

BUENOS AIRES

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The best places to eat, sleep and play in Buenos Aires

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INTRODUCTION



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PACKING TIPS

1. "The majority of females here wear **light cotton trousers** that are very fitted with **light summer tops** or **skirts**. There are young men wearing **shorts** here—they are longer slimmer cut, not low riding baggy things. And almost all men wear **shirts with collars**."—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires
2. Bring some **nicer clothes** for going out: "People in Buenos Aires dress really nicely to go out to dinner. Especially women. Nice jeans and a nice top sound fine. You can keep it casual during the day."—TripAdvisor Member, Norway
3. "Take **comfortable shoes** for the day. Buenos Aires is a very walking-friendly city."—TripAdvisor Member, Paris, France

Inside BUENOS AIRES

With its sizzling nightlife, thrilling restaurants, stunning architecture and population of passionate Porteños, Buenos Aires, the "Paris of the South," is Latin America's hottest destination.

The majority of Argentines are of European origin, as can be seen from architectural influences of faraway capitals, from Madrid to Bucharest. Mediterranean ways, such as long meals with family and friends, are an integral part of life in Buenos Aires.

After the peso crisis of 2001, Buenos Aires fell from its previously pricey position, making the city supremely affordable for tourists and creating a focus on all things Porteño, including tango, for locals. For the tourist, savor Pampas grass-fed beef in hip Palermo or strut out of Palermo Soho's boutiques in Argentine designer wear.

Summers start in December and are very hot and humid. January and February temperatures can hit 100°F, with many places open for only limited hours or even closing entirely. Between June and August, temperatures drop significantly, and the city sees more rain than at any other time of year. Springtime (from September to November) and autumn (March to May) are the most pleasant and temperate times to visit.

Top VIEWS



BUENOS AIRES BEST VIEWS

Take advantage of “the free lift in the **Torre Monumental**—there’s a nice photo opportunity from the viewpoint of the sixth level.”—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

Torre Monumental, Ave. Libertador 49, 4311 0186

“**Hotel Panamericano** has a restaurant/ cafe on the top floor with incredible views of Buenos Aires.”—TripAdvisor Member, Mar del Plata, Argentina

Hotel Panamericano, Carlos Pellegrini 551, 4348 5000

Visit **Palacio Barolo’s** tower, once the tallest in all of South America, “for the stunning view from the lighthouse dome, but also to hear about all the Dante/ Divine Comedy symbolism throughout the building.”—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

Palacio Barolo, Ave. de Mayo 1370, 4383 1065

Where to PLAY

TOP 10 Attractions

1. Caballos A La Par, Lima 549, 5248 3592
2. Polo Elite, Pasco 889 - 20, 3623 0329
3. Temaiken Biopark, Ruta Provincial 25 Km. 1, Escobar, 8843 6900
4. Ruben y Cherie Tango Milonguero Buenos Aires, Maza 1009, 4932 5027
5. Tango Angelitos Alejandro Gee, Junin 45, 2nd Floor, 4951 7618
6. Palacio Barolo, Av. de Mayo 1370
7. El Ateneo Grand Splendid, Av. Santa Fe 1860, Barrio Recoleta, 4813 4154
8. Recoleta Cemetery (Cementerio de la Recoleta), Junin 1790, 4804 7040
9. Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires (MALBA), Av Figueroa Alcorta 3415, 4808 6500
10. Teatro Colon, Cerrito 618, 4378 7344



FAMILIES

“People of all ages should visit **Temaiken Park**. At a short distance from the city, you’ll find a very peaceful place, with all kinds of animals in an environment carefully created for their survival.”—TripAdvisor Member, Argentina

Temaiken Park, Ruta Provincial 25, Km. 1, Escobar, 8843 6900

“**Planetario Galileo Galilei** has good shows on the planets/solar system/galaxies. Fun for kids and grownups. It’s beside the Palermo Woods, so it can also be combined with games there and maybe a short ride on the bicycle boats.”—TripAdvisor Member

Planetario Galileo Galilei, Avenue Sarmiento and Avenue Belisario Roldan, 4771 9393

At **Museo de los Ninos**, “kids can learn and live real-life experiences, such as anchoring the TV news, examining a doll baby at a hospital, replenishing a supermarket shelf or playing cashier.”—TripAdvisor Member, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Museo de los Niños Abasto, Ave. Corrientes 3247, 4861 2325

“Fun for kids and grownups.”



