



Buenos Aires

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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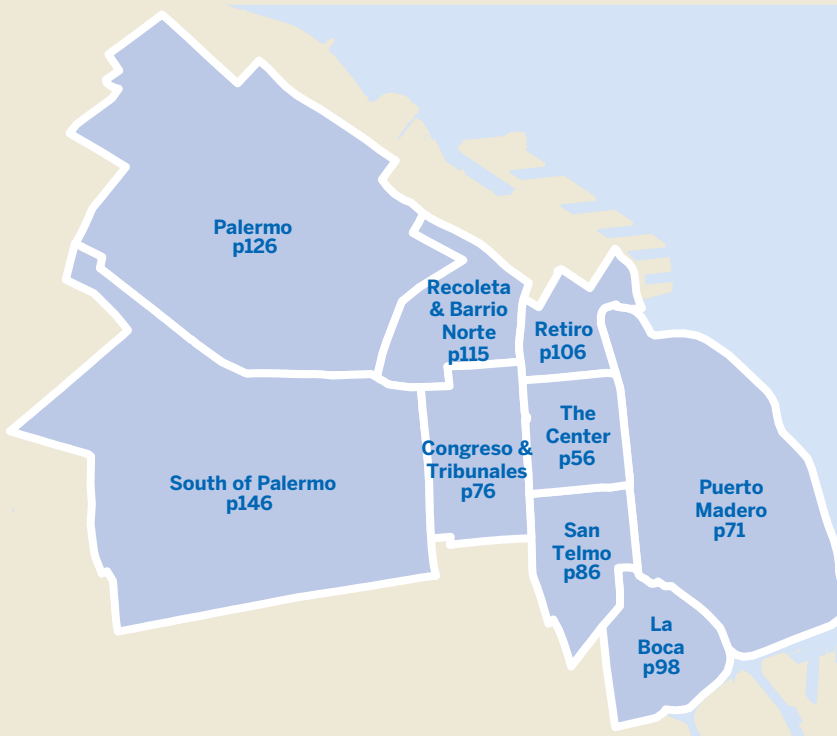
(left) Obelisco, Plaza de la República (p79)

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(right) *Floralis Genérica* sculpture by Eduardo Catalano, Recoleta (p119)



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Top Itineraries

Day One

The Center (p56)



From leafy Plaza San Martín, walk south on pedestrian Florida and experience masses of people shopping, busking, selling or just power-walking to their next destination. You'll eventually come within a block of **Plaza de Mayo**, the heart of Buenos Aires. This historic plaza is surrounded by **Casa Rosada**, **Catedral Metropolitana** and **Museo del Cabildo**.



Lunch Outside seating and fresh offerings at the Central Market (p75).

Puerto Madero (p71)



Lined with renovated old brick warehouses, Puerto Madero is replete with fancy lofts and apartment towers, plus some of the city's most expensive (and some say overpriced) restaurants. It's a very scenic and pleasantly vehicle-free place to stroll the cobbled paths along the dikes. Art lovers shouldn't miss **Colección de Arte Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat**, highlighting the collection of Argentina's wealthiest woman. For a shot of nature, visit **Reserva Ecológica Costanera Sur**, a land-filled wetlands.



Dinner Casual and excellent Peruvian can be had at Chan Chan (p81).

Congreso & Tribunales (p76)



Take in an opera, ballet or classical-music show at **Teatro Colón**, Buenos Aires' premier theater. The traditional entertainment district of **Av Corrientes** still hops these days, showcasing many films, art events and plays.

Day Two

San Telmo (p86)



Stroll through this colonial neighborhood's cobbled streets and window-shop for antiques. Come on a Sunday, when the famous **Feria de San Telmo** street market takes over the neighborhood. Book a tour to the stunning **El Zanjón de Granados** for a peek into the city's origins.



Lunch A sidewalk table at Bar Plaza Dorrego (p92) for great people-watching.

La Boca (p98)



The colorful corrugated houses along **El Caminito** are indeed photogenic, though this area is a bit of a tourist trap. It's still fun, however; check out the souvenir shops and artists' paintings and perhaps catch a street-tango show. Art lovers shouldn't miss **Fundación Proa**, a cutting-edge gallery, while soccer fans can head to La Bombonera stadium and visit the Boca team's **Museo de la Pasión Boquense**. But whatever you do, don't stray too far from the tourist hordes; La Boca is at times a rough neighborhood.



Dinner Try exceptional international cuisine at Café San Juan (p91).

San Telmo (p86)



Catch a tango show at **El Viejo Almacén**, a long-running venue. Or go drinking at one of the many great watering holes in the area, from **Gibraltar** (an English pub) to **Doppelgänger** (an upscale cocktail bar).

Day Three

Recoleta & Barrio Norte (p115)



Explore Recoleta's famous **cemetery**; you can wander for hours among the crumbling sacrophagi and marble angels. It's a veritable city of the dead, fascinating and mysterious; to seek out Evita's tomb, just follow everyone else.



Lunch *Empanadas* at El Sanjuanino (p120), one of the few cheap eateries.

Recoleta & Barrio Norte (p115)



Check out the **Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes**, Argentina's top classic arts museum. Just north is the cool sculpture **Floralis Genérica**, a giant metal flower whose petals open during the day and close at night (when the gears are working!). And if you've got the bucks, the city's most expensive boutiques are along **Av Alvear**, worth a stroll to also eyeball some huge old mansions. Visit **Museo de Arte Hispanoamericano Isaac Fernández Blanco** and **Palacio Paz**, in nearby



Dinner Looking for the locals? Then head to classic Rodi Bar (p119).

