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Passport and Visa Conditions

Australian ordinary passport holders generally do not require a visa to enter Argentina for up to 90 days when they travel for tourism or business purposes. Upon entering Argentina, travellers are required to present a valid passport (recommended to have 6 months validity beyond intended stay) and return or onward tickets. Travellers should also be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay.

Further conditions apply to minors, persons with dual citizenship and those with certain criminal convictions. For further information, and to confirm that you are eligible to enter Argentina without a visa, please contact the Consulate General of Argentina on the details below. Persons travelling to Argentina via the US are reminded of their obligation to comply with US entry and transit requirements.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Argentina. Be alert to street crime in Buenos Aires, Rosario and Mendoza. Use common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour. Avoid demonstrations as they may become violent. Organised strikes occur frequently and may disrupt transport systems such as trains and airlines. See [Safety and security](#).

Yellow fever, malaria, dengue fever and other mosquito-borne viruses are risks in Argentina. See [Health](#). There is widespread transmission of Zika virus in the northern areas of Argentina. Pregnant women should discuss any travel plans with their doctor and defer non-essential travel to affected areas. See [Health](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Argentina at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Argentina. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B and rabies (particularly if working with animals). Vaccination against typhoid should be considered particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Care with food and beverage selection is recommended. Argentina is considered as a low risk country for malaria. Dengue fever and the zika virus also occurs, thus insect avoidance measures and anti malarial medication may be necessary depending on itinerary. Argentina is listed as a zika category 1 country. For information on the risks the zika virus poses to pregnancy, including up to 6 months following the exposure of either parent, see www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/en/. Yellow fever does occur in Misiones province in Argentina, vaccination may be recommended or even required depending on a travellers itinerary (see www.health.gov.au/yellowfever for further information).

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including for influenza. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Argentina should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas, the zika virus and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

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Web: www.eaust.mrecic.gov.ar

Consulate General of Argentina, Sydney

Level 20, 44 Market Street
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Fax: (02) 9262 3998

Web: <http://csidn.mrecic.gov.ar/en>



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Time Differences between Argentina and Australia

Argentina is Greenwich Mean Time -3. Daylight Saving Time is not observed. The following times in Australia are later the same day or the following morning in Argentina.

Argentina, 12 noon, Winter (Jun) = Perth 11pm; Adelaide, Darwin 12.30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 1am.
Argentina, 12 noon, Summer (Dec) = Perth 11pm; Darwin 12.30am; Brisbane 1am; Adelaide 1.30am; Hobart, Melb., Syd. 2am.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Argentina: +54
To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>
International Operator: 000
Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
TLDA - 0800 222 6100
Telecom Argentina - 0800 555 6100
Travelex Card Services: 0800 555 5411
or call the US on 00 1 954 838 8294
Visa Global Assistance: 0800 666 0171
MasterCard: 0800 555 0507
American Express Travellers Cheques:
0800 444 0991
Emergency Services:
Ambulance - 107
Police - 101 or 911
Fire - 100
The emergency services may not have English speaking staff.
Tourist Police (English Speaking):
Buenos Aires - 0800 999 5000
Mendoza - 0261 413 2135

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry copies of important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a copy of this information with someone in Australia. This includes copies of travellers cheques and those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _
Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _ _ _ _ _
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Argentina

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Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians are encouraged to register their presence in Argentina with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at this embassy, or via the on-line registration service, accessible at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances when entering Argentina and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Argentina:

Alcohol: 2 bottles (up to 2 L in total)
 Tobacco: 400 cigarettes or 50 cigars
 Perfume: 2 bottles
 Total Tax Free Goods: Up to US\$300 (US\$600 if purchased in Argentine Duty Free Stores).

When entering from bordering countries the above allowances are halved and the total tax free goods must not be valued over US\$100.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Tax Free Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply to these and other goods, travellers should familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entry. For further details on Australian duty free allowances and other customs restrictions please go to www.border.gov.au.

Public Holidays in Argentina 2018

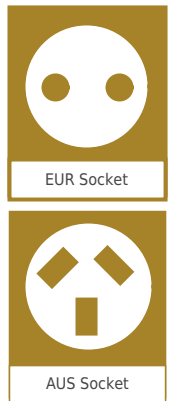
01 Jan: New Year's Day	25 May: May Revolution
12-13 Feb: Carnival	17/20 Jun: Flag Day
24 Mar: Truth & Justice Day	09 Jul: Independence Day
29 Mar: Maundy Thursday	20 Aug: Death of de San Martin
30 Mar: Good Friday	15 Oct: Cultural Diversity
02 Apr: Veterans Day	19 Nov: Sovereignty Day
30 Apr: Labour Day Holiday	08 Dec: Virgin Mary Day
01 May: Labour Day	24 - 25 Dec: Christmas

