murillo 725, Villa Crespo, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8pm-1am

Phone: +54 11 4857 9095

Internet: www.ilatinaabuenosaires.com

Email: reservas@ilatinaabuenosaires.com

Una Canción Coreana



A great example of how international cuisine is slowly being introduced to the city, Una Canción Coreana is a family-run establishment that offers

delicious and authentic Korean specialty dishes, such as bulgogi, beef kimchi soup, and of course, Korean barbecue.

Photo: joesayhello/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Carabobo 1549, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12pm-10:30pm

Phone: +54 11 4631 8852

Aramburu Restó



Another restaurant listed among Latin America's top 50, Aramburu Restó showcases the culinary talents of Gonzalo Aramburu in an

unassuming location that you might miss entirely if you're not looking for it. The extensive sampling menu consists of up to 19 small courses, each one a work of art, naturally paired with the perfect accompanying wine.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Salta 1050, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8:30pm-11pm

Phone: +54 11 4305 0439

Internet: www.arambururesto.com.ar

Email: reserva@arambururesto.com.ar

Osaka



With locations all over Latin America, including Lima, Sao Paulo and Santiago de Chile, it is safe to say that this Japanese chain restaurant

has become a South American empire.

Photo: Still AB/Shutterstock.com

Address: Soler 5608, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-4pm and 8:30pm-1am

Phone: +54 11 4775 6964

Internet: www.osaka.com.pe

CAFES



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Porteños take their coffee seriously. They usually like it black, strong and with lots of sugar. They also like to take their time with it, lingering for hours at one of the city's many historic cafes. The romantic images of bohemians, artists and writers working away on their next masterpiece in the secluded corner of a crowded cafe come to life in Buenos Aires. Take your time to discover some of them and spend the afternoon people watching and taking in the incomparable vibe of a porteño cafe. And don't forget to accompany your coffee with a 'medialuna'.

Café Tortoni



The historic Café Tortoni opened its doors for the first time in 1858, and it is one of the best places in the city to experience traditional tango. Once a favourite haunt of artists, writers and musicians, it really brings to life the bohemian side of Buenos Aires, and it keeps the tradition alive with riveting and intimate tango performances.

Photo: Toniflap/Shutterstock.com

Address: Av. de Mayo 825, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-1am, Sun 9am-1am

Phone: +54 11 4342 4328

Internet: www.cafetortoni.com.ar

Email: tortoni@cafetortoni.com.ar

Café La Biela



Recently declared a Place of Cultural Interest by the city, this is yet another historically important cafe, known among other things for being the old

hangout of some legendary Argentinian icons, such as writers Jorge Luis Borges and Adolfo Bioy Casares, whose photographs can be seen hanging behind the bar.

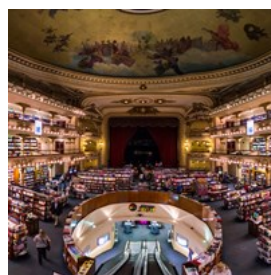
Photo: Beatrice Murch (image cropped)

Address: Av Pres. Manuel Quintana 596, Buenos Aires

Phone: +54 11 4804-0449

Internet: www.labiela.com

El Ateneo Grand Splendid



Buenos Aires is one of the world's great literary cities, and there is no better place to browse shelf after shelf in search of a hidden gem than El

Ateneo Grand Splendid. Housed in a former grand theatre, the setting alone is worth a visit, and book-lovers will want to spend entire days admiring the volumes that extend wall-to-wall. Not only is it a great place to shop for books, but the local cafe (located on what used to be the stage of the theatre) invites shoppers to linger a bit longer and enjoy their new purchases over a cup of hot coffee.

Photo: Niels Mickers (image cropped)

Address: Av. Santa Fe 1860, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9am-10pm, Fri-Sat 9am-12am, Sun 12pm-10pm

Phone: +54 11 4813 6052

Confitería Las Violetas



Another Buenos Aires institution, Las Violetas has been in operation for about 130 years, and it still retains that classical feel about it, from the decor to the place settings, to the immaculately presented wait staff. Everything about Las Violetas just screams with class, and the excellent coffee and pastries make it impossible to resist.