Retiro, if you like gorgeous palaces filled with antiques.

Recoleta & Barrio Norte (p115)



Time to drink up: **Milión** is a bar-restaurant in a beautiful old mansion, **Casa Bar** is a sports pub popular with expats, and **La Biela** is a traditional

Day Four

Palermo (p126)



Walk (or take a bike ride) along Palermo's **Parque 3 de Febrero**, where you can also visit a zoo, botanical garden and Japanese garden. Bike paths are laced throughout, and on Sunday the ring road around the Rose Garden is closed to vehicles.



Lunch Malba's (p128) cafe-restaurant has a great patio for sunny days.

Palermo (p126)



Visit **Malba**, a beautiful and contemporary art museum showcasing the collection of art patron Eduardo F Costantini. The **Museo Nacional de Arte Decorativo** is another must-see; it's a beaux arts mansion that once belonged to a Chilean aristocrat, and is full of his posh belongings. Finally, Evita fans can't miss **Museo Evita**, which chronicles the life of



Dinner For an excellent steakhouse, get a table at Don Julio (p132).

Argentina's most internationally famous woman.

Palermo (p126)



Palermo is nightlife central. There are dozens of bars to check out, and people come from all over to dance at the famous clubs here. For outdoor action, head to **Plaza Serrano**, which is surrounded by restaurants and bars, along

Buenos Aires Maps

Map Legend

Sights

- Beach
- Buddhist
- Castle
- Christian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery
- Ruin
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo
- Other Sight

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Sports & Activities

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- U-Bahn
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- Freeway
- Primary
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- Tertiary
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- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
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- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour Detour
- Path

Boundaries

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- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Geographic

- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Hydrography

- River/Creek
- Intermittent River
- Swamp/Mangrove
- Reef
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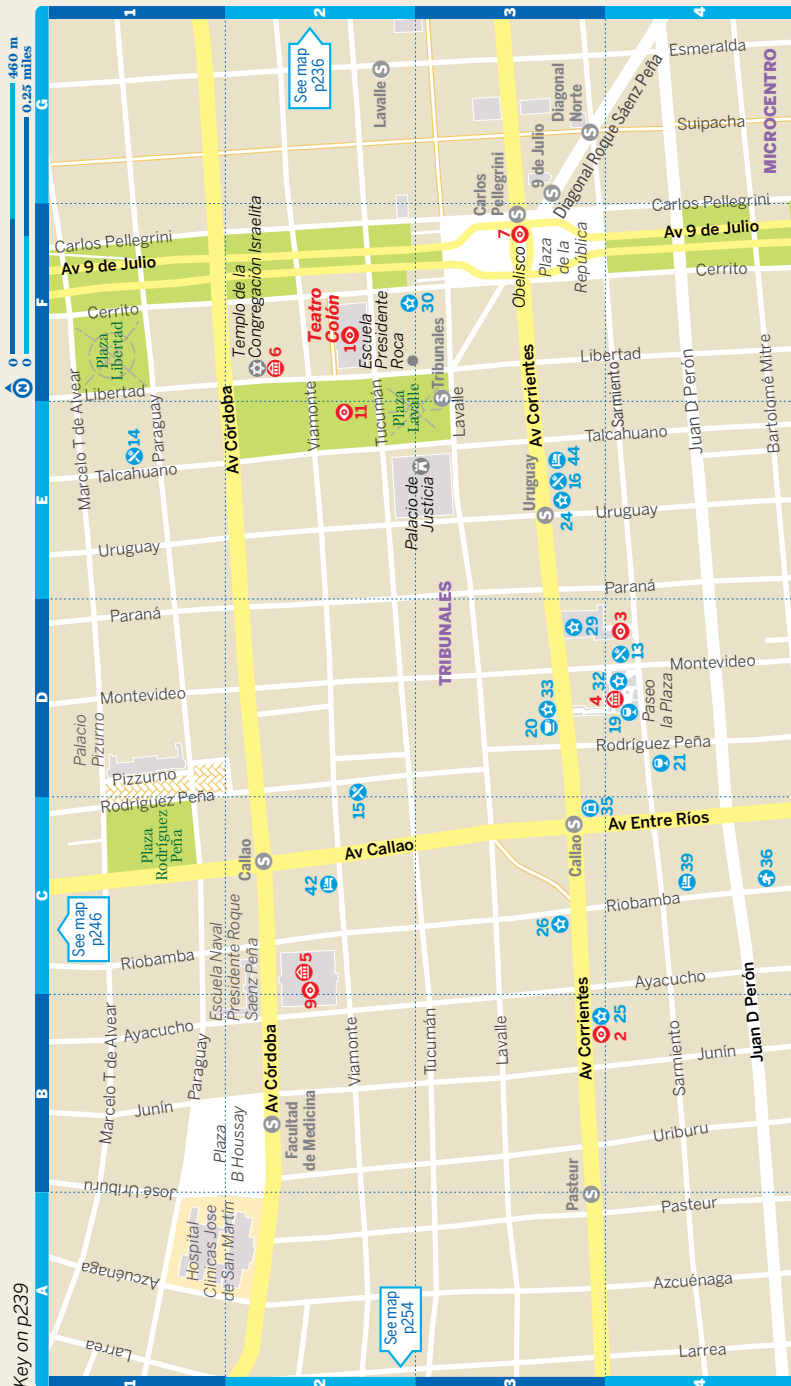
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