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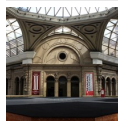
The Argentinian capital, Buenos Aires, is a city like no other. It has a hint of a European feel but with a distinctly Latin American flavour. It is cosmopolitan yet autochthonous. Every street corner and narrow alleyway is teeming with art and culture, history and personality, tango, rock 'n' roll, and football. It is a city of museums, galleries, classical-style cafes, world-class steakhouses, antique markets, bookstores, and midnight strolls along the majestic River Plate.

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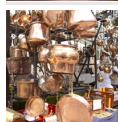
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## THE CITY



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Buenos Aires is an extensive city, and every area has something different to offer. Recoleta and Palermo are widely considered the trendiest neighbourhoods, the former being a more cultured area with fashionable boutiques and galleries as well as 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. Puerto Madero, once a harbour area, 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, San Telmo is considered a national monument. Characterised by narrow cobblestone streets and colonial-style buildings, it is loved by both locals and tourists who flock here on weekends to browse its antique boutiques and markets. La Boca, once a middle-class neighbourhood, is also known as one of the historic areas of the city. During weekends, many people visit the district in the hope of coming across a sensual tango show or simply to admire the colourful steel shacks that were once the dwellings of migrant workers.

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.

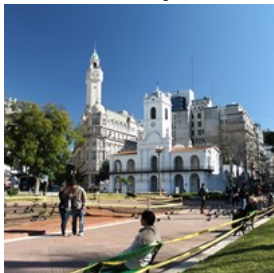
## DO & SEE



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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 travellers 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 (The 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

Phone: +54 4344 3600

Internet: [www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/otros-establecimientos/casa-rosada](http://www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/otros-establecimientos/casa-rosada)

### 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: Camila Ferrari/unsplash

Address: Junín & Guido, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5:30pm

Phone: +54 15-5614 8869

Internet: [www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/otros-establecimientos/recoleta-cemetery](http://www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/otros-establecimientos/recoleta-cemetery)

### 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/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Avenida del Libertador 1473, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat & Sun 10am-8pm, Mon closed

Phone: +54 11 5288 9900

Internet: [www.bellasartes.gob.ar](http://www.bellasartes.gob.ar)

### Floralis Genérica



What appears as a satellite dish or a radio telescope at first sight is actually a sculpture resembling a gigantic flower. Floralis Genérica has become a landmark in Buenos Aires' Plaza de las Naciones Unidas and was created and donated by Eduardo Catalano in 2002. Every morning, the 23 meters high petals open - moved by an electrical system. Supposedly, Floralis Genérica was the world's first mobile sculpture controlled by such a system. At sunset, the petals

then close again, emitting a red glow from inside.

Photo: sungsinger/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza de las Naciones Unidas, Buenos Aires

Internet: [www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/otros-establecimientos/floralis-gen%C3%A9rica](http://www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/otros-establecimientos/floralis-gen%C3%A9rica)

### 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.

Photo: Spectral-Design/Shutterstock.com

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.

Photo: Juanedc(image cropped)

Address: Brandsen 805, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +54 11 4309 4700

Internet: [www.museoboquense.com](http://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.

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Address: Avenida Presidente Figueroa Alcorta 3415, Buenos Aires

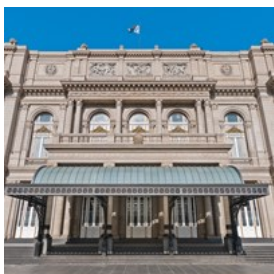
Opening hours: Thu-Mon noon-8pm, Wed noon-9pm

Phone: +54 11 4808 6500

Internet: [www.malba.org.ar](http://www.malba.org.ar)

Email: [informes@malba.org.ar](mailto: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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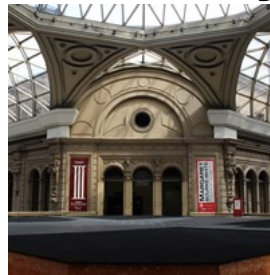
Address: Pasaje Toscanini 1180, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +54 011 4378 7148

Internet: [www.teatrocolon.org.ar](http://www.teatrocolon.org.ar)

### Centro Cultural Borges



This cultural centre, named after one of the country's best and most beloved authors, Jorge Luis Borges, hosts an astonishing variety of performances and exhibitions. From ballet and tango to experimental theatre and orchestras, indie films, photography and art expos, you are sure to find something interesting during your visit.

