

INTRODUCING BUENOS AIRES



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Sexy, alive and supremely confident, this beautiful city gets under your skin. Like Europe with a melancholic twist, Buenos Aires is unforgettable.

Built by Europeans, this vibrant city overflows with energy and brims with attractive residents called porteños. The food is fresh and innovative, the shopping ranges from designer labels to street hawkers, and nightlife will keep you swinging all night long. Don't miss attending a super passionate *fútbol* game, snatching a quick tango lesson or downing a juicy steak – it's all top-drawer here. And despite a wobbly economy and pesky inflation, Buenos Aires can still be a reasonable deal for anyone with hard currency.

Scratch beneath the surface and you'll find a wealth of old-world cafés, colonial architecture, outdoor markets and diverse communities. Rub shoulders with Recoleta's rich and famous while you visit its fascinating necropolis. Hunt for that antique gem in a dusty San Telmo shop, and wander Boedo's bohemian streets. Rollerblade around Palermo's green parks with the Sunday crowd.

BA is elegant, old-world languor blended with contemporary slickness, whipped together into a unique and seductive city. Come and you'll understand why so many travelers are setting foot in this incredible place. More and more are loving it so much they've even decided to stay – you might be one of them.

BUENOS AIRES LIFE

Glistening humidity, sultry stares and that insanely sexy Spanish – you're in Buenos Aires now and sensuality drips down every corner. Sure, it's a bit of a stereotype, but there's some truth to every generalization.

Porteños are famous for their attractiveness; they are a proud people with a heightened sense of style and self-image. Because of their reputation they may seem a bit glamorized, but they're like most other big-city denizens – they live a typically modern lifestyle, most of them commuting by public transport to their city-center jobs, then they'll spend weekends with family and friends. Try to meet a few – after you get to know them they can be incredibly friendly and open, and once you're in their hearts they'll love you forever.

Buenos Aires has two faces; it's a city that harbors both decline and prosperity. You'll see dirty, neglected buildings even in the bustling heart of the city – yet a definite rebirth has taken hold. Millions of dollars have been sunk into Puerto Madero, while Palermo Viejo's upscale restaurants fill up every weekend. Shopping streets are jammed with people, yet everyone complains about not being able to make ends meet. There's definitely a rich-getting-richer-and-poor-getting-poorer phenomenon going on, so take a good look beneath the surface to get at the truth.

Porteño confidence is always going up and down, but it's hardly out. The economic disaster of 2001 is a fading memory now; the manufacturing industry has awakened with a vengeance, and along with a massive influx of foreign tourists has helped Argentina's economy get on the rebound.

This city is rough, refined and being reborn all at once. The steaks are really that good, the night life is really that rockin', the politicians are really that corrupt and life really does go on – even when everyone thinks they can't handle another pay cut. Porteños are resilient people, and will survive whatever crisis is tossed their way; after all, they've been dealing with uncertainty all their lives. But most importantly, they'll look their damn best doing it.

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Get friendly with all kinds of characters at a street fair (p118) in Caminito, La Boca

HIGHLIGHTS



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THE CENTER

Whether it's the striking European architecture, jam-packed sidewalks, gorgeous porteño residents or speeding buses spewing more than their share of carbon footprints, Buenos Aires' center will leave you breathless – and pleasantly surprised.

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1 Plaza de Mayo

Get an eyeful of sights in this historic plaza (p63)

2 Galerías Pacífico

Shop in top style at BA's French-style mall (p61)

3 Av 9 de Julio

Dare to cross the daunting expanse of 9 de Julio (p71)

4 Casa Rosada

Visit Evita's old offices in BA's pink palace (p64)

5 Calle Florida

Mingle with the masses on the main artery of the Microcentro (p60)



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HOLGER LEUE

PUERTO MADERO

Throw millions and millions of dollars into an old dockside area and shiny new buildings are bound to spring up like mushrooms. Stroll over cobbled lanes, stop for dinner at one of dozens of swish restaurants and take a walk in a nature reserve.



