

ABOUT ARGENTINA:

Argentina is often known as the country that has it all. It is a destination which offers ample opportunities to experience the stunning natural surroundings, participate in active adventure sports and discover a culture that is rich in history and tradition. It is one of the most diverse countries in the world and is a dreamland destination for tourists to visit. Travelers can enjoy the breathtaking scenery, stay in luxury accommodations, have meals in gourmet restaurants, drink fine wines and experience Argentina's well-deserved reputation for hospitality.



GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Location:** Located in the Southern Hemisphere (South America), Argentina is the 8th largest country in the world and similar to the size of India (India is the 7th largest country in the world). It is centrally located in South America and shares a border with five South American countries.
- **Surface Area:** Approximately 3,800,000 square kilometers
- **Capital City & Provinces:** Buenos Aires is the Capital City, and Argentina is divided into 23 provinces.



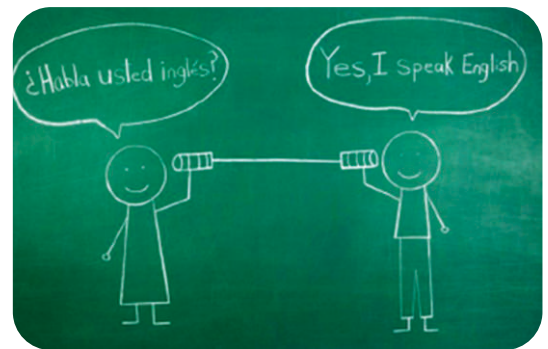
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- **Population:** Argentina has a population of approximately 40 million people. Over 90% are Spanish and Italian descendents.
- **Language:** Spanish is the official language but English is widely spoken.
- **Time Zone:** 3 GMT (8 ½ hours behind India)
- **Food:** It is no secret that Argentina is famous for its steak, but there is more. Vegetarians will not have a problem as pizzas, pastas and salads are widely available. Buenos Aires also has a few Indian restaurants.
- **Climate:** June, July and August are the winter months in the country, but the country enjoys a favorable climate and can be visited anytime of the year. In the country's central region the temperature ranges between 23°C from November to March, and 12°C from June to September.
- **Currency:** The Argentinean unit of currency is the Argentina Peso (AR\$). All major credit cards are accepted.
- **Tipping:** It is normal to leave a 10-15% tip in bars, and restaurants, etc. It is also recommended to tip the guides and concierge.
- **Driving:** The country drives on the right side of the road and the steering wheel is on the left hand side of the car. Driving is easy as the roads are in good condition. It is mandatory to possess an international driving license to be able to rent a car and drive in Argentina.
- **Electricity:** 220V/50Hz is standard throughout the country.
- **Kids:** Argentina is remarkably child-friendly in terms of general travel safety and offers many recreational activities for children.
- **The Highlight:** Known as the land gifted with natural landscapes, Argentina is one of the most diverse countries, with something for everyone. It is a country that offers glaciers, mountains, lakes, forests, salt flats, deserts, wildlife, wine, gastronomy, the end of the world, waterfalls, forests, spectacular cruises, train rides, self drive opportunities, tango – the list is endless.



VISA

- **Documentation:** All Indians need a visa to visit. Documents required to be submitted with a visa application include - Passport (min. validity: 6 months), application form, cover letter explaining the purpose of the trip, Itinerary, flight ticket, hotel bookings, bank statement for the last six months, IT (Income tax) returns, letter from your employer - on the company letterhead, notarized and translated in Spanish- and previous month's salary slip. If you are self-employed, you must provide the registration of your company or proof of occupation
- **Visa Validity:** 3 months – multiple entry visa
- **Visa Fee:** Free of charge
- In one word it is “easy” to obtain an Argentinean visa

For more details connect with :

- **Delhi:** Embassy of the Argentine Republic, F-3/3 Vasant Vihar, 110057 New Delhi, India, Tel +91 11 4078 1900
Should you be applying in Delhi , please refer for the updated visa information to www.eindi.mrecic.gov.ar
- **Mumbai:** Consulate General of Argentina, Chander Mukhi Building., 10th floor "A", Nariman Point, Mumbai – 400 021, India. Tel: +91 22 2287 1381
Should you be applying in Mumbai , please refer for the updated visa information to www.cgmum.mrecic.gov.ar/en

GETTING THERE:

- Getting to Argentina is easy from India, with Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines and Emirates flying from India to Buenos Aires via their respective hubs. Many European carriers also offer good connections into Buenos Aires.
- Buenos Aires, the capital city, is typically the first point of entry and gateway into Argentina.



The Way To Get There

AIRPORTS:

There are 2 airports in Buenos Aires.

