

Helpful Tips when traveling to Buenos Aires

Money Exchange:

US Dollars can be exchanged for Arg Pesos at the 'Banco Nacion' branch inside EZE int'l airport.

While the rate changes daily, as of this writing you will get ARS 1,385 for every USD (see link with current exchange below shown at bottom right of the page)

<https://www.bna.com.ar/Personas>

There are also Money Exchange shops in town with English speaking staff. This is a popular one:

<https://cambiobaires.com.ar/> (Av Santa Fe 2349 location is the closest one to the venue)

Transportation from EZE Airport:

To be safe PLEASE IGNORE ALL INDIVIDUALS OFFERING YOU A TAXI RIDE AS SOON AS YOU STEP OUTSIDE THE AIRPORT WITH YOUR LUGGAGE!!

You might get approached by 5 or 10 different people -some of them might even speak English and may offer to carry your luggage-, yet in the past some tourists have been mugged by these so called 'Taxi Drivers' and dropped off in the middle of nowhere w/o their luggage.

There is an official taxi stand at the airport. Prices may change, and according to their website they currently charge a flat ARS 50,000 rate -about USD 36- for a ride into Buenos Aires city.

You may need to pay in advance at their booth, and they have plenty of cars 24/7. Their cars are white and light blue color.

Click on the link below to see a photo of their booth, and click on Rates for pricing

<https://taxiezeizaoficial.com>

Transportation within Buenos Aires city:

UBER rides are available in Buenos Aires. You might want to get an extended int'l plan, as you will need data on your phone for the app to work. Here's some local Uber info:

<https://tinyurl.com/uber-buenos-aires>

I would also recommend downloading the WhatsApp app, since most people – and even private companies – use it down there.

All city taxis are black & yellow. There are several taxi companies called ‘Radio Taxis’. Note however that most drivers do not speak English. So, you might want to either brush up on your Espanol, have someone else talk to the driver in Spanish for you, or simply have a piece of paper handy with the address you are going to.

Also, make sure to negotiate the rate ahead of time. There are plenty of complaints on the internet about people getting overcharged.

Here’s a popular taxi company:

<http://www.taxipremium.com>

Their WhatsApp Number is: +54-911-7108-7099

Below there’s also a link with some add’l info on B.A. taxis, etc.

<https://secretsofbuenosaires.com/taxi-in-buenos-aires/>

Event Venue & Neighborhood:

The ‘Centro de Convenciones’ is located in an upscale and safe neighborhood called ‘Recoleta’. See their site below:

<https://www.cecbuenosaires.com.ar/>

Below is the Google Maps link of the area:

<https://tinyurl.com/CEC-google-maps>

Restaurants & Forms of payment:

Most good restaurants in the area have English speaking staff, take credit cards, debit cards and pesos, and you might also inquire if they take USD. Below is a list with some good restaurants not too far from the venue showing their websites, addresses, and phone numbers. Some may require reservations, especially on weekends:

<https://tinyurl.com/BsAs-restaurants>

BAR	OPENING HOURS	ADDRESS
STARKBUCKS	8 A 20,30 HS	AV. F ALCORTA 2170 CABA
COMARCA	11 A 24 HS	
CANILLITA CAFÉ	15 A 21 HS	SOBRE FIGUEROA ALCORTA
LA FERNETERIA	9 A 24HS	AV. F ALCORTA 2250 CABA (EN ELMUSEO DE BELLAS ARTES)

Charging your phone & iPad:

You will need an adapter to charge your electric devices. The outlets are the same they use in Australia (see Amazon link below). You could also get a universal adapter.

<https://www.amazon.com/australia-travel-adapter/s?k=australia+travel+adapter>

Also, voltage in Argentina is 220 V, and while you probably won't need a transformer for your phone or iPad, you might burn out other devices that work on 120 V, such as hair dryer, etc.- w/o a 220 V to 110 V transformer.

General Safety tips:

Try to avoid crowded areas away from tourist zones in Buenos Aires. Never leave your phone, iPad, computer, or purse unattended while in a restaurant.

Also, while you can dress up, avoid wearing flashing jewelry, or expensive watches. Be careful talking on your cel on crowded streets, or showing off your iPad, as someone might be fast to snatch it. That said, there is no need to be paranoid, just be aware and HAVE FUN!!