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1 Puente de la Mujer

Snap photos of this modern, harp-like bridge (p68), designed by Santiago Calatrava

2 Dikes

Stroll alongside the picturesque *diques* (dikes) (p68)

3 Reserva Ecológica Costanera Sur

Explore the dirt paths in this ecological reserve (p70)

4 Colección de Arte Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat

Pop into this Rafael Viñoly–designed museum for a dose of high art (p68)

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1 Teatro Colón

Don't miss the backstage tours of the Teatro Colón (p71)

2 Palacio del Congreso

Feed the pigeons in front of Palacio del Congreso (p74)

3 Obelisco

Check out BA's most prominent (and phallic) landmark (p71), designed by Alberto Prebisch

4 Avenida Corrientes

Take in a play on BA's theater strip (p170)



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CRAIG PERSHOUSE

CONGRESO & TRIBUNALES

Brush elbows (or wingtips) with the legal eagles in Buenos Aires' judicial neighborhood, where key landmarks pop up here and there and theatrical culture lights up the night.



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SAN TELMO

Tripping back into the past has never been so much fun. San Telmo delivers with its colonial buildings, cobbled streets, tango themes and antique shops. On Sunday see the barrio's famous antiques street fair, which is so much more than just old stuff.

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1 Classic Eateries

Go back in time at one of San Telmo's many atmospheric hangouts (p129)

2 Feria de San Pedro Telmo

Browse the antiques fair, watch the buskers or just sit at a sidewalk café (p118)

3 Colonial Buildings

Wander along San Telmo's streets and admire its colonial buildings (p75)

4 Tango Shows

Be amazed by high kicks at a tango show (p164)



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LA BOCA

Bright, brash and blue-collar, La Boca stuns with its unusual architecture and outlandish color schemes. Wander through El Caminito, check out some street tango or attend a passion-fueled fútbol (soccer) game at La Bombonera stadium.



ROBERTO GEROMETTA



ANDREW BAIN

1 Fútbol Games

Watch a superpassionate *fútbol* (soccer) game at La Bombonera (p174)

2 Street Tango

Pause to watch a donation tango show (p164)

3 El Caminito

Walk through El Caminito enjoying the street-scape of colorful buildings (p79)

1 Plaza San Martín

Enjoy some midday sun in pleasant Plaza San Martín (p82)

2 Museo de Arte Hispanoamericano Isaac Fernández Blanco

Wander through this exceptional museum, located in a historic mansion (p83)

3 Downtown Retiro

Take a stroll in one of Buenos Aires' ritziest neighborhoods (p82)



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RETIRO

Upscale Retiro is a fine sight, boasting impressive buildings full of aristocrats and a beautiful park dotted with sunbathers on a hot day. Retiro is BA's transportation hub and is home to the city's main train and bus stations.

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RECOLETA & BARRIO NORTE

Spiff up your threads and ready that bank account; it's time to visit Recoleta. Mingle with BA's richest inhabitants on Av Alvear's high-class boutiques, but whatever you do don't miss the Cementerio de la Recoleta – an astounding miniature city of the dead.

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1 Recoleta Cemetery

Find that perfect sarcophagus shot at Cementerio de la Recoleta (p86)

2 La Biela

Sit with Recoleta's royalty at this café (p153)

3 Avenida Alvear

Window-shop or spend up big on this avenue (p111)

4 Feria Plaza Francia

Shop your way between the hippies at this street market (p118)

5 Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes

Wander past the works of European masters and well-known 19th- and 20th-century Argentine artists (p88)

6 Floralís Genérica

Be impressed by this huge metal flower (p86) by architect Eduardo Catalano

PALERMO

Palermo is awesome. It has large grassy parks where you can kick a ball, good museums and great entertainment: sleep in BA's slickest hotels, eat at spectacular restaurants, shop at cutting-edge boutiques and stay up all night at trendy bars.