ROMANCE

“The **La Ventana Tango Show** was the highlight of our visit and possibly of our entire cruise. Buttery steaks served with great Cabernet Sauvignon house wine and beautiful decor set the atmosphere for an amazing afternoon. The tango show was delightful and more extensive than we expected. A terrific band and incredibly talented dancers.”—TripAdvisor Member, Danville, Calif.

La Ventana Tango Show, Balcarce 425, San Telmo, 4331 0217

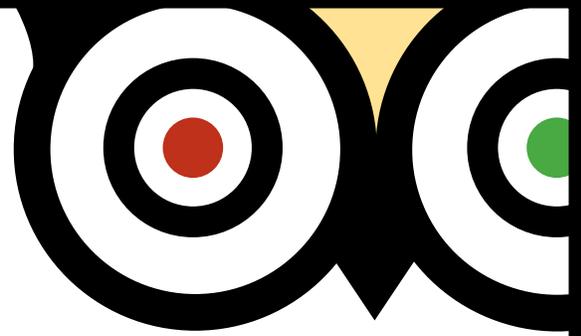
“I love the **Japanese Gardens** in Palermo, especially when everything is in bloom. There are nice little benches around, and you can sit and relax with your sweetie and do a little smooching. Very tranquil and cool and relaxing. Sigh.”—TripAdvisor Member, West Haven, Conn.

Japanese Gardens (Jardín Japonés), Avenue Figueroa Alcorta and Avenue Casares, 4804 4922

Float in “small, but comfortable pontoon boats” with **Safari Delta**. You’ll glide past Tigre Delta islands “on waterways too small for larger boats.”—TripAdvisor Member, Cincinnati, Ohio

Safari Delta, Tigre Boat Terminal, 305 Mitre, Tigre, 4745 9281

Where to PLAY



BUDGET

"The **Botanical Gardens** are a wonderful way to step away from the noise and traffic of the city. Wander the paths that wind through the gardens, over a stream on a small Japanese bridge, past the children's playground. Stop and watch some of the many resident cats who scamper through the flowers and gardens."—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

Jardín Botánico Carlos Thais, Ave. Santa Fe 3951, 4832 1552

"If you enjoy the arts, be sure to visit the **Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes**, which boasts a comprehensive collection of Argentine arts, plus some pieces of Rodin, Picasso, Degas, Gauguin, Manet and Monet."—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Ave. del Libertador 1473, 4803 0802

"The **free walking tours** in Buenos Aires are well worth doing. I would recommend doing both the day and night tour as they are quite different and cover different areas of the city. The guides are friendly, and you don't feel like just another number in a tour group."—TripAdvisor Member

Buenos Aires Free Tours, J Maria Gutierrez 2668, 6395 3000

"Feast your eyes on this South American version of Venice."



ADVENTURE

"Take an **El Tigre** expedition. An hour's ride from the center of Buenos Aires lies a traditional river town dating back to the beginning of the 19th century. The river's canals are highly contaminated, but still worth the trip. Feast your eyes on this South American version of Venice."—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

El Tigre, Northwest of Buenos Aires

Canter and feast on barbeque at **Estancia Los Dos Hermanos**. "The horse riding was expertly organized by Don Juan, who has a wonderful way with the horses and a knack for matching the rider with the appropriate horse."—TripAdvisor Member, Perth, Australia