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Address: Viamonte 525, Buenos Aires

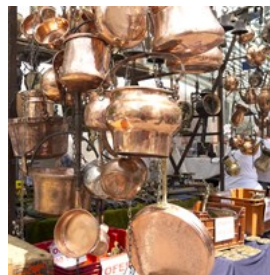
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9pm, Sun noon-9pm

Phone: +54 11 5555 5359

Internet: [www.ccborges.org.ar](http://www.ccborges.org.ar)

Email: [info@ccborges.org.ar](mailto:info@ccborges.org.ar)

### Feria de San Pedro Telmo



Every Sunday at Feria de San Pedro Telmo, in the heart of the San Telmo neighbourhood, a fascinating market takes place that covers the square and surrounding cobblestone streets with antiques and handicrafts, and the whole area bustles with life and music and eager shoppers searching for that rare find.

Photo: Toniflap/Shutterstock.com

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 thinking of a typical Argentinian dish is certainly steak. The whole country is famous for its juicy and flavorful 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 meat, pasta, fish, pizza, and many other kinds of food. A large number of new restaurants are opening regularly, bringing a larger variety of international specialities (i.e Asian, French, Italian and South American) to the dining scene in Buenos Aires. However, let's not forget about the most important and symbolic national street food, the "choripán", the ubiquitous grilled chorizo sandwich.

### Il Matterello



Located in the dynamic neighbourhood of La Boca, Il Matterello perfectly blends the Latin vibes of the city with its pronounced Italian identity. The menu offered by this Modena native family provides an authentic Italian culinary experience: Italian appetisers, fish and meat

based dishes, an heterogeneous offer of homemade pasta and to put the icing on the cake, the restaurant's very own tiramisù.

Photo: Valeria Aksakova/shutterstock.com

Address: Martín Rodríguez 517, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Lunch: Tue-Sun noon-3pm; Dinner: Fri-Sun noon-midnight

Phone: +54 11 4307 0529

Internet: [www.instagram.com/ilmatterellolaboca](http://www.instagram.com/ilmatterellolaboca)

### El Cuartito



One of the oldest pizzerias in Buenos Aires, El Cuartito is a local institution. Inside, images of Argentinian football players and team relics adorn the walls, creating an air of authenticity and a distinct culinary identity that survived mass tourism. The restaurant offers its own version of pizza, thick and extremely cheesy, the typical empanadas and a few varieties of beer.

Photo: nimon/shutterstock.com

Address: Talcahuano 937, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Thu & Sun 12:30pm-midnight; Fri & Sat 12:30pm-1am; Mon closed

Phone: +54 11 4816 1758

Internet: [www.instagram.com/cuartito\\_paginaoficial](http://www.instagram.com/cuartito_paginaoficial)

### Síntesis Tapas Asiáticas



This intimate and welcoming slice of Asia will make your mind fly to faraway lands and your stomach rejoice in the tastiness. Síntesis offers an assortment of traditional Chinese, Japanese and Taiwanese dishes, which can be tasted individually or by ordering a comprehensive eight-course tapas tasting menu.

Photo: HikoPhotography/shutterstock.com

Address: José León Pagano 2689, Buenos Aires  
Opening hours: Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri noon-3:30pm /  
7:30pm-11:30pm; Sat 7:30pm-11:30pm  
Phone: +54 11 4802 8707  
Email: sintesis.ba@gmail.com

### La Mar



La Mar offers a Peruvian culinary experience like few others in Buenos Aires. This fancy but informal restaurant, located in the Palermo neighbourhood, strives to turn a simple meal into a celebration of Peru's lifestyle, culture and gastronomy. Specialty of the house: el Cebiche.

Photo: Christian Vincas/shutterstock.com  
Address: Arévalo 2024, Buenos Aires  
Opening hours: Mon 8pm-midnight, Tue-Thu & Sun  
12:30pm-midnight, Fri & Sat 12:30pm-12:30am  
Phone: +54 11 4776 5543  
Internet: [www.lamarcebicheria.com.ar](http://www.lamarcebicheria.com.ar)

### El Gran Paraiso



Away from the crowded tourist streets of Buenos Aires, this hidden restaurant attracts the lucky visitors with the smoke and smell coming from its grill. El Gran Paraiso offers a culinary experience with juicy steaks and the unique Argentinian atmosphere of its colourful, romantic courtyard.

