



Country Profile: Argentina

Last year, Argentina's charm, natural beauty and diversity attracted more than 400,000 American citizen visitors, and this year's total is expected to be even higher. Buenos Aires and other large cities have well-developed tourist facilities and services, including many four- and five-star hotels. The quality of tourist facilities in smaller towns outside the capital varies. The country suffered a major financial crisis in 2001-2002. While it has made a dramatic recovery, continued economic hardship has been linked to a rise in street crime. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Argentina for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Argentina
Continent:	South America
Capital City:	Buenos Aires
Boundary Countries:	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Centro de Educacion Medica e Investigaciones Clinicas (CEMIC) Hospital Alemán, Hospital Italiano, Hospital Britanico, Hospital Español- Mendoza
Main Cities:	Buenos Aires, La Plata, Mar del Plata, Santa Fe, Bahía Blanca, Punta Colorado
Country Size:	2,766,890 sq km
Population:	39,921,833

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Spanish (official), English, Italian, German, French
Currency:	Argentine peso (ARS)
Predominant Religions:	nominally Roman Catholic 92% (less than 20% practicing), Protestant 2%, Jewish 2%, other 4%
National Holidays:	Revolution Day, 25 May (1810)
Economic Status:	Argentina is a medium-income nation that continues to emerge from a major financial crisis suffered in 2001-2002.
Security:	Argentine Army, Navy of the Argentine Republic (Armada Republica; includes naval aviation and naval infantry), Argentine Air Force (Fuerza Aerea Argentina, FAA)
US Presence:	The US Embassy is located at Avenida Colombia 4300 in the Palermo neighborhood of Buenos Aires (near the Plaza Italia stop on the "D" line subway). The main Embassy switchboard telephone is (54) (11) 5777-4533. Recorded consular information, including instructions on whom to contact in case of an American citizen emergency, is available at tel. (54) (11) 4514-1830. The Consular Section fax is (54) (11) 5777-4293. The Consular Section is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 2:30p to 4p Monday through Friday, except on American and Argentine holidays. Additional information on Embassy services is available on the Internet at http://argentina.usembassy.gov or by e-mail: BuenosAires-ACS@state.gov .
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