Estancia Los Dos Hermanos, Zárate, Escalada, Cuartel IV, 4765 4320

With "huge parks, a zoo, botanic garden, Japanese garden and an artificial lake," **Parque Tres de Febrero** offers activities galore.—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

Parque Tres de Febrero, Intersection of Avenue Presidente Figueroa Alcorta and Avenue Sarmiento, 4800 1135

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EDUCATIONAL/HISTORICAL

Take a tour of historic **Recoleta Cemetery** because there are "simply so many treasures buried there you would never discover" on your own.—TripAdvisor Member

Cementerio de la Recoleta, Junin 1760, 4803 1594

"**San Telmo**—is there any place like it? I've never been to a neighborhood so atmospheric or so redolent of other places: Paris (Le Marais), parts of Naples, even Cape Town. It is steeped in history but never stops moving."—TripAdvisor Member, London, England

San Telmo

"Steeped in history but never stops moving."



"The fairly new **MALBA** has the largest Latin American art collection in South America. The museum holds regular film festivals, where young artists and art lovers assemble for a midnight gathering—for an extremely reasonable price."—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires (MALBA), Ave. Figueroa Alcorta 3415, 4808 6500



RELAXATION

Galerías Pacífico is "the most beautiful mall I have ever been in. The beauty is in the architecture and the painting in the domed ceiling."—TripAdvisor Member, Atlanta, Ga.

Galerías Pacífico, Calle Florida and Avenue Córdoba, 5555 5510

"Try **Esquina Carlos Gardel** for tango, you will see an amazing display of talent!"—TripAdvisor Member, Chicago, Ill.

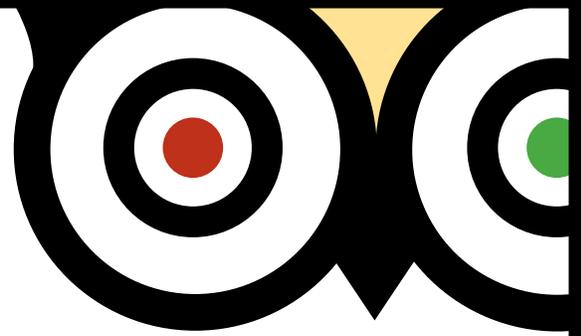
Esquina Carlos Gardel, Carlos Gardel 3200, 4867 6363

"**Bosques de Palermo** is the largest of the city parks. You can ride your bike, jog or just sit and relax in the park. During warm weather, you'll see many people sunbathing, as they do in most of the green spaces in the city. Porteños love to sunbathe!"—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

Bosques de Palermo, Avenue del Libertador

What's the **TOUR**

How to Get Around



"As you enter a **cab**, look for a large, clear, plastic envelope that contains identifying information about the cab and its driver, complete with picture. Do not take a cab that is missing this vital piece of information."—TripAdvisor Member

Pay for taxi rides downtown at "the **blue and white taxi booth** standing by itself in the middle of the airport lobby."—TripAdvisor Member

"You'd be foolish not to lay out the \$2 or \$3 ARS it costs to get a bus guide. The '**Guia "T" de Bolsillo**' includes all the information you'll need, and then some, to make use of this practical and cheap method of transportation."—TripAdvisor Member

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WHERE to eat

"Porteños (residents of Buenos Aires) tend to eat very late by American standards. Lunch is around 1:00, and for dinner, most restaurants don't open until 8 or 9 PM. And if you arrive before 9:30, you are likely to be dining alone."—TripAdvisor Member

FAMILIES

"For the traditional tango show, **Taconeando** must be the best. Very small and a family environment. The food is very good, and the show is fantastic."—TripAdvisor Member, Chicago, Ill.

