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GENERAL INFORMATION

In Buenos Aires city it is autumn in April; the average temperature is 15°C, the average maximum temperature is 25°C and the average minimum is 12°C. We recommend to wear light clothes and an overcoat.

The Argentine official currency is the peso. There is paper currency of 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and a 100 pesos, and coins of 1 peso and 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents. Currency exchange into pesos can be done in banks and exchange houses. Banks are open from 10 AM to 03 PM. American Express, VISA and Master Card are the most accepted credit cards. The rate of exchange is 3.88 \$/US\$, 5,29\$/euro (as of 2nd March 2010).

If you need to change money at the airport, our recommendation is to go to the Banco de la Nación Argentina, located outside the arrivals hall on the right. We do not recommend to exchange money at the exchange house located at the free shop area.

The alternating current (AC) that provides electric power is of 220V. We suggest bringing an international AC power adapter.

The water of Buenos Aires is drinkable.

Flying to Argentina: Every company that flies to Argentina arrives at the international airport of Ezeiza "Ministro Pistarini", located 37 Km from Buenos Aires city. It is connected to it through the Teniente General Ricchieri throughway.

At the first exit hall, after customs, there are stands offering transfers to the city. The company called Manuel Tienda León provides buses every half an hour from 05.00 AM to 08.30 PM (the price is \$45 and the trip lasts 40 minutes) and remises (rented cars with driver whose price is \$145). Another possibility, outside the mentioned hall, is the Ezeiza taxis stand, whose price is 95\$. Never accept transport services offered by people that are standing in the hall of the airport, but only at the stands. If you arrive from a bordering country, flights may land at the Aeroparque Metropolitano "Jorge Newbery", located 2 km from Buenos Aires city. In that case, it is also convenient to take a remise service at the stands placed at the exit hall.

No vaccination certification is required to enter the country. Public hospitals are free — and available for tourists— and emergencies are dealt with 24 hours a day.

Commercial timetables: banks and exchange houses: Mondays to Fridays from 10.00 AM to 03.00 PM. At shopping centers, working hours are longer. Shops and stores open from 09.00 AM to 08.00 PM; at shopping centres up to 9 or 10 PM. Coffee shops and tearooms are usually open, but from 02.00 AM to 06.00 AM. Restaurants: lunch is mostly served as of midday and dinner as of 7 PM. Some places offer fast food all around the clock. At restaurants and cafes, it is a custom to leave the waiter a 10% tip, as well as to offer a tip to porters at the airport and at hotels.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES TO MOVE IN THE CITY

BUS. The bus is a cheap and fast way to move in the city. There are more than 180 bus lines that travel along the city and they work regularly. In downtown areas they might get stuck because of heavy traffic. Within the city there are three prices: 1.10, 1.20 and 1.25 pesos. You have to buy the ticket on the bus with coins (you should always have coins, you can ask for them in the banks). Timetable: buses work all day long, though their frequency is lower after midnight.

UNDERGROUND. The six lines are connected to the main avenues and the trains and bus stations and they all meet downtown, the main hotels and sightseeing area. Ask for a map with the trips at the ticket windows. Timetable: Mondays to Saturdays from 05.00 or 06.00 AM -depending on the line- to 10.00 or 10.30 PM and Saturdays and holiday from 8.00 or 8.30 AM to 10 PM. Ticket price is \$1.10.

TAXI. You ask for them by telephone or you can take them directly in the streets. Radiotaxis (with radio systems on board) are considered safer. You can take them at any time. They are easily recognizable: their colors are black and yellow, and they have a red light signal above the taximeter that shows that they are free. The price is the result of a starting price plus an additional fee for the distance and the time, and it can be seen at a clock.