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Situated in the southern hemisphere, Argentina is the eighth largest country in the world, and proportionate to its land mass **is the number of opportunities on offer to both citizens of Argentina** as well as foreigners coming to visit or relocate. Exhibiting a vast array of natural beauty, **the Latin American nation is home to one of the most diverse ecosystems** on the planet, whether it is from glaciers in the very south to the

Andes mountains in the west, or sandy beaches in the east to the waterfalls in the north. However, there is far more to offer than landscape alone. With a rich cultural influence from Europe, as well as customs and traditions pertaining to the nation itself, Argentina **presents an exciting social environment of acceptance and diversity**, one where all are welcome and there is something for everyone to be found within its borders.

## Population

45.195.777 hab

## Total area

2.780.400 Km<sup>2</sup>

## Currency

Pesos (ARS)

## GDP (per capita)

US\$9.122

## Languages

Spanish

## Main Industry

Agriculture

## Capital city

Buenos Aires





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## Activities

We have already touched on the potential for adventure that exists in Argentina, and **in this section we will investigate some of the most popular activities that can be done there.**

Firstly, there is a chance to take part in **tango classes** in Buenos Aires. Arguably one of the largest parts of Argentine national culture, characterised the world over for the complicated movements and intimacy of the routines, is made accessible to anyone of any level in the capital city. There are many options, from couples classes to solo classes for men and women respectively, so as to ensure the person taking part can take away the maximum enjoyment, but also learn some steps!

Next up is **polo lessons**. The quality of the polo played in Argentina is the highest in the world, with 9 out of 10 of the best players in the world being Argentine nationals. It is for this reason that the Latin American country is the best place to take lessons and gain an introduction to the sport. We have already touched briefly upon the diversity of the landscape in the nation, and one such subsection of this is vast green space, divided into estancias, where polo schools are often located, making the environment in which you can take lessons as beautiful as the skills you are acquiring.

Again looking deeper into the underlying theme of landscape, Argentina is the home to Andean mountains, where **trekking and hiking is as idyllic as it is challenging**. Tour groups the world over offer programmes, ranging in length, providing guided routes through the region and allowing for a unique experience. While as activities go this is one of the more expensive options, hiking and trekking allows for much needed insight into the parts of a country where the most commonly displayed areas are large urban conurbations.

Another option for those more inclined towards relaxing activities are the different wine tours on offer through provinces renowned globally for their grapes. The main region to follow the **Ruta de Vino or Wine Route**, is Mendoza, where 150,000 hectares of cultivated land produces some of the best wines to be found not only in Latin America, but around the world as well. The wine tours take the form of visiting different vineyards over a period of time determined by the package you choose, and will involve looking around these vineyards as well as tasting different wines, relaxing and taking in some breathtaking scenery at the same time.





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## Places to visit

In this next section we will look at the places and features that make Argentina such a **great location for visitors with an interest in natural landscapes**. With a diverse environment such as we have mentioned before, there comes a plethora of opportunities to experience features the likes of which are unique to Argentina.

## Patagonia

At around **673,000 square kilometers in land area**, Patagonia is larger than many countries, and by implication is full of adventure to be had. Not only this, but there are many cities within the region offering their own range of attractive activities, **including Bariloche and El Calafate**. The climate of the region is typically colder than in other areas of Argentina, for example, in Bariloche, there is a chance to ski in the Southern Andes, while in El Calafate, there is a gateway to the Perito Moreno glacier. On a slightly different note, in Chubut, depending on the time of year in which you choose to visit, there is a chance to venture into the Atlantic Ocean and spot some whales off the coast, a sight which is increasingly rare across the globe and makes the region even more special.

## Iguazu

Situated on the border of Argentina and Brazil and situated within **a national park, the waterfalls of Iguazú are some of the most beautiful natural features in the region as a whole**. The national park element means there is much more to the area than only the falls, and creates an opportunity for an extended trip if you are looking to take longer domestic adventures while in Argentina.







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## Food

Below you will find a list of some of the most traditional Argentine foods and beverages which are must haves on any trip to the Latin American nation:

**Asado:** The national dish, and what most other countries would see as a barbecue on the surface, is actually more of a honed art form, with specialised parrillas designed to cook the meat perfectly.

**Mate:** A traditional herbal tea coming in different levels of strength which takes on a significance on a social level when shared amongst a group. The mate is passed around and topped up with hot water while being sipped through the bombilla, a specially designed filtering straw.

**Dulce de leche:** Sweet and delicious, complementing pastries and puddings of all kinds, dulce de leche is found all across Argentina. It works whether you are having a quick breakfast alone, or included in a cake for a dinner party you are hosting with friends. It is made by caramelising milk and the outcome has taken the world by storm, however, the traditional and delicious jars are to be found on the shelves of Argentine shops during your visit!

**Empanadas:** Similar to a pastry, the empanada consists of a pastry case with a filling. Typically, fillings include different meats and or vegetables, which are then baked in ovens or fried before being served piping hot to the customer. Again a must try in Argentina down to the taste if not anything else!

**Locro:** A stew originating from Argentina, is made from white corn kernels, meat and vegetables. There are various spices that can be added to maximise the flavour and there are different options with regards to the meat and vegetables that can be used while making it. Originating from the Andes Mountains, the dish has a long history and continues to be one of the most popular dishes in the region to this day.

