

Buenos Aires Travel Note



GETTING TO BUENOS AIRES

Located on the shore of the Rio de la Plata, the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires is the federal capital of Argentina.

Buenos Aires is well-connected and easy to reach, with two airports:

- Ministro Pistarini International Airport, Ezeiza (EZE)

The biggest airport in Argentina is located in Ezeiza, 32 km (20 miles) from the centre of Buenos Aires city. Most long-haul international flights arrive and depart from here, along with some domestic and regional flights. The journey from the airport to the centre of the city takes about 50 minutes.

- Jorge Newbery Airport, known as Aeroparque (AEP)

Located in the city itself, in the neighbourhood of Palermo, this airport is within 25 minutes of the main hotels in Buenos Aires. It serves mainly domestic flights and flights to neighbouring countries.

Getting to the city from the airports

- Taxis are readily available at both airports.
- Private transfers can be booked in advance or on arrival. *Tienda León* runs buses from Ezeiza airport to its base in Puerto Madero, in the center of Buenos Aires city.

- Several public bus lines stop at Jorge Newbery Airport. You'll need a *SUBE* card to use them

GETTING AROUND

Buenos Aires has a large, efficient public transport network, almost 40,000 licensed taxis and a vast network of cycle lanes.

There are many downloadable apps that can help you find the best way to get from point A to point B in the city, whether on public transport, by car or on foot. Simply input your starting point, your destination and choose how you want to travel, and the map will suggest the best routes.

Taxis

Buenos Aires is awash with licensed black and yellow taxis and in busy areas, you're unlikely to wait more than a couple of minutes for one. They can be flagged down directly off the street on the right-hand side - you can tell if one is available if the '*libre*' (free) sign is lit up in the windscreen. Licensed taxis run on meters, and fares are exclusively in Argentine pesos (ARS \$). It's common to give a direction to the driver using the cross street, for example instead of saying "Corrientes 585" you would say "Corrientes y Florida", since Florida is the nearest cross street to that address.

Private hire taxis called *remises* can be booked in advance through agencies.

VENUE OF THE BIOENERGY WEEK

Auditorio Jacaranda' de la Torre (YPF)

Macacha Güemes 515 (between Juana Manzo and Avenida de los Italianos), Buenos Aires 1425

WHERE TO STAY

Buenos Aires is full of hotels. From the most known hotel chains, to charming boutique hotels. The most recommended neighborhoods are Recoleta, Puerto Madero, among others.

If you are interested in staying at one of the hotels that has a discount rate because of the Bioenergy Week, please contact semanadelabioenergia2018@gmail.com for more information.

CURRENCY

The local currency is the Argentine Peso (\$ARS).

It is easy to exchange money in Buenos Aires at casas de cambio (bureaux de change/currency exchanges) and at most banks – note that you'll need to provide identification.

Local currency can also be withdrawn 24 hours a day from ATMs, and larger shops and restaurants usually accept payment by credit or debit card.

CLIMATE

- With average temperatures of around 18°C (64°F), Buenos Aires is blessed with a temperate and sunny climate, making it a great destination at any time of the year.
- July is the coldest month, and although we don't get frost or ice in Buenos Aires, a few warm layers are recommended if you come to visit mid-year, particularly for going out at night.
- The summer months of January and February can be somewhat humid and it remains warm at night, so bring fresh, light clothing.
- Spring and autumn are the rainiest seasons. Rains tend to be light and don't get in the way of activities but you may want to bring a raincoat or umbrella.

OPENING HOURS

The time zone in Argentina is UTC/GMT-3 and there are no time changes during the year. Activity in Buenos Aires starts early in the morning and continues until very late at night.

-Shops

Most shops open 9am - 8pm Monday to Friday and at least 9am - 1pm on Saturdays, but many stores on the main avenues and in the main commercial areas also open all Saturday afternoon. Shopping malls usually open until 10pm, including on Sundays and public holidays.

-Banks

Banks open 10am - 3pm, Monday - Friday. Some branches in the central downtown area may open until 4pm. Cash withdrawals can be made from ATMs/cash machines 24 hours a day.

-Meal times

Locals fit their meals around work and other commitments and times may vary, but in general breakfast is between 7am and 10pm, lunch between 12.30pm and 3pm and dinner between 8pm and 11pm.

ELECTRICITY

Electric current in Argentina is AC 220-380 volts. Electric plug configurations used have 2 or 3 flat pins with the top two pins diagonally angled.

Travellers are therefore advised to carry adapters and/or transformers.