- **International Airport Ezeiza (EZE):** This is the main gateway to the country, and is located 35 kilometers from the city centre. It takes approximately 45 minutes to reach from the airport to the main city by road.
- Metropolitan Airport – **Aeroparque Jorge Newbery (AEP):** The airport is located within the city limits, approximately 12 kilometers from the city centre. It takes approximately 20 minutes to get from the airport to the main city by road.
- **Duration of Flights:** Internal/domestic flights are between 1.5 hours and 3 hours in duration, depending on the destination.
- Aerolineas Argentinas is the official airline in Argentina



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PLACES TO VISIT:

Argentina is known as the land of variety. There are so many options to pick from, that it is imperative to understand the preferences of travelers, to propose the most apt itinerary.

Buenos Aires offers a majestic mix of elements including tango that can be experienced and enjoyed by visitors. Patagonia is another interesting travel highlight, recognized for its progressive glaciers and is ideal for enjoying the outdoors.

El Calafate, a cute town, offers spectacular scenery and is surrounded by enormous glaciers. The periodic collapse of ice masses from Perito Moreno glacier is one of the most impressive natural spectacles. This phenomenon can be observed and witnessed by travelers.

The Iguazú Falls is one of the must-go places in Argentina. A visit to the huge waterfalls and witnessing the dazzling scenery is a very special experience by itself. The Iguazú Falls are one of the Natural Seven Wonders of the World, where over 275 waterfalls drop together from a great height. At the falls, the Iguazú power can be felt at the 'Devils Throat', a point where travelers are so close to the falls that it feels like they are in them. The energy, rhythm, sound and sheer brute force makes this a must-do.

Bariloche, the princess of the Argentinean Mountains, is surrounded by lakes allowing travelers to relax in a natural environment. Luxurious settings along with wellness spas and golf facilities are the highlights of this place. There are ample opportunities to experience adventure activities in this region.

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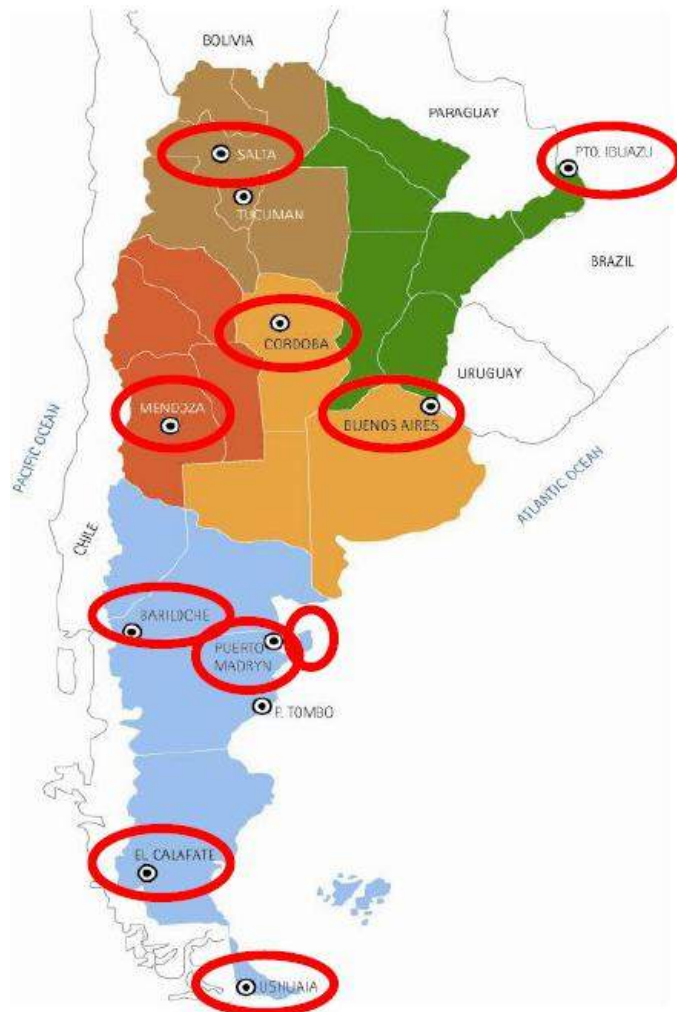
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Mendoza, Cuyo and San Juan are some of the best places for people to enjoy fine wines, with the snow-capped Andean mountains in the backdrop.

Salta is fabulous, for its small highland villages and is described as “the land of feelings or sensations”. A little further away from Salta are the ‘Salt Flats’ which are popular among many travelers. If the scenic train ride seems fun then the journey can be enhanced with the train to the clouds: The A las Nubes Train (train to the clouds) is a railway engineering miracle which travels for 217 kilometers along the most spectacular Andean sceneries at (13,780 feet) above sea level.

The Valdes Peninsula is a place for wildlife as well as fabulous adventure options which includes interaction with penguins, whale watching, swimming with the seals, and so much more.

Ushuaia is officially called ‘the end of the world’ as it is the very last city in the Sothern hemisphere. This city is known for its cruises down south and of course the incredible scenery of the channel, glaciers, and mountains.



Argentina is vast natural wonderland, besides its urban attractions.
There's something for everyone!

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