Photo: Fanfo/shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle General José Garibaldi 1428, Buenos Aires  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm  
Phone: +54 11 4302 1752  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/elgranparaiso](http://www.instagram.com/elgranparaiso)

### Saigón Noodle Bar



Vietnamese noodle dishes might not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think about dining out in the Argentine capital, but you are certainly going to miss out if you don't visit one of the Saigón Noodle Bars. The charming rustic atmosphere transports you (and your tastebuds) far away to the other side of the world. To stay faithful to Argentina, pick a dish with beef. The cocktails are amazing, too.

Photo: Lightscape/unsplash  
Address: Mercado San Telmo, Bolívar 986, Buenos Aires  
Opening hours: Mon & Tue 6pm-midnight, Wed-Sun  
noon-midnight  
Phone: +54 11 4300 8109  
Internet: [www.saigonargentina.com](http://www.saigonargentina.com)  
More Info: Locations in San Telmo, Retiro and Palermo

### Niño Gordo



Niño Gordo is a hip culinary hotspot that combines Asian grill with flavours of Buenos Aires. Have a unique gastronomic experience in an environment that combines intimacy and mystery with the playful spirit of pop culture.

Photo: cottonbro studio/pexels  
Address: Thames 1810, Palermo, Buenos Aires.  
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 8pm-midnight; Sat & Sun 1pm-5pm /  
8pm-midnight; Mon closed  
Phone: 54 11 4192 0461  
Internet: [www.niñogordo.com.ar](http://www.niñogordo.com.ar)  
More Info: Book ahead!

### 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: Wed-Sun noon-10:30pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +54 11 4631 8852

Internet: [www.instagram.com/una.cancion.coreana](http://www.instagram.com/una.cancion.coreana)

### 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: Pasaje del Correo, Vicente López 1661, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7pm-midnight, Mon & Sun closed

Phone: +54 11 4811 1414

Internet: [www.arambururesto.com.ar](http://www.arambururesto.com.ar)

Email: [reserva@arambururesto.com.ar](mailto: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.

The seafood is incredibly fresh and delicious. Try their ceviche sampler and pomelo shrimp, together with the Oriental Lemonade which comes with ginger, mint and lemon blends.

Photo: Jesse Ballantyne/unsplash

Address: Juana Manso 1164, Los Molinos Building, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-4pm / 7:30pm-midnight

Phone: +54 9 11 4446 2598

Internet: [www.osakanikkei.com/en/local/buenos-aires](http://www.osakanikkei.com/en/local/buenos-aires)

More Info: Second location at Soler 5608, Palermo neighbourhood

### 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

these fascinating places, experience the vibe of a porteño cafe and while you are at it, take advantage of the well-known Argentinian pastries.

### Full City Coffee House



Year after year, this modern and dynamic cafe keeps winning everyone's heart, becoming a safe haven for tired tourists, students, workers or simply coffee lovers. Using exclusively imported Colombian beans, Full City House Coffee offers a wide choice of drinks while providing different kinds of breakfast and delicious pies. Free Wi-Fi and charging ports are available all over.

Photo: ImYanis/shutterstock.com

Address: Thames 1535, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-8pm, Mon closed

Phone: +54 11 4833 6774

Internet: [www.instagram.com/fullcitycoffeehouse](http://www.instagram.com/fullcitycoffeehouse)

### LAB Training Center & Coffee Shop



If drinking coffee is more than just a habit, if you would like to take a closer look at those dark beans instead of quickly swallowing the resulting product, look no further.

The LAB not only offers one of the widest choice of coffees in Buenos Aires, but also shares its knowledge organizing coffee-themed labs, workshops and training sessions.

Photo: mavo/shutterstock.com

Address: Humboldt 1542, Buenos Aires

Phone: +54 48431790

Internet: [shop.labcafe.com.ar](http://shop.labcafe.com.ar)

Email: [info@labcafe.com.ar](mailto:info@labcafe.com.ar)

### Petit Colon



into a fascinating experience.