Taconeando, Balcarce 725, 4307 6696

Try **Pizzeria Guerrin** for "Argentina's take on pizza. Piled high with cheese and toppings, it is, like everything else in the country, on the generous side. People drop in for a slice of pizza and a drink, but for those with more time, there's a large room with table service."—TripAdvisor Member

Pizzeria Guerrin, Avda Corrientes 1368, 4371 8141

"**Juana M** is a relaxing and casual spot, perfect for families of all ages. It has a nice salad bar and lots of menu choices."—TripAdvisor Member, Massachusetts

Juana M, Carlos Pellegrini 1535 - Retiro, 4326 0462

"Very dark and stylish"

ROMANCE

"**Amici Miei** was our perfect dinner in Buenos Aires. On a warm night, we sat on a balcony on the second floor and watched Plaza Dorrego from above. The food was fantastic, fresh, and the portions were huge!"—TripAdvisor Member, Washington D.C.

Amici Miei, Defensa 1072, Plaza Dorrego, 4362-5562

"My husband and I ate at **Bella Italia** and it was a wonderful experience. The food was superb, the wine excellent, the service impeccable and friendly and the ambiance lovely."—TripAdvisor Member, Fort Lee, N.J.

Bella Italia Restaurant, Republica Arabe de Siria 3285, 4802 4253

"I couldn't stop checking out the unique style of the **Little Rose**. It's quite Gothic, very dark and stylish. There are pictures of the owner's daughter and granddaughter, dressed in pale clothing and makeup."—TripAdvisor Member, Stockholm, Sweden

Little Rose, Armenia 1672, 4833 9496

WHERE to eat



BUDGET



El Trapiche is “a Palermo classic.” A “big, busy and excellent parrilla,” the portions are huge and “sharing is advised.”—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

El Trapiche, Paraguay 5099, 4772 7343

“If you want comfort food in a warm atmosphere complete with friendly service at a great value, **Caseros** is the place. After many meals of steak we were delighted to have fresh, handmade pasta dishes.”—TripAdvisor Member, Atlanta, Ga.

Caseros, Avenida 486, 4307 4729

“Parrilla, charcoal grilled beef and pork are the specialties” at **1880 Parilla**, “a neighborhood grill that oozes authentic historical character.” With 30 pesos, “you will probably leave stuffed and/or tipsy.”—TripAdvisor Member, Buenos Aires

1880 Parrilla, Defensa 1665, 4307 2746

HEALTH-CONSCIOUS



“**Granix** was a great find. I’m not a vegetarian but I welcomed the change from the typical steak and Parrillas. There were a lot of salads, quiches, soups, pastas, lentil milanesas and desserts to choose from.”—TripAdvisor Member

Granix, Florida 165, 4343 4020

“When you need a healthy break from the parillas, **Sudestada Restaurant** is the place! It has a clean, modern feel with a touch of the rustic. I had the curry vegetarian entree, and it was fabulously full of flavor, fresh ingredients and herbs.”—TripAdvisor Member, San Francisco, Calif.

Sudestada Restaurant, Guatemala 5602, 4776 3777

“The menu at **Artemisia** is innovative and diverse. There was a variety of items available, each designed with care. It wasn’t the usual veggie fare. The creativity was impressive.”—TripAdvisor Member

Artemisia, Cabrera 3800, 4863 4242

“...fabulously full of flavor”

HIDDEN GEMS



“**Freud & Fahler** is rustic, yet chic, and the music was perfect. The cooking is inventive and sometimes daring. The presentation is exquisite, and the menu design is artsy and original. One of my favorite restaurants in the whole world.”—TripAdvisor Member, London, England

Freud & Fahler, Gurruchaga 1750, 4833 2153

“Well off the tourist trail, in the middle class barrio of Almagro, **Cafe Las Violetas** has recently been restored “to its former glory days. One of the finest cafes in Buenos Aires,” it serves salads and sandwiches.—TripAdvisor Member

Cafe Las Violetas, Ave. Rivadavia 3899, 4958 7387

“**Sirop** is a fine French restaurant flavored with Argentine influences. The chef clearly uses the best local ingredients, and the portions are more than generous. Try not to consume too much of the delicious bread.”—TripAdvisor Member

