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SLEEPING

Buenos Aires' huge tourist boom, which began in 2002 after the Argentine peso plummeted, has seen the city's accommodation options increase exponentially to keep up with demand. There's a good range of international five-star hotels, such as Hilton, Park Hyatt and Four Seasons. Budget and midrange hotels are common, and many have upgraded their facilities. Boutique hotels and intimate guesthouses have mushroomed in neighborhoods like San Telmo and Palermo, and hostels are a dime a dozen. You shouldn't have trouble finding the type of place you're looking for, but it's a good idea to make a reservation beforehand – especially during any holidays or the busy summer months of November through February.

Many places will help you with transportation to and from the airport if you reserve ahead of time. The most expensive hotels will take credit cards, but cheaper places may not (or may levy a surcharge for them). Some kind of breakfast, whether it be continental or buffet, is included at most hotels, guesthouses and hostels; the same goes for internet access, wi-fi and air-con. It's always a good idea to ask beforehand if you need any amenity or service in particular.

Smoking is not generally allowed in any pubic hotel spaces, though some hotels have smoking rooms. Boutique hotels, guesthouses and hostels usually only allow smoking in their outside spaces.

The following accommodations are listed from most expensive to most affordable. For more information see p223.

THE CENTER

Buenos Aires' center, being right in the middle of things, has the most business-type accommodations in the city. Towards the north you'll be close to the popular pedestrian streets of Florida and Lavalle, as well as the neighborhoods of Retiro and Recoleta (and their upscale boutiques). The Plaza de Mayo area contains the bustling banking district and many historic buildings, and is within walking distance to San Telmo. During the day the whole area is very busy, but nights are much calmer as businesspeople flee the center after work. Don't expect creative cuisine in this area – for that you'll have to head to Palermo.

PANAMERICANO HOTEL & RESORT Man n62 Hotel \$\$\$

a 4348-5000; www.panamericano.travel;
 Carlos Pellegrini 551; d AR\$1360;
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Your finest moment at this five-star hotel will likely be looking down on Av 9 de Julio from the 23rd-floor solarium, fresh from a dip in the pool. The 360 good-sized rooms are elegant, boasting ultramodern touches like designer toilets, electric curtain openers and safe boxes large enough for laptops (including a plug for them, too). Also on

the premises are the highly regarded restaurant Tomo I, golf-course simulators and an atmospheric smoking pub. Book online for big discounts.

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Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 4331-0091; www.562buenosaires.com; Av Julio Roca 562; d AR\$905; ᠍□ ⑤; ⑥ Línea E Bolívar Elegant and sophisticated designs and earth-tone colors make this four-star hotel a hip, upscale choice in the Plaza de Mayo area. The good-sized rooms aren't super luxurious but rather simple, elegant and atmospherically lit, featuring hardwood floors and contemporary flavor. There's no restaurant, but the lobby bar will at least keep you hydrated.

CLARIDGE HOTEL Map p62 Hotel \$\$5

② 4314-2020; www.daridge.com.ar; Tucumán 535; d AR\$640; ᠌ □ ⑤ 甂; ④ Línea B Florida
One of downtown BA's oldest and finest hotels, the Claridge also features a relatively grand entrance and lobby for the area,

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