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1 Jardín Zoológico

Talk to all the animals at the zoo (p95)

2 Top-Notch Restaurants

Eat your way into heaven at Palermo's restaurants (p134)

3 Parque 3 de Febrero

Walk, jog, bike or picnic in Palermo's green park (p90)

4 Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires (Malba)

Gaze at top-drawer art in this beautiful and slick museum (p90)



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MARGIE POLITZER

1 Tigre

Take a break from busy BA and visit this peaceful delta region on a boat tour (p200)

2 Basílica Nuestra Señora de Luján

Gather with the faithful at the basilica in Luján (p205)

3 Punta del Este

See *La Mano en la Arena* sculpture by Mario Irarrázabal at this famous beach resort (p215)

4 Colonia

Stroll Colonia's peaceful cobbled streets and charming buildings (p209)

DAY TRIPS

Ready to escape the big city lights? Then head north to Tigre, where you can cruise the nearby delta channels. And across the Río de la Plata there's cute Colonia and intriguing Montevideo; both just a boat-ride away in Uruguay.



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THE AUTHORS

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Sandra's dad came over from England in 1955, where he'd been studying.

Sandra's parents met and married in Montevideo, Uruguay, and moved to Buenos Aires, where they raised Sandra and her brother Daniel. They lived the carefree porteño life (with *asados* every Sunday) until 1974, when the Baos emigrated to greener pastures - this time the USA - and got into California real estate at just the right time.

Sandra is proud to be a porteña and has regularly returned to her homeland as an adult. As well as writing most of the chapters of this book, over the last decade Sandra has contributed to Lonely Planet's *Argentina* and *South America on a Shoestring*.

SANDRA'S TOP BUENOS AIRES DAY

It's Sunday morning, so like most other porteños I get up around noon - not bad for having stayed up till 5am the night before. I nurse my hangover with *té negro* (black tea) and a couple of *medialunas* (croissants) at the local corner café, then deal with the crazy crowds bustling through San Telmo's antiques market. A refreshing walk sounds perfect on this glorious spring day, so I head over to the Reserva Ecológica Costanera Sur for some bird-watching. After my clearing dose of nature, a visit to Plaza de Mayo and its impressive Casa Rosada is in order. Strolling up Calle Florida means avoiding traffic, so this is what I do, window-shopping all the way (and grabbing a luscious ice-cream cone, too). When I reach the stunning Galerías Pacífico I pop inside for a quick peep at the gorgeous ceiling murals (and take a bathroom break downstairs). Plaza San Martín invites a restful sit-down and makes for some

great people-watching on the grassy lawns. Then I head up Av Alvear into upscale Recoleta, where I wander the crafts stalls before ducking into the cemetery for some quiet reflection and awesome photo ops. After catching the 59 bus to Palermo Viejo I find the stores still open, and go on a shopping spree at clothing boutiques. Soon it's 10pm and time for dinner, so I meet some friends at one of the dozens of fine restaurants in this neighborhood - and start a long night out all over again.

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GETTING STARTED

Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan city (population: over 13 million people in the greater metropolitan area), and you can expect to find pretty much all the modern conveniences and services you're used to. There's a plethora of accommodations in nearly all neighborhoods that are popular with tourists, and they range from countless hostels to five-star hotels such as the Four Seasons. There are also dozens of lovely guesthouses and boutique hotels to choose from. It's always a good idea to reserve ahead of time – especially during the busier November to March and July to August seasons. At other times there are usually a few rooms available at all but the most popular places. That said, don't come to BA during major holidays such as Christmas or Easter without reservations.

BA eateries cater to all budgets – you can nab a *choripán* (spicy sausage sandwich) for just a few pesos, or pay international prices at the most expensive restaurants. As a whole, Argentine cuisine isn't hugely creative – typical fare consists of steak or pasta. Buenos Aires, however, has a fairly good range of (pricier) exotic cuisines, especially in its Palermo Viejo neighborhood.

Most traveler services are easily found in the center, including internet cafés, telephone offices and laundries. It's easy to get from one area to another using the Subte, buses or taxis. Many people speak some English, especially those in the tourist sectors.

WHEN TO GO

In terms of weather, spring (September to November) and fall (March to May) are the best seasons to visit Buenos Aires. Also, most festivals take place during these months, as do a good chunk of sporting events. Winter can be cold but not freezing, and a fine time to visit the city's theaters, museums and cafés.