Sirop, Vicente Lopez 1661, 4813 5900

SPECIAL EVENTS



Explore the nexus of art and technology at **ArtFutura**. Check out the latest innovations in video games, digital animation and more in exhibits, conferences and performances. (October 21 – 23)

ArtFutura, MALBA (Museum of Latin American Art of Buenos Aires), <http://www.artfutura.org>

Jazz lovers won’t want to miss the **Buenos Aires International Jazz Festival** - six days of cool concerts and jam sessions in a variety of venues throughout the city. (December 1 - 6)

Buenos Aires International Jazz Festival, Various venues, 4315 4265, <http://www.buenosairesjazz.gob.ar>

Tango, theatre and dance combine in a whirlwind of films, performances, workshops and more during the **7th Annual Cambalache Festival**. Be sure to check out the tango-themed celebrations in the surrounding neighborhoods, too. (December 5 – 11)

Cambalache Festival, El Cubo, 3053 Zelaya, 4861 0188, <http://www.festivalcambalache.com.ar>

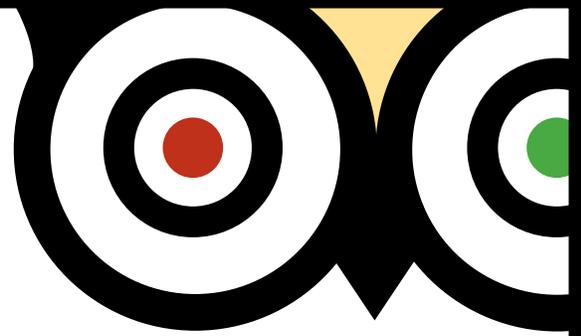
Big names in tennis swing for big bucks, nearly half a million in total, at the annual **ATP Buenos Aires** tennis tournament. (February 20 – 26)

ATP Buenos Aires Tennis Tournament, Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, Olleros 1510, 4772 9227, <http://www.atpworldtour.com>

Catch cutting edge flicks, from shorts to feature films, at the increasingly popular **Buenos Aires International Festival of Independent Cinema**. (April 11 – 22)

Buenos Aires International Festival of Independent Cinema, Various venues, <http://www.bafici.gov.ar>

Where to STAY



FAMILIES

“Don’t let the cool, low-key vibe fool you: the **Palermitano Hotel** is all about personal service. The manager and staff members are incredibly helpful. The design is top notch and cleanliness standards were outstanding.”—TripAdvisor Member, Atlanta, Ga.

Palermitano Hotel, Uriarte 1648, 4897 2100

The **Own Palermo** was “great! Very clean, friendly service and a terrific breakfast. My husband and I had our one year old with us and the hotel set up a pack and play in our room with baby sheets and blankets.”—TripAdvisor Member, Boston, Mass.

Own Palermo Hollywood, Cabrera 5556, Palermo, 4772 8100

“We went to Buenos Aires with our kids, and the **Howard Johnson Recoleta** was just perfect. The hotel staff is excellent and really committed to making guests feel at home.”—TripAdvisor Member, Caracas, Venezuela

Howard Johnson Hotel Boutique Recoleta, Pena 2049, 4800 1992

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ROMANCE

There’s no place like **Home!** “I’ve had the opportunity of staying in many different hotels in the world for business, but I’ve never found a place like Home—wonderfully designed, really cool and with a special care to small details that makes every moment of your stay unforgettable.”—TripAdvisor Member, Lausanne, Switzerland

Home Hotel, Honduras 5860, 4778 1008

“The **Glu Hotel** definitely sticks (sorry) in the mind. From the designer decor to the friendly young staff, it hardly puts a foot wrong.”—TripAdvisor Member, London, England

The Glu Hotel, Godoy Cruz 1733, 4831 4646

“...hardly puts a foot wrong.”