Photo: AHLN (image cropped)

Address: Av Rivadavia 3899, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 6am-1am

Phone: +54 11 4958 7387

Internet: www.lasvioletas.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Laura de Marco (image cropped)

Like most great cities, Buenos Aires is best experienced at night. Not only is it a city that never sleeps, it is a place where the fun is just getting started after midnight. There is music everywhere, theatres have late-night showings, restaurants and bars start to get crowded for dinner at about midnight, and 'boliches' (nightclubs) don't even open until about 2am, and the partying continues until well past 7am. The city's unique nightlife is sure to have visitors sleep deprived, but always wanting more.

Party at Pacha



One of the city's best and most famous nightclubs is Pacha, located in the Parque Costanera Norte facing the River Plate. The huge dance floor, numerous bars, frantic lights and open-air terrace remind one of the best parties in Ibiza, world-famous DJs and all.

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Address: Avenida Costanera R. Obligado, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Fri-Sat

Phone: +54 11 4788 4288

Theatro on Avenida Corrientes



Buenos Aires can boast being an important centre for many things, among them, theatre. Avenida Corrientes, besides being famed as the birthplace of tango, is home to a huge array of world-renowned theatres that offer top-notch performances and concerts year-round. There are few better places to experience the city's cultural vibrancy.

Photo: AHLN (image cropped)

Address: Avenida Corrientes, Buenos Aires

Internet: www.balirica.org.ar

Tango at Cafe Tortoni



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Address: Av. de Mayo 825, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-1am, Sun 9am-1am

Phone: +54 11 4342 4328

Internet: www.cafetortoni.com.ar

Email: tortoni@cafetortoni.com.ar

Wine Tasting at Palacio Duhau



Inside the gorgeous Palacio Duhau Hotel, the Vinoteca hosts exclusive nightly wine tasting events that showcase some of the country's

best vintages. Take a tour of the Argentina's different regions through its wines, expertly paired with artisanal cheeses for an unforgettable experience.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Alvear 1661, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 8pm-12am, Thu-Sat 8pm-1am

Phone: +54 11 5171 1234

Internet: buenosaires.park.hyatt.com/es/hotel/home.html

Email: buenosaires.park@hyatt.com

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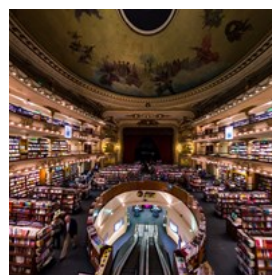
SHOPPING



Pedro Angelini (image cropped)

Buenos Aires is known to be one of the shopping capitals of South America, and it certainly lives up to its reputation. From the trendy boutiques and luxury shopping of Recoleta and Palermo to the antiques and handicrafts of San Telmo to the exquisite high-quality leather products of Villa Crespo to the ubiquitous bookstores spread out all over the city, every corner of the city seems to have its own specialty when it comes to shopping, and it can keep even the most avid shopper busy for days.

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Opening hours: Sun 10am-5pm

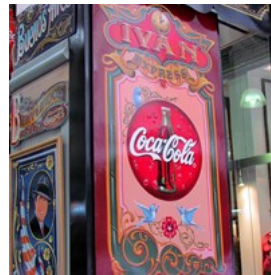
Feria Artesanal Plaza Francia



Another wonderful street market, this time in the city's trendy Recoleta neighbourhood, the Feria de Artesanos at Plaza Francia showcases some of the city's best craftsmen in wood, metal, leather, textiles and more. It is the perfect place to pick up great gifts to take back home with you.

Photo: Will (image cropped)
Address: Plaza Francia, Buenos Aires
Opening hours: Sat-Sun 11am-8pm
Internet: www.feriaplazafrancia.com

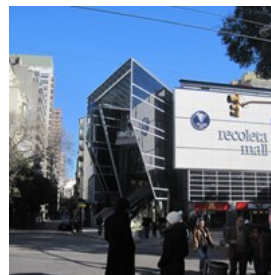
Calle Florida



The grand Florida Avenue is the city's main pedestrian thoroughfare, running North to South through the city centre. It showcases all manner of shops and boutiques, and the streets are lined with street vendors and performers, money changers, and some of Argentina's famous leather works.