Many tourists come during the late spring and summer (November to March), though the hottest months of January and February are usually unpleasantly humid. Porteños who can afford it leave the city for the coasts, so some places – like museums and entertain-

ment venues – close down in the capital (January and February are also the worst months to be doing business here). However, no matter what time of year you visit, BA will have something exciting to offer.

FESTIVALS

There are festivals happening in Buenos Aires all the time, and they celebrate nearly everything – tango, horses, gauchos, cinema, art, wine, fashion and books. Check with tourist offices (p232) for exact dates as some vary from year to year; they can also tell you of other goings-on (or check www.festivales.gov.ar). See p226 for a list of national holidays.

ADVANCE PLANNING

Buenos Aires has become a popular destination, so book your hotel in advance to ensure a roof above your head. In fancier hotels you'll also save a few bucks off those outrageous rack rates.

Most restaurants don't require advance reservations, but if you want to eat at a popular place (especially on weekends) then be sure to call ahead. We note in individual reviews whether reservations are recommended at a particular place; in general, the fancier a restaurant the more likely you'll need a reservation.

Some websites can help you plan ahead and catch special events: Visit www.whatsupbuenosaires.com for hip music happenings, or www.bue.gov.ar for general information and upcoming events. To find reviewed restaurants see www.saltshaker.net (or www.guiatoleo.com.ar if you read Spanish).

If you're a do-it-yourselfer with an MP3 player and don't need a tour guide but would still appreciate some guidance, check out www.mptours.com. You can download unique self-guided tours and maps of BA neighborhoods for US\$4.99 each, walking, stopping and listening at your leisure. The city website (www.bue.gov.ar/audioguia; both in English and Spanish) also has free downloads.

Finally, pack some smart clothing in your bag. Porteños are a well-dressed and well-groomed lot, and you'll definitely stick out as a tourist in loud shirt, shorts and flip-flops (in fact, porteños hardly ever wear shorts at all unless they're working out). Especially if you're going out at night, dress nicely – everyone else will.

February

CARNAVAL

Usually occurring in February, Buenos Aires' Carnival is a tiny affair compared to Rio's or Bahia's, but there's still a chance to be clobbered by water balloons and canned foam. This is a great time to catch some Brazilian-flavored *murga* groups (traditional Carnival ensembles), with dancing and drumming around Plaza de Mayo. If you want something with more oomph, head to Gualeguaychú in Entre Ríos province. Montevideo (p212) in Uruguay also has a good Carnival. Future dates are February 18-21, 2012 and February 9-12, 2013.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Yes, Buenos Aires has a Chinatown, but blink and you'll miss it. Check it out in Belgrano on Arribeños street; it's only about four blocks long and fairly tame as far as big-city Chinatowns go, but New Year's is a lively time and worth heading up here for food, firecrackers and festivities. Dates depend on the lunar calendar; it'll be on January 23 in 2012 and February 10 in 2013.

BUENOS AIRES FASHION WEEK

www.bafweek.com

Buenos Aires' fashion-design scene has skyrocketed in the last decade, and these four days of clothing stalls and catwalk action show off the city's latest threads and their makers. It takes place at Palermo's La Rural in late February (fall collection) and in mid-late August (spring collection). Plenty of models and other beautiful people of BA attend – bring out the voyeur in yourself.

April

FERIA DEL LIBRO

www.el-libro.org.ar

Buenos Aires' annual book fair is one of the top book expos in the world, attracting tens of thousands of book lovers for three weeks in April and May. It features famous authors doing readings and signing books; many books are also sold at a discount. Most exhibitors (publishers) come from Latin America, but there are also displays from countries like England, China, France, Ukraine, Norway and Armenia. Look for it at the La Rural building in Palermo.

FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE CINE INDEPENDIENTE

www.bafici.gov.ar

This mid-to-late-April independent film festival highlights both national and international independent films, with awards given out in separate categories; guest directors and actors are invited. Over a hundred films are screened in the city's cinemas, with a main venue being the Abasto shopping mall (p97).