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

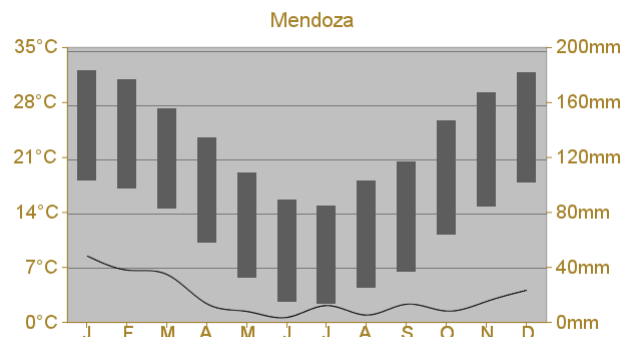
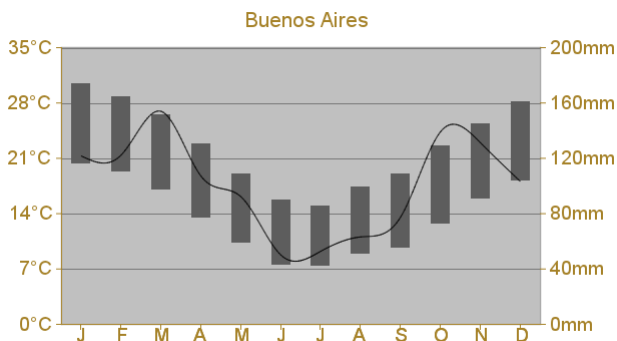
Electrical Plug: Australian and European
 Voltage: 220 - 240 volts
 Modem Plug: American (same as Australia)

Special Tip: The Argentine electrical plug and the Australian socket look the same, however the polarity of the active and neutral pins are reversed. This should not cause any problems in normal use of travel products.

Source: Korjo Travel Products. To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Argentina



Source: Argentina-Servicio Meteorologico Nacional. For 5 day local forecasts please go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Exchange Rate

Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 25.52 Argentine Pesos
 10 Argentine Peso (ARS) = 0.39 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 24.54 Argentine Pesos
 10 Argentine Peso (ARS) will cost 0.41 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging these currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Purchasing Power Parity

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Argentine Peso and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing power of each currency.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = \$151.86 Argentine Pesos
 Big Mac Argentina: \$75.00 (ARS) = \$2.94 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in Argentina is therefore 51% less expensive than in Australia.

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

Currency Cheat Sheet

5 ARS = \$0.20 AUD		100 ARS = \$4.07 AUD		1,000 ARS = \$40.75 AUD	
10 ARS = \$0.41 AUD	200 ARS = \$8.15 AUD	2,000 ARS = \$81.49 AUD	30 ARS = \$1.22 AUD	300 ARS = \$12.22 AUD	3,000 ARS = \$122.24 AUD
40 ARS = \$1.63 AUD	400 ARS = \$16.30 AUD	4,000 ARS = \$162.99 AUD	50 ARS = \$2.04 AUD	500 ARS = \$20.37 AUD	5,000 ARS = \$203.73 AUD
60 ARS = \$2.44 AUD	600 ARS = \$24.45 AUD	6,000 ARS = \$244.48 AUD	70 ARS = \$2.85 AUD	700 ARS = \$28.52 AUD	7,000 ARS = \$285.23 AUD
80 ARS = \$3.26 AUD	800 ARS = \$32.60 AUD	8,000 ARS = \$325.98 AUD	90 ARS = \$3.67 AUD	900 ARS = \$36.67 AUD	9,000 ARS = \$366.72 AUD
		10,000 ARS = \$407.47 AUD			

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Argentina is the Argentine Peso (plural Pesos), which is abbreviated using the symbol \$. The subunit of the Peso is the centavo (or cent), of which there are 100 in every Peso. The following units of currency are the most common however other units are also in circulation, including the 1, 5 and 10 centavo coins. Pictures are not to scale.

Coins



Notes: Front



Reverse



Front



Reverse





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About Argentina

Full Name: Republica Argentina.

Independence: 9 July 1816 (from Spain).

Size: 2.8 million square km
 (Similar to Western Australia).

Population: 41 Million (1.8 times that of Australia, 0.6% of the world's pop.).

Ethnicity: 97% of people are of European decent, predominantly from Spain and Italy.

Language: Spanish is the official language of Argentina, however the dialect spoken differs from that in Spain and has a strong Italian influence. Italian, English, German and French are minority languages.

Significant Dates:

- 1516 AD - Juan Diaz de Solis discovers the Rio de la Plata.
- 1776 - Spanish Viceroyalty of the Rio de la Plata covers present-day Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and southern Bolivia.
- 1816-17 - Argentina declares its independence from Spain.
- 1939 - Argentina declares neutrality in World War II.
- 1943 - Military coup takes control of Argentina. Regime is known to favour Japan and Germany.
- 1982 - Argentina invades the Falkland Islands prompting the Falklands War with Britain.
- 1982 - Military Government collapses ending period of repression.

Largest cities areas:

Greater B.A. metro area	pop 15 million
Buenos Aires	pop 3.7 million
Córdoba	pop 1.6 million
Rosario	pop 1.2 million
Mendoza	pop 1.1 million
La Plata	pop 1 million