The antique aesthetic of this historic cafe, somewhere between a middle-class hangout and an Art Nouveau museum, will turn drinking coffee

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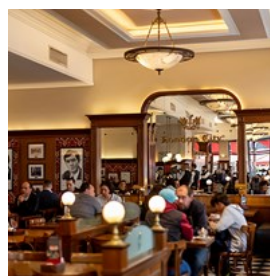
Address: Libertad 505, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Opening hours: Daily 7am-11pm

Phone: +54 11 4382 7306

Internet: [www.instagram.com/petitcolonba](http://www.instagram.com/petitcolonba)

### London City



in town, a bearer of the city's cultural heritage.

Once a gathering place for artists, journalists and poets, London City is nowadays considered one of the most prominent establishments of its kind

The cafe recently converted into a restaurant, but still offers its many delicious cakes and pastries, to be tasted next to the statue of Argentinian novelist Julio Cortázar.

Photo: unknow/cc by-sa 2.5/wikimedia (enhanced)(image cropped)

Address: Aerolineas Argentinas Central Branch, Avenida de Mayo 599, Buenos Aires,

Opening hours: Mon 6am-10pm, Tue-Sun 6am-midnight

Phone: +54 11 4342 9057

Internet: [www.londoncity.com.ar](http://www.londoncity.com.ar)

### Cocu Boulangerie



Cocu is not just a cafe. It is a tale of bravery, initiative and a hint of recklessness. It is the story of three young french entrepreneurs who

decided to change their lives and translate the French culinary experience into a nice Buenos Aires boulangerie, using local ingredients only.

Photo: Theerawan/shutterstock

Address: Malabia 1510, Buenos Aires

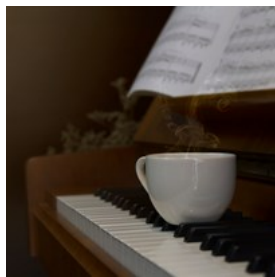
Opening hours: Mon & Sun 9am-9pm; Tue & Thu 9am-10pm;

Wed, Fri & Sat 9am-midnight

Phone: +54 9 11 3026 6000

Internet: [www.instagram.com/cocuboulangerie](http://www.instagram.com/cocuboulangerie)

### Cafe Rivas



Located in the dynamic neighbourhood of San Telmo, this cozy Argentinian cafe is characterised by its wooden interior and

offers a well-rounded experience comprised of appetising food, refreshing drinks and live jazz concerts.

Photo: worest/shutterstock.com

Address: Estados Unidos 302, Buenos Aires

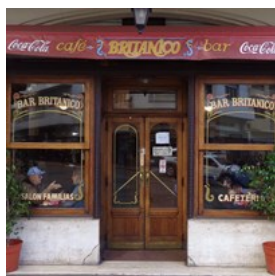
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-midnight, Sun 10am-7pm,

Mon closed

Phone: +54 11 4361 5539

Internet: [www.instagram.com/caferivas](http://www.instagram.com/caferivas)

### Bar Británico



Sitting right in front of Lezama Park is Bar Británico, one of Buenos Aires' historical bars that opened in 1928, featuring wooden interiors that

seemingly haven't changed from that era. Here you can have a coffee and pastries, but also more filling meals like empanadas, meat or vegetable-filled turnovers, fried calamari and salads coupled with a glass of wine.

Photo: Diana2803/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Avenida Brasil 399, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 7am-3am

Phone: +54 11 4361 2107

Internet: [www.instagram.com/barbritanico](http://www.instagram.com/barbritanico)

### Ice Cream Parlours



Many Argentinos are proud of their Italian heritage, and one of the things that prove they indeed have something major to be proud of is their ice cream. There are countless ice-cream parlours around Buenos Aires. You can eat the creamy, icy goodness on the spot or buy it by weight and take it to your Airbnb's freezer for a midnight snack.

Check out small artisanal joints or go with a trusted chain place like Rapa Nui, Freddo or Persicco.

Photo: Mark Cruz/unsplash

Address: Rapa Nui, Arenales 2301, Barrio Norte, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 11am-past midnight

Phone: +54 810 888 7272

Internet: [www.vamospanish.com/discover/best-ice-cream-shops-buenos-aires-argentina](http://www.vamospanish.com/discover/best-ice-cream-shops-buenos-aires-argentina)

### Birkin



As the name suggests, Birkin is fashionable and classy. Wear something nice but not flashy, bring a book and enjoy breakfast, brunch or lunch with friends. The menu has great vegan and vegetarian options, as well as excellent coffee and desserts. Definitely a place to see and be seen.