May

ARTE BA

www.arteba.com

This exciting event held in mid to late May features exhibitions from hundreds of art galleries, dealers, institutions and organizations in Buenos Aires, with both national and international contemporary art on display. Conferences, presentations and discussions make the rounds, and young new artists get key exposure. It all takes place at Palermo's La Rural building.

July

EXPOSICIÓN DE GANADERÍA, AGRICULTURA E INDUSTRIA AGRICOLA (LA RURAL)

www.exposicionrural.com.ar

This is the mother of all livestock fairs, where prize cows, sheep, goats, horses and – most especially – bulls, all strut their stuff. Agricultural machinery is also highlighted, and gaucho shows provide entertainment. It takes place for two weeks in late July to early August at Palermo's La Rural building.

August

FESTIVAL Y MUNDIAL DE TANGO

www.mundialdetango.gob.ar

Taking place in mid-August, this two-week-long tango festival is spread out geographically all over the city and offers a great way to see some of the country's best tango dancers and musicians do their thing. There's a world-class dance competition, where international couples compete fiercely for this most prestigious trophy and title to 'the world's best tango dancers'. Plenty of classes and workshops also take place.

September

VINOS Y BODEGAS

www.expovinosybodegas.com.ar

A can't-miss event for wine aficionados, with vintage from dozens of Argentine *bodegas* (wineries). Mix with thousands of sommeliers, restaurateurs, journalists and general wine-lovers at Palermo's La Rural building. Occurs in mid-late September; expect cooking demonstrations and live music too.

LA SEMANA DEL ARTE EN BUENOS AIRES

www.lasemanadelarte.com.ar

In late September dozens of cultural centers, museums and art galleries all over BA open their doors for a mega-event that highlights some of the best contemporary artists in the country. Mediums include everything from etchings to photographs to paintings, while conferences, concerts and special gallery nights also come with the package. All activities are free of charge.

CASA FOA

www.casafoa.com

This is the city's top-notch architecture, design and landscape fair, which runs from October through November and showcases local and international trends. Each year a different dilapidated location is picked and rehabbed into an amazing venue; in 2010 it was a three-storey building in San Telmo.

October

FESTIVAL BUENOS AIRES DANZA CONTEMPORÁNEA

www.buenosairesdanza.gov.ar

Contemporary dance gets four days to shine in Buenos Aires at this biennial celebration (every even-numbered year), with productions by Argentine choreographers and dancers and including some international guest artists. Performances, seminars and workshops take place in the city's cultural centers and theaters.

MARATÓN DE BUENOS AIRES

www.maratondebuenosaires.com

In October long-distance runners can go the whole 42km, passing many of BA's famous landmarks and neighborhoods along the way. Parque Roca, north of the center, marks the start and finish line; there's a half-marathon option also.

PEPSI MUSIC FESTIVAL

www.pepsimundo.com/argentina/pepsimusic

Hugely popular, 10-day-long international music festival showcasing dozens of bands from Argentina and beyond; in 2010 the front headliners were Green Day and Rage against the Machine. Expect several kinds of music – rock, Argentine rock, indie, punk, reggae and even possibly a little electronica.

November

GRAN PREMIO NACIONAL

www.palermo.com.ar

In mid-November the country's biggest horse race takes place in Palermo's opulent and French-styled hipódromo (p176). First held in 1884, this is a fine event that not only attracts the well-to-do and celebrity-watchers, but regular families as well. Watch for the *granaderos* (presidential horseback guards) in their impressive outfits, marching around for the crowds.

MARCHA DEL ORGULLO GAY

www.marchadelorgullo.org.ar

It's nothing like San Francisco's or Sydney's, but BA has its own gay pride march. Each year on the first Saturday in November, thousands of BA's gays, lesbians, transgenders and more strut their way from Plaza de Mayo to the Congreso. They use this high-profile event to promote their rights, and each year the colorful party gets bigger – the march was first held in 1992. Gay Pride Week follows later in November.

DÍA DE LA TRADICIÓN

This is the closest thing to traditional gaucho culture you'll probably witness, with folk music and dancing, traditional foods and feats of horsemanship. The best place to be during these mid-November festivities is San Antonio de Areco (p206), Argentina's ground zero for gauchos and a day trip away from BA. If you can't get away, head to the Feria de Mataderos (p118), way west of center in the barrio of Mataderos. For exact dates (they change yearly) call Areco's tourist office (p208).

