



Argentina Information

Travel documents

U.S. citizens traveling to Argentina must have a passport that is valid for six months after their expected return date. Please check travel.state.gov to confirm passport validity requirements prior to your tour. Citizens of all other countries should contact their appropriate embassies to find out what specific documentation is required for them to travel. A group passport list is required for this tour prior to departure due to internal flights. A complete passport list must be sent to EF no later than 110 days prior to departure. Please contact your Tour Consultant for further information.

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Vaccinations and health precautions

For the most up-to-date information on necessary vaccinations, we recommend you visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or consult your physician.

Tour Director and bus drivers

You will have the same Tour Director during your entire tour. Bus drivers may change from day to day, so tipping for them should be considered on a daily basis.

Tipping

It's customary to tip your Tour Director and bus drivers as a token of appreciation. We recommend:

- \$6–8 per person per day for your Tour Director
- \$3 per person per day for your bus driver

We suggest you deposit the tip money into your bank account and withdraw it at the end of the tour, then present it to your Tour Director in the tip envelope provided by EF. U.S. dollars are commonly accepted in Argentina.

Currency

The Argentinean currency is the Peso (although, as a reminder, U.S. dollars are commonly accepted in Argentina). Visit [xe.com](https://www.xe.com) for current exchange rates and more information. We recommend bringing an ATM card or a credit card that you can use to withdraw cash from a bank or ATM machine. ATM machines are available throughout Buenos Aires.

You should notify your own bank of your travel plans to avoid service interruptions, and inquire about charges when withdrawing money abroad. Please don't bring traveler's checks to Argentina since they are not usually accepted.

Transportation

All bus transfers are day excursions and are generally very short transfers. Buses are modern and air-conditioned. There is an internal flight from Buenos Aires to Iguazú Falls that is no longer than three hours.

Accommodations

Travelers in Argentina can expect to stay in updated hotels that are centrally located, offer modern amenities, and provide a continental breakfast featuring a variety of traditional foods. Students under the age of 20 will share rooms with two or three other travelers of the same gender. Rooms will have single or shared doublebeds (or a combination of the two). Students may share rooms with students in the tour group who are not from their own school. Adults will share twin rooms with other adults of the same gender, and they may share rooms with adults in the tour group who are not from their own school. Please note that groups may not all have rooms next to each other, and some may even be on different floors.

Phones and internet

It's easy to buy an international phone card in Argentina to make phone calls home, and your Tour Director can help you find places to buy them. If you plan to use your personal cell phone on tour, contact your wireless provider to see what fees you may incur for calling, texting, or using data abroad. Wi-Fi is not available at all hotels in Argentina, and when it is available, there is often a fee.

Local food

Argentine food resembles European cuisine (with Italian, Spanish, and French influences) more than Latin American cuisine. Since beef and other meats are an important part of Argentine cuisine, you will enjoy a barbecue while on tour where you can taste this Argentine staple. It's inadvisable to eat food sold by street vendors. Water is generally safe in Buenos Aires, but you may decide to take an extra precaution by drinking and using bottled water.

Safety

Always inform your Tour Director if you need to break away from the group at any point. Store valuables in hotel safe deposit boxes and refrain from carrying large sums of money or wearing valuable jewelry. Please be sure to read EF's *Travel & Safety Guide* before going on tour.

Weather

Since Argentina is in the Southern Hemisphere, its seasons are opposite of ours in the Northern Hemisphere. Argentina's winter months are May through September, when temperatures in Buenos Aires range from 58 to 64 degrees Fahrenheit. Summer is from October to April and the temperature in Buenos Aires ranges from 69 to 83 degrees Fahrenheit. Buenos Aires receives the most precipitation from December to February. Please check [weather.com](https://www.weather.com) for your destinations and travel periods.

Public bathrooms

While public bathroom facilities are generally available in Argentina, you may have to pay a small amount to use the facilities, which will include buying toilet paper from an attendant before you enter. Travelers are advised to bring travel toilet paper and hand sanitizer.

Luggage

Fees for checking bags on the international flights between the United States and Argentina are included in the price of your tour. Additionally, fees for checking a bag on any flights taking place while on tour within Argentina, to Brazil, or to Chile are included.

Packing

We suggest bringing the following items: a light jacket or windbreaker, comfortable walking shoes, swimsuit, hat, sunscreen, cotton clothing, and travel-size toilet paper. Please remember that seasons are opposite in Argentina, with cooler weather from May to September, and bringing layers is recommended. As with most tours, we advise packing as light as possible to ensure all bags will fit in the storage compartments on your tour bus and on the airplane for your internal flight.