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Address: República Árabe Siria 3061, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +54 11 4843 7470

Internet: [www.instagram.com/birkincafe](http://www.instagram.com/birkincafe)

Email: [birkincoffee@gmail.com](mailto:birkincoffee@gmail.com)

More Info: Second location in Palermo Hollywood on Nicaragua

### 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: Bernard Gagnon/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Avenida de Mayo 825, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm

Phone: +54 11 4342 4328

Internet: [www.instagram.com/grancafetortoni](http://www.instagram.com/grancafetortoni)

Email: [tortoni@cafetortoni.com.ar](mailto: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.

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Address: Avenida Presidente Manuel Quintana 596, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 7am-2am

Phone: +54 11 48040449

Internet: [www.labiela.com](http://www.labiela.com)

Email: [info@labiela.com](mailto:info@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: Jeison Higueta/unsplash

Address: Avenida Santa Fe 1860, Buenos Aires

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

9am-midnight, Sun noon-10pm

Phone: +54 11 4813 6052

Internet: [www.yenny-elateneo.com/grand-splendid](http://www.yenny-elateneo.com/grand-splendid)

### 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/cc by 2.0/flickr(image cropped)

Address: Avenida Rivadavia 3899, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 6am-1am

Phone: +54 11 4958 7387

Internet: [www.lasvioletas.com](http://www.lasvioletas.com)

Email: [contacto@lasvioletas.com](mailto:contacto@lasvioletas.com)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Matias Wong/Unsplash

Like most great cities, Buenos Aires is best experienced at night. Not only is it a city that never sleeps, but it is also a place where the fun is just getting started after midnight.

When the sun goes down music starts spreading everywhere, theatres have late-night showings, restaurants and bars start to get crowded for dinner and it is only from 1 am that the local 'boliches' (nightclubs) start opening their doors.

The city's unique nightlife, which usually lasts until past 7 in the morning, is sure to have visitors sleep deprived, but always wanting more.

### El Boticario



Legend has it that in the early XX century an Argentinian pharmacist named Salvador Cortez, owner of a pharmacy in Palermo neighbourhood, would create syrups and meds right in front of the clients, mixing ingredients over the counter. Today, after almost a century, El Boticario invites you to travel back in time and to try its artisanal cocktails prepared and displayed as the good old Cortez would have.

Photo: Vitaliy Kyrychuk/shutterstock.com

Address: Honduras 5207, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9pm-3am, Mon closed

Internet: [www.instagram.com/boticariobar](http://www.instagram.com/boticariobar)

Email: [boticariobar@gmail.com](mailto:boticariobar@gmail.com)

### Floreria Atlantico



Disguised as a lovely flower shop in the Retiro neighbourhood, the Floreria Atlantico is actually an intimate and evocative speakeasy hidden beneath a floral cover. The menu features drinks and dishes from various European and American countries, as an homage to the many people who emigrated to Argentina in the past centuries.

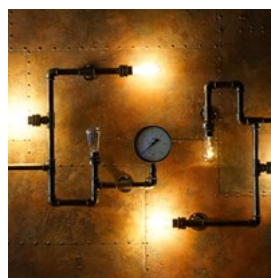
Photo: food.kiro/shutterstock.com

Address: Arroyo 872, Buenos Aires

Phone: +54 11 4313 6093

Internet: [www.instagram.com/floreriaatlantico](http://www.instagram.com/floreriaatlantico)

### Victoria Brown Coffee and Bar



Hidden behind the brick clad door of its namesake cafe, the Victoria Brown is one of the many trending speakeasies in the Palermo neighborhood. Famous for its distinctive steampunk decor, this bar offers good music and fancy cocktails in a dark, yet refined atmosphere.

