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Buenos Aires - Getting around

Buenos Aires (the official name is Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires/Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, also called Capital Federal/Federal Capital) is the capital of the Argentine Republic. The name means fair winds, or literally good airs in Spanish. It is one of the largest cities in Latin America, with a lot of cultural offerings, and is the point of departure for travelling to the rest of the country. Inhabitants of Buenos Aires are called porteños, "people from the port", implying that many of the inhabitants are immigrants in some ways or another. Buenos Aires is a singular, open, and integrating destination that allows the visitor not only to view the city but also to have an exceptional urban adventure.

Transportation

There are three means of public transport: subway, bus and trains. The three uses a prepaid proximity card named SUBE, so if you are planning to travel by public transport you should buy one of these cards in <https://www.sube.gob.ar/MapasSUBE.aspx?id=1>

The public transport in Buenos Aires is very good, although crowded during rush hour. The city has a subway network ("subte", short form of "tren subterráneo", which means "underground train"). It is very efficient and you can save a lot of time by using it. It is cheap (7.50 pesos for unlimited transfer as long as you keep underground travelling throughout the network). If you need to be somewhere by 9AM or 9.30AM on a weekday, however, the Subte will be incredibly crowded and depending on where you are catching it from, you may have to miss several trains in a row before there is space for you. Once on board, during peak hours it can get very crowded. Factor this into your timing arrangements to make sure that you make your meeting on time. The subte runs approximately from 5AM to 10PM, except on Sundays, when service starts at 8AM. (see map below).



The principal means of public transportation within the city are the buses (colectivos). All rides inside the city may vary from 6.25 pesos to 6.50, as long as you are moving inside the city borders. Tickets must be bought on the bus through a machine that accepts SUBE only.

If you're using the SUBE proximity card, just show your card to the the driver, and also say the ticket price or your destination. Just wait for the driver to selects your destination on his panel, you will notice the amount to be paid on the display of the yellow reader with the SUBE label next to him. You can then use the card against it and the payment will be processed, and the balance of the card will be shown. Please note that no actual ticket will given to you when paying by SUBE card. DO NOT use the card before the driver selects your destination, since he may still be in the processing of processing your order and say "NO, TODAVIA" ("No, I'm still selecting the destination", or "NOT YET!").

What to see...



The service of **Buenos Aires Bus** will be done in regular form with schedules and fixed stops and with the system Hop On Hop Off. The tour includes 24 stops which are great tourist points in the City of Buenos Aires (See bus stop location and timetables http://www.buenosairesbus.com/en/city_tour.htm). The frequency will be of 20 minutes and the total extension of the circuit of 3 hours and 15 minutes.

24 HS TICKETS: \$ 350 (pesos)

48 HOURS TICKETS: \$ 470 (pesos)

For more information: <http://www.buenosairesbus.com/en/>

If you are a fan of **walking** in green open spaces and parks in big cities like Buenos Aires, be sure not to miss a promenade in Palermo, a beautiful area in the northern part of the city. Here you will find not only open spaces to walk in but also a large lake where you can rent paddle boats and an huge flower garden that is free to enter! Although the Japanese and the botanical gardens and the surroundings are very nice, they are also very noisy as several major roads traverse the area. For a quiet, shady walk or jog head to the golf course north of the railway tracks.

Another great place to walk along and experience Argentine street life is Puerto Madero de Buenos Aires. Its personality however is quite contrasting during the day and during the night.

La Boca has the Caminito pedestrian street with arts and crafts. There is also a river cruise you can take from there where you can see a huge picturesque metal structure across the river. La Boca is famous for Tango and you can often catch glimpses of Tango dancers practicing in the streets. If you fancy having a picture taking with a tango dancer you can but expect to pay a small fee. In addition to tango, La Boca is famous for its football, and you can take a tour of the La Bombonera Stadium where the buildings are painted in bright colors.

The prices for almost everything in La Boca tend to be 2 to 3 times higher compared to the rest of the city. It's very touristy since it is an enjoyable place with some authentic Argentine sights. La Boca is probably best to be enjoyed during the day when the streets are crowded and there are other tourists around, it is generally advised to be avoided at night.

There is no Subte to La Boca, but many buses go there (for example, the Buenos Aires Bus)

Cementerio de la Recoleta (Recoleta's Cemetery): This is where all the rich families in Buenos Aires have their final resting places. Expect to see big ornate tombs. Be sure to visit the tomb of Eva Perón, the daughter of an aristocrat and beloved First Lady who, despite having the most visited tomb in the cemetery, is considered by many to be too close toward the people for eternal interment in Recoleta.