“The **Cabrera Garden Boutique** is small and cozy with a wonderful mix of contemporary art and antique design. Everything is carefully chosen, giving each room a very special atmosphere. Besides the lovely interior, what really makes the place outstanding is the relaxed atmosphere. When entering the door, you feel like you’re diving into another world.”—TripAdvisor Member, Zurich, Switzerland

Cabrera Garden Boutique Guest House, Cabrera 5855, 4777 7668

BUDGET

At **Lola House**, the 2011 Travelers’ Choice Winner for Best Bargain, “the attention and care spent by the staff was outstanding. They were very helpful and gave us a lot of advice, making our trip an unforgettable moment of our lives.”—TripAdvisor Member, Limeira, Brazil

Lola House, Castro Barros 1073, 4932 2139

“You really feel at home at **Solar Soler**. The best part of all is the staff: kind, nice, caring and helpful. All the suggestions they gave us were simply perfect. A true delight.”—TripAdvisor Member, Milan, Italy

Solar Soler Bed & Breakfast, Soler 5676, 4776 3065

“A true delight.”

Posada Gotan is a charming “little inn with five-star hotel service,” in a restored home from 1890.—TripAdvisor Member, Albania

Posada Gotan, Sánchez de Loria 1618, 4912 3807

LUXURY

A TripAdvisor Travelers’ Choice Award winner, the **Four Seasons** will have you feeling “pampered. Their service is very impressive! The rooms are spacious and nice. It’s in the middle of Recoleta, with premier sights, restaurants, cafes, bars and shops in walking distance.”—TripAdvisor Member, Zurich, Switzerland

Four Seasons, Posadas 1086-88, 4321 1200

“**Palacio Duhau** is a wonderful hotel, maybe the best in this amazing city. The service was excellent. The rooms were very comfortable, and the pool is beautiful. The art in the underground floor is cool. Overall, a perfect experience.”—TripAdvisor Member

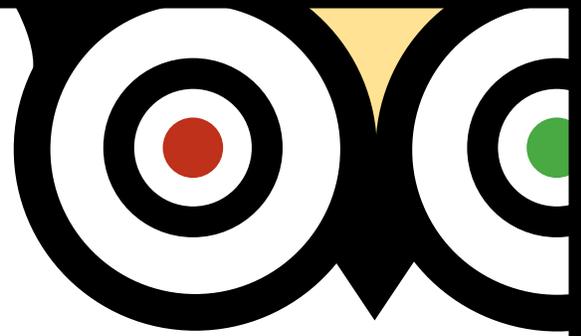
Palacio Duhau - Park Hyatt Buenos Aires, Avenida Alvear 1661, 5171 1234

“We were treated like royalty” at the **Alvear Palace Hotel**. “Everything was wonderful. The lobby bar and breakfast are worthy of special mention - old style glamour.”—TripAdvisor Member, Sydney, Australia

Alvear Palace Hotel, Av. Alvear 1891, 4804 7777

“Old style glamour”

Where to **STAY**



HIDDEN GEMS

“From the moment we arrived at **Hotel Raco**, we felt right at home. The staff were always willing to help make our stay as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. The rooms are tastefully decorated with interesting art.”—TripAdvisor Member, Vancouver, B.C.

Hotel Boutique Raco de Buenos Aires,
Yapeyu 271, 3530 6075

Mine Hotel Boutique “feels like an oasis in the hustle and bustle of Buenos Aires. The atmosphere is relaxed, friendly and tranquil. The design is exceptional, with a lot of attention to detail. The location is fabulous—just the place you want to be, right in the heart of Palermo.”—TripAdvisor Member, Hamburg, Germany

Mine Hotel Boutique, Gorriti 4770,
4832 1100

Miravida Soho “is located in a leafy street in bohemian Palermo Soho, very close to a wonderful array of restaurants, bars and designer shops. The hotel is small, with just six rooms, and occupies a beautifully restored mansion. We ended up feeling very much at home.”—TripAdvisor Member, Zurich, Switzerland

Miravida Soho Hotel and Wine Bar,
Darragueyra 2050, 4774 6433

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