Photo: Robert Anasch/unsplash

Address: Costa Rica 4827, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8pm-3am, Mon & Sun closed

Phone: +54 11 4831-0831

Internet: [www.instagram.com/victoriabrownbar](http://www.instagram.com/victoriabrownbar)

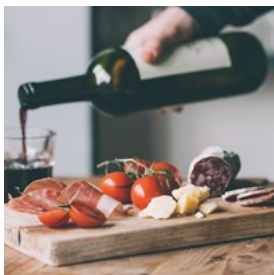
### Vico Wine Bar



Vico Wine Bar is a mix of innovation, professionalism and attention to detail. An innovative self-service concept, a selection of more than 140 wines, expert sommeliers and dainty food make this bar an oenophiles' heaven.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/shutterstock.com  
Address: Gurruchaga 1149, Buenos Aires  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6pm-1am, Sun closed  
Phone: +54 11 6402 1368  
Internet: [www.vicowinebar.com.ar](http://www.vicowinebar.com.ar)  
Email: [info@vicowinebar.com.ar](mailto:info@vicowinebar.com.ar)

### Hache Almacén



Hache's wine bar is a relaxing, casual, rustic place, where to taste good wine and local food in a lively atmosphere. The place also offers takeaway, giving the opportunity to taste its wine comfortably at home.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/shutterstock.com  
Address: General Lucio Norberto Mansilla 4095, Buenos Aires  
Opening hours: Daily 11am-late  
Phone: +54 11 2653 0640  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/hachealmacen](http://www.instagram.com/hachealmacen)

### Éter Club

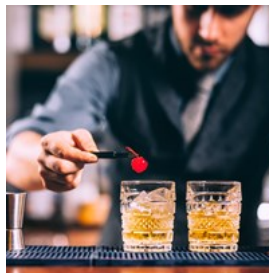


Far from the nightlife neighbourhoods of Buenos Aires, at the first floor of an apartment building in Villa del Parque, there is a hidden club famous for the quality of its cocktails and live music concerts. Let the notes of Jazz, Blues

and Rock turn your night into a daydream.

Photo: Arina P Habich/shutterstock.com  
Address: Calle Cuenca 2783, Buenos Aires  
Phone: +54 11 6642 6438  
Internet: [www.eterclub.com.ar](http://www.eterclub.com.ar)  
Email: [reservaseterclub@gmail.com](mailto:reservaseterclub@gmail.com)

### La Fuerza



Founded by four friends wanting to expand the culture of Vermouth in Buenos Aires, La Fuerza is the operating base of their promotion efforts. Their signature La Fuerza vermouth comes in two forms, Rojo and Blanco, made with Malbec and Torrontés grapes respectively. You can couple it with their food offering, featuring "chistorra" (a local kind of sausage) and tortillas.

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Dorrego 1409, Buenos Aires  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 6pm-1am, Fri 6pm-2am, Sat noon-2am, Sun noon-1am  
Phone: +54 11 4772 4874  
Internet: [www.lafuerza.com.ar](http://www.lafuerza.com.ar)  
Email: [vermulafuerza@gmail.com](mailto:vermulafuerza@gmail.com)  
More Info: "Vermú" Hour Mon-Fri 6pm-7:30pm

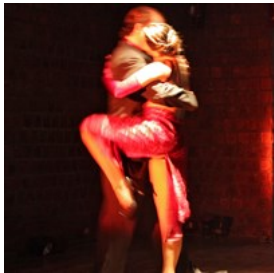
### Theatres on Avenida Corrientes



Buenos Aires can boast of 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.

Photo: PUSCAU DANIEL  
Address: Avenida Corrientes, Buenos Aires  
Internet: [www.balirica.org.ar](http://www.balirica.org.ar)

### Tango at Cafe 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: DMSU/shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida de Mayo 825, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm

Phone: +54 11 4342 4328

Internet: [www.instagram.com/grancafetortoni](http://www.instagram.com/grancafetortoni)

Email: [tortoni@cafetortoni.com.ar](mailto: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: Mon-Sat 12:30pm-3:30pm /

7:30pm-11:30pm; Sun 12:30pm-3:30pm

Phone: +54 11 5171 1234

Internet: [www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/argentina/palacio-duhau-park-hyatt-buenos-aires/bueph/dining](http://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/argentina/palacio-duhau-park-hyatt-buenos-aires/bueph/dining)

Email: [buenosaires.park@hyatt.com](mailto:buenosaires.park@hyatt.com)

More Info: Wine and cheese tastings upon request, Tue-Sat at 6pm or 7pm

### Culture at Centro Cultural Borges



This cultural centre, named after one of the country's best and most beloved authors, Jorge Luis Borges, hosts an astonishing variety of performances and exhibitions. From ballet and tango to experimental theatre and orchestras, indie films, photography and art expos, you are sure to find something interesting during your visit.