LA NOCHE DE LOS MUSEOS

www.lanochedelosmuseos.com.ar

This one-night, mid-November sees over a hundred museums, galleries and cultural spaces open their doors for free from 7pm to around 3am; there are guided tours, special

shows, music festivities and even free buses that whisk visitors between the venues.

December

CAMPEONATO ABIERTO ARGENTINO DE POLO

Argentina boasts the world's best polo (see p176), and the Abierto is the world's premier polo event. This series of matches also marks the culmination of the spring polo season. It takes place at Palermo's Campo Argentino de Polo. For exact dates and details, contact the [Asociación Argentina de Polo](http://www.aapolo.com) (☎ 4777-6444; www.aapolo.com).

CAMPEONATO ABIERTO ARGENTINO DE PATO

Steeped in gaucho culture, *pato* (see p176) is still not quite the national sport of Argentina it claims to be. A six-handled, leather-covered ball (originally a dead duck) is the center of attention. Don't miss this spectacle; it's cool and quirky as hell. For details, contact the [Federación Argentina de Pato](http://www.fedpato.com.ar) (☎ 4372-0180; www.fedpato.com.ar).

BUENOS AIRES JAZZ FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL

www.buenosairesjazz.gob.ar

BA's biggest jazz festival takes place over five days all over the city, attracting over 35,000 spectators. Jazz musicians of all kinds are featured – emerging and established, avant-garde and traditional, national and international. Concerts and films also take place.

COSTS

In the last 10 years Argentina has gone from being a very expensive country to a sudden bargain destination to a not-as-cheap-as-it-was kind of place. Today the peso hovers around four to one US dollar, but Argentina is an economically volatile country and things could change quickly. It's always wise to check what that pesky peso is doing (see www.xe.com).

Despite a steep rise in inflation the past few years, Buenos Aires remains a decent deal for visitors with hard currency. Dorm beds can be had for US\$12, and cheap hotel rooms go for around US\$60. Three-star hotels are US\$90, and if you book online you might be able find a five-star one for under US\$200.

Dinners at upscale restaurants, including appetizer, main course and drinks, often cost under US\$25; lunches are cheaper, espe-

HOW MUCH?

Cup of coffee at *café* AR\$10-12

Glass of *chopp* (draft beer) AR\$14

Empanada (meat pie) AR\$4

Steak dinner AR\$50

Internet use per hour AR\$5

Average taxi ride AR\$30

Liter of gasoline AR\$4

Movie ticket AR\$20-25

Group tango class AR\$35

Fancy tango show ticket with dinner AR\$400

cially when you order the *menu ejecutivo* (set lunch). Bus or Subte tickets are US\$0.30 and short taxi rides under US\$8. Entry to museums, theaters, nightclubs and special events is just a few bucks. You could spend US\$125 per day and be quite comfortable. So while BA isn't the bargain it once was, it's still a big exciting city and an affordable place to visit.

INTERNET RESOURCES

The following are just a sampling of websites devoted to Argentina; all are in English or have an English link:

www.argentinaindependent.com Great well-written articles on Argentina current affairs and culture, plus online directory, events listing and musings about expat life.

www.argentinepost Useful wide-ranging articles on BA and Argentina.

www.baexpats.org & www.bainnewcomers.org Popular expat websites.

www.bainsidermag.com Reviews and the essentials about expat life in BA.

www.bue.gov.ar The city's official website.

www.buenosaires.en.craigslist.org Find an apartment, a job and/or a lover.

www.buenosairesherald.com The *Buenos Aires Herald's* view of the country and the world.

www.landingpadba.com Fun insider facts on living in Buenos Aires, plus all the basic info and a booking service as well.

www.lonelyplanet.com Forums, travel news, recent updates, postcards from other travelers and lots more.

www.saltshaker.net Best for its detailed restaurant reviews.

www.thegayguide.com.ar All things gay in BA.

www.whatsupbuenosaires.com Current happenings, especially for music.

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