Palermo Viejo district: This is a trendy neighborhood with charming cobblestone streets, bookstores, bars, and boutiques; definitely better than the touristic San Telmo area for a nighttime excursion. The Palermo station, on D line, is the closest metro stop.

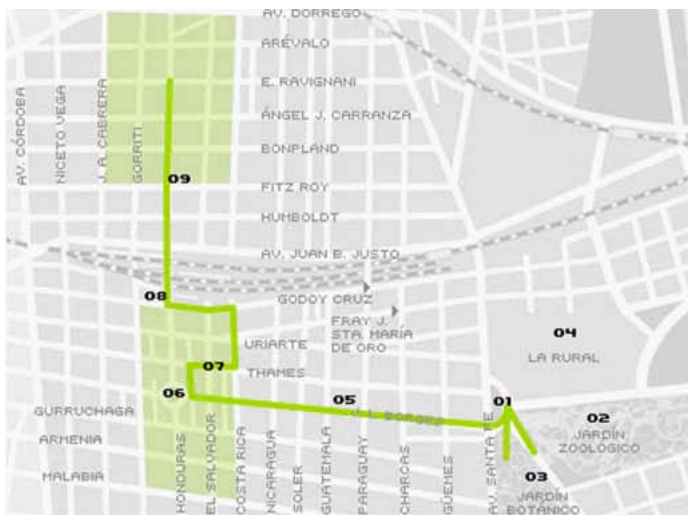
San Telmo: Best visited on Sundays when tourists and locals alike flood in to attend the weekly street fair and flea market. Be watchful for good deals, and bring in your own water, as it's quite expensive here. On Sunday nights, there is a tango performance in the lovely plaza, which is specifically for tourists. Visit an underground tango club for the most amateur experience. If there is advertising, or disco ball, then it's not an amateur.

Shopping: There are many shopping malls and they each offer a different shopping experience. The standout though is **Galerías Pacifico** with its beautiful hand painted dome. Absolutely not to be missed! Shopping is highly recommended in Buenos Aires. Wander around some of the best **shopping streets** for a unique experience and don't forget the Jewellery Street which is Calle Libertad, calle Arroyo and its wonderful Art Galleries, Calle Alvear and its high end international name brands and if you love books Calle Corrientes and El Ateneo in calle Santa Fe. El Ateneo is housed in a beautiful restored building which is worth visiting just to see the building.

Visit the many beautiful and historic buildings - Teatro Colon - a historic and unique theatre - Cementerio de La Recoleta which is the most famous cemetery in Argentina. It is the burial place of Evita and many distinguished past presidents and dignitaries. The Plaza de San Martin and its nearby area of Los Palacios with its beautiful old buildings and monuments. In the Monserrat area visit the Casa Rosada, The Catedral Metropolitana and the Cabildo and of course the famous Plaza de Mayo. Further up towards Balvanera visit the Congress Buildings. (Congreso).

You can't leave Buenos Aires without a trip to **Malba Museum:** Colección Costantini, where works by Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Tarsila do Amaral share the walls with lesser-known Argentinean modern masters. There is an excellent café and terrace restaurant, plus a small cinema specialising in art house retrospectives.

Another tourist circuit is Palermo Hollywood and Palermo Soho:



- 1 Plaza Italia Sq.
- 2 Buenos Aires Zoo.
- 3 Jardín Botánico Park
- 4 Palermo Viejo
- 5 Jorge Luis Borges St. (Palermo Soho)

- 6 Julio Cortázar or Serrano Sq. (Palermo Soho)
- 7 Palermo Soho Pedestrian St.
- 8 Darwin Pedestrian
- 9 Palermo Hollywood

Food & Drinks

Possibly even a more essential cut than the wonderful steak is the offal. The chorizo and morcilla (black pudding) will usually be accompanied by crispy chinchulines (chitterling), briny riñon (liver) and the truly delectable molleja (sweetbread). As they arrive on your plate, you could be forgiven for a wobble at the sight of their biological appearance. But if you persist, you'll be treated to a quintessentially Argentinian feast. Don't forget your camera - it will be great for grossing out your friends when you get home. You can try them at **La Brigada**. Or you can feel the atmosphere of a 19th-Century Restaurant, where politicians and powerful people gathered to discuss Argentina's future at **El Club del Progreso**. Visit its Wine cellar and enjoy the best Argentinean wines with a "parrillada" (steak).

In Buenos Aires, you should drink a cup of freshly roasted coffee with a crispy medialuna (Argentinian croissant). A splendid place to bite into one is the

Café Tortoni, the city's most traditional café. Founded in 1858, it has doubled as both a bohemian and literary joint over the years. The best part is that it hasn't lost any charm, despite the throngs of tourists that hover around.



Subway network and combinations



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