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Address: Viamonte 525, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 2pm-8pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +54 11 5555 5359

Tickets: Free entrance

Internet: [www.instagram.com/centroborges](http://www.instagram.com/centroborges)

Email: [info.ccborges@gmail.com](mailto:info.ccborges@gmail.com)

## SHOPPING



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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.

### Feria de Mataderos



The Mataderos fair revolves around one of Argentina's most fascinating national symbols: los gauchos, brave and lawless cowboys who occupy an important spot in the country's culture. The fair offers the opportunity to experience Argentina's culture in its purest form, whether by tasting the local meat, buying typical gauchos' handicrafts or dancing to tango beats.

Photo: Ksenia Ragozina/shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida de los Corrales, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: April to December: Sun & public holidays  
11am-8pm

Internet: [www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/otros-establecimientos/feria-de-mataderos](http://www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/otros-establecimientos/feria-de-mataderos)

### Feria Plaza Serrano



A typical Argentinian crafts fair offering handcrafted jewellery, clothes, bags and many other colourful accessories. Compared to other Buenos Aires' fairs it is slightly smaller but very easy to access, as well as close to Palermo neighbourhood and therefore to the many bars and restaurants of the area.

Photo: Olga V Kulakova/shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Serrano, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Sat & Sun 11am-8pm

Phone: +54 11 4699-0612

### Feria de San Pedro Telmo



Every Sunday at Feria de San Pedro Telmo, in the heart of the San Telmo neighbourhood, a fascinating market takes place that covers the square and surrounding cobblestone streets with antiques and handicrafts, and the whole area bustles with life and music and eager shoppers searching for that rare find.

Photo: Ksenia Ragozina/Shutterstock.com

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

Opening hours: Sun 10am-5pm

Internet: [www.feriadesantelmo.com](http://www.feriadesantelmo.com)

### 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.

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Address: Plaza Francia, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Sat & Sun 11am-8pm

Internet: [www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/atractivo/plaza-francia-craft-fair](http://www.turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/en/atractivo/plaza-francia-craft-fair)

### Calle Florida



The grand Florida Avenue is the city's main pedestrian thoroughfare, running North to South through the city center. 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: Simon Mayer/Shutterstock.com

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.

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Address: Vicente López 2050, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Daily 10h-23h

Phone: +54 11 5296-5450

Internet: [www.recoletamall.com.ar](http://www.recoletamall.com.ar)

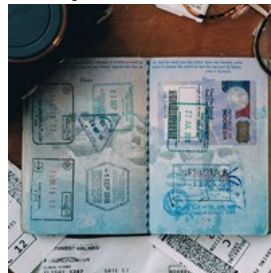
Email: [info@recoletamall.com.ar](mailto:info@recoletamall.com.ar)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Passport / Visa



Argentina can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Israel, UAE and most countries in America.

Visitors coming from Jamaica, Kazakhstan and Malaysia can enter the country without a VISA for a stay of up to 30 days. Whereas those coming from Kosovo, Nauru, Taiwan, Tonga and Tuvalu must use a Travel Certificate issued by Argentina instead of a VISA.

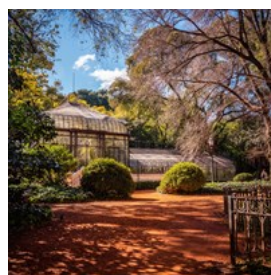
If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country.

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Internet:

[www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/indexdnm.php?visas](http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/indexdnm.php?visas)

### Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Buenos Aires is in the fall, from April to June or in the spring, from September to December. At these times of the year

the city is usually less crowded, the weather milder and hotel prices lower.

It is not recommended to visit Buenos Aires during the peak season (South American summer) from January to February, given that it is characterised by high temperatures and a higher inflow of tourists.

On the other end, winter isn't usually magnanimous with visitors, who normally

experience cold and rainy days lasting from June to August.

Some interesting events throughout the year are:

February: Carnaval Porteño

March: Opening of Opera and Ballet season

April: International Horse Riding Exhibition;  
Buenos Aires Book Fair

May: May Revolution Day (25th); International  
Decorative Art Fair

July 9: Independence Day

August: Fashion Week; Tango Festival and World  
Championship

November: Gay Pride; International Buenos Aires  
Jazz Festival; Creamfields

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### Buenos Aires Cruise Port



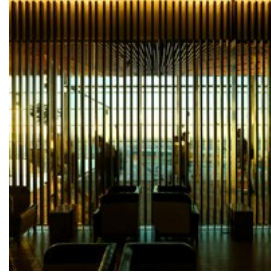
The Cruise Terminal in Buenos Aires, called Terminal de Cruceros Benito Quinquela Martín. The Buenos Aires port is located about 2 km from the downtown. It might look close on the map, but the area is quite deserted — you will be better off taking a shuttle buses or a taxi. Taxis are always available at the terminal.