Photo: David Berkowitz (image cropped)
Address: Calle Florida, Buenos Aires

Recoleta Mall



Recoleta Mall is one of Buenos Aires' great modern malls, located right in the heart of one of the city's trendiest neighbourhoods. It offers everything one might expect from a contemporary shopping centre, from upscale shops and specialty boutiques to fast food restaurants and a large cinema.

Photo: Travis Alber (image cropped)
Address: Vicente López 2050, Buenos Aires
Opening hours: Daily 10am-12am
Phone: +54 11 4808 0605
Internet: www.recoletamall.com.ar

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Ezeiza Airport



Ministro Pistarini
International Airport
(EZE), more commonly
referred to as simply
Ezeiza International
Airport, is located about

22 kilometres outside of Buenos Aires. It is the largest airport in Argentina, handling about 85% of the country's international air traffic, and is the hub for Aerolíneas Argentinas and LAN Argentina.

The easiest way to get to the city from the airport is by taking one of the authorised taxis from the stalls just outside the terminals. The ride should take about 30 minutes and cost about ARS 150 (about USD 35).

There are also minibus and shuttle services that are cheaper, but only have services to each company's terminal, so travelers must switch to local transportation for the rest of the journey.

Some public buses run to central areas of the city. Bus 51 goes to Constitución and number 86 goes to Plaza de Mayo.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Autopista Tte Gral. Ricchieri Km 33,5, Ezeiza

Phone: +54 11 5480 6111

Internet: www.aa2000.com.ar

Public Transport



Public Transport in Buenos Aires is efficient and affordable and by far the best way to get around. There are two types of buses (regular 'colectivos' and Metrobus), as well as Latin America's oldest subway system, or 'Subte'. All public transport in the city is paid using the rechargeable SUBE card, which can be purchased at post offices and corner shops.

Bus stops are ubiquitous. Be sure to stand in line at the bus stop, as they are strictly respected. Tell the driver where you're going and he'll let you know how much the fare is, as it varies depending on how far you are traveling. Colectivos run 24 hours, though less frequently at night. Metrobuses have dedicated lanes along major roads to speed across the city, and many stations have free WiFi.

The Subte is clean, reliable and both the fastest and cheapest way to get around. Trains run often, every 3-10 minutes, Mon-Fri 5am-10:30pm, Sun 8am-10pm. Several lines run parallel East to West, while line C crosses them going North to South.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxis



Buenos Aires' black and yellow taxis are ubiquitous and can be flagged down anywhere. Rides are metred, and fares go up 20% at night.

Onda Verde: +54 11 4867 0000

Premium: +54 11 4374 6666, +54 11 5238 0000

New Taxi: +54 11 4551 1110

Post

Correo Argentino



Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Uruguay 1069, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm

Phone: +54 11 4891 9191

Pharmacy

Big Pharmacy



Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Paraguay 615, Buenos Aires

Phone: +54 11 4312 9883

Telephone

Country code: +54 Area code: 11



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity

220-240 V, 50 Hz, AC
Plug types C, I



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

City: 2,900,000

Metropolitan Area: 12,800,000

Currency

Peso Argentino

1 ARS = 100 centavos

Opening hours

Most shops open Mon-Fri 9am-8pm and Sat 9am-12am.

Some shops also open on Sundays. Malls generally open daily 10am-10pm. Restaurants and bars stay open very late, opening at about 8pm and serving until well after midnight.

Newspapers

Buenos Aires Herald (English)

Clarín

La Nación

Emergency numbers

Emergency: 911

Police: 101

Fire: 100

Medical Emergencies: 107

Tourist information

Centro de Información Turística (CIT)

Av. Santa Fe 883

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Open daily 9am-6pm