## Entertainment

The Autonomous City of Buenos Aires has other entertainment on offer, **providing you with other options to consider for your evenings in the vibrant city.** Some examples of such venues include:

**1) Teatro Colón**

**2) Centro Cultural Torquato Tasso  
(live tango and music shows)**

**3) Lavalle and Avenida Corrientes are the  
centres for cinema in the city**

**4) Malba (art gallery)**



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## Where to live in Buenos Aires

When making a new start in a foreign country, the neighbourhood where you decide to lay your roots has a profound impact on settling in and becoming comfortable in your new environment. This is the case whether you are staying temporarily or permanently and therefore makes the decision making and research phases all the more important. Below we will outline some of the more expensive places to stay in the city, as well as some more affordable options in order to cover all bases and provide you with as much choice as possible.

### Most expensive neighbourhoods:

- 1) Nordelta (*32 minutes drive to downtown Buenos Aires*)
- 2) Pilar (*39 minutes drive to downtown Buenos Aires*)
- 3) Recoleta (*39 minutes drive to downtown Buenos Aires*)
- 4) Barrio Parque / Palermo Chico (*8 minutes bus ride to downtown Buenos Aires*)
- 5) Palermo (*8 minutes bus ride to downtown Buenos Aires*)

### Affordable neighbourhoods:

- 1) Nuñez (*18 minutes bus ride to downtown Buenos Aires*)
- 2) Vicente Lopez (*18 minutes drive to downtown Buenos Aires*)
- 3) Belgrano (*13 minutes drive to downtown Buenos Aires*)
- 4) San telmo (*in downtown Buenos Aires*)
- 5) Liniers (*17 minute drive to downtown Buenos Aires*)



## Argentina passport

### Benefits

While we have talked about the things to do and places to visit, as well as the foods and drinks to try when you visit Argentina, it is possible you are wanting to travel for more than a holiday, perhaps with relocation in mind instead. If you are indeed considering this option, below you will find some of the advantages associated with the Argentinian passport:

- 1) Visa free access to over 170 countries across the globe
- 2) You can hold the passport as a second nationality, meaning dual nationality is permitted
- 3) Children of citizens in most cases are allowed to also claim Argentine nationality
- 4) As a resident in Argentina, you can apply for citizenship after only two years, a much shorter period than most other countries with citizenship by naturalisation schemes

### Rentist residency

Under the act no 25.871, Dto. 616/2010, Dto. 70/2017 a foreign national who has monthly income of at least USD 1000, may be eligible to apply for a temporary resident visa. The visa has a validity of 1 year, renewable up to 3 years. After that, the resident may apply for permanent residency. After two years of permanent residency, the resident will be eligible for citizenship.

It is required to prove a monthly income of at least **USD 1000** from a guaranteed source. It includes the applicant, his / her spouse, and children under 25 years of age.

You must show proof of your income from investments in foreign banks or companies, or securities issued by banks in the Argentine banking system and purchased with resources from abroad. Additional income might be required to include dependents.

This requirement may be fulfilled making a bank deposit of at least USD 1000 at a local bank.

Rentista Visa holders may establish a business or work on their own, but may not work as employees

The visa has a validity of one year. You can renew the visa on condition that you still meet the requirements, i.e. make another deposit or prove a source of income. After two renewals, you will be eligible for permanent residency.

### Requirements

- Clean criminal record. Police clearance certificate from the countries where you have resided for a period of more than one year during the last three years, together with an affidavit stating a lack of criminal records.
- Entry visa stamp (if proceeding)
- Proof of income from investments in foreign banks or companies, or securities issued by banks in the Argentine banking system.
- Proof of source of funds/income.
- All documents must be duly translated into Spanish.





## Investors residency

Under the act no 25.871, Dto. 616/2010, Dto. 70/2017, an investor visa may be granted to a foreign national who intends to make an investment in Argentina for an amount not less than ARS 1,500,000 (Argentine pesos) in any lawful business engaging in a productive, commercial or service activity. The visa is renewable up to 3 years. After that, the resident may apply for permanent residency. After two years of permanent residency, the resident will be eligible for citizenship.

Prior to application, you must submit an investment project in a productive, commercial or service-oriented business. You must also prove your financial situation and the origin and legality of the funds and their entry to the country by means of banking or financial institutions authorized by the Central Bank of the Argentine Republic (BCRA).

After submission of the investment plan, the Ministry of Industry and Tourism of Argentina will analyze your project and decide whether to approve it or not based on the nature of investment, legal viability and economic-financial sustainability of the project. If the project is approved, you may be eligible to apply for the visa, provided that you perform the investment.

Dependents may be included in the application.

The visa has a validity of one year. You can renew the visa on condition that you still hold the investment. After two renewals, you will be eligible for permanent residency.

### Documents Required

- Affidavit regarding criminal records
- Original Police Clearance Certificate
- Evidence of Residential Address
- One passport-size photo
- Original or Certified copy of Marriage Certificate *(if applicable)*
- Original or Certified copy of Birth Certificate *(if applicable)*
- Statement of Source of Funds
- Investment Plan
- Business Plan
- Curriculum Vitae
- Evidence of Business Background



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