The Buenos Aires port has a yacht berth called Puerto Madero, which is a modern re-developed area popular with locals.

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Internet: [www.argentina.gob.ar/transporte/administracion-general-puertos-se/buques/cruceros/terminal-de-cruceros](http://www.argentina.gob.ar/transporte/administracion-general-puertos-se/buques/cruceros/terminal-de-cruceros)

### Ministro Pistarini International Airport, Ezeiza (EZE)



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.

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.

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

Public Transport: Line 394 and shuttle buses

Phone: +54 11 5480 6111

Internet: [www.aa2000.com.ar](http://www.aa2000.com.ar)

### Public Transport



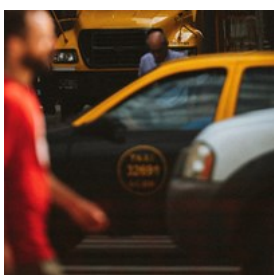
Public Transport in Buenos Aires is efficient and affordable and by far the best way to get around. There are two types of buses (regular 'colectivos' and Metrobus), as well as Latin America's oldest subway system, or 'Subte'. All public transport in the city is paid using the rechargeable SUBE card,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

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### Taxis



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

You can order a taxi through the official BA Taxi mobile application.

Onda Verde: +54 11 4867 0000

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

Didi and Uber rideshare apps are available in Buenos Aires.

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Internet: [www.buenosaires.gov.ar/bataxi](http://www.buenosaires.gov.ar/bataxi)

### Post



Correo Argentino is the government postal service. Correo International (Retiro bus station) should be used for the delivery of international packages weighing over 2kg. The government run postal service is not known for its speed or reliability. Consider using private companies for sending valuable paperwork.

Private services in town are: DHL, Fedex, OCA, Andreani.

Photo: Ali Bakhtiari/unsplash

Address: Correo Argentino: Sucursal Plaza Rodriguez Peña, Uruguay 1069, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +54 11 4816 7543

### Pharmacy



Argentina has an outstanding pharmaceutical industry. If you have a regular prescription, be sure to have your doctor write down the name of the drug, not just the brand name.

You can easily spot pharmacies by their

green-and-white crosses. The largest and most common pharmacy chain is called Farmacity. Their stores will often be open around the clock.

Photo: Mariano Baraldi/unsplash

Address: Avenida Raúl Scalabrini Ortíz 1868, Buenos Aires

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 7:30am–11:30pm, Sat

8am–midnight, Sun 10am–10pm

Phone: +54 11 4511 5131

Internet: [www.farmacity.com](http://www.farmacity.com)

### Telephone



Country code: +54 Area code: 11

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### Electricity



In Argentina the power plugs and sockets are of type C (also known as the standard "Euro" plug) and I. Type I is mainly used in Australia, New

Zealand, China and the South Pacific. Type C comes with two flat prongs at an angle and an optional ground pin.

The standard voltage is 220–240 V and the frequency is 50 Hz.

Photo: Steve Johnson/unsplash

### Population

City: 3 million porteños (2021 estimate)

Metropolitan Area: 15.6 million

### Currency

Peso Argentino

1 ARS = 100 centavos

### Opening hours

Most shops open Mon–Fri 9am–8pm and Sat 9am–noon.

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.

### Internet

[turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar](http://turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar)

### Newspapers

Buenos Aires Herald (English) —

[www.buenosairesherald.com](http://www.buenosairesherald.com)

Clarín — [www.clarin.com](http://www.clarin.com)

La Nación — [www.lanacion.com.ar](http://www.lanacion.com.ar)

### Emergency numbers

Emergency: 911

Police: 101

Fire: 100

Medical Emergencies: 107

### Tourist information

Centro de Atención al Turista — Microcentro

Florida 50, Buenos Aires

Open daily 10am–5pm

Information is subject to change. Please contact your Lifestyle Consultant for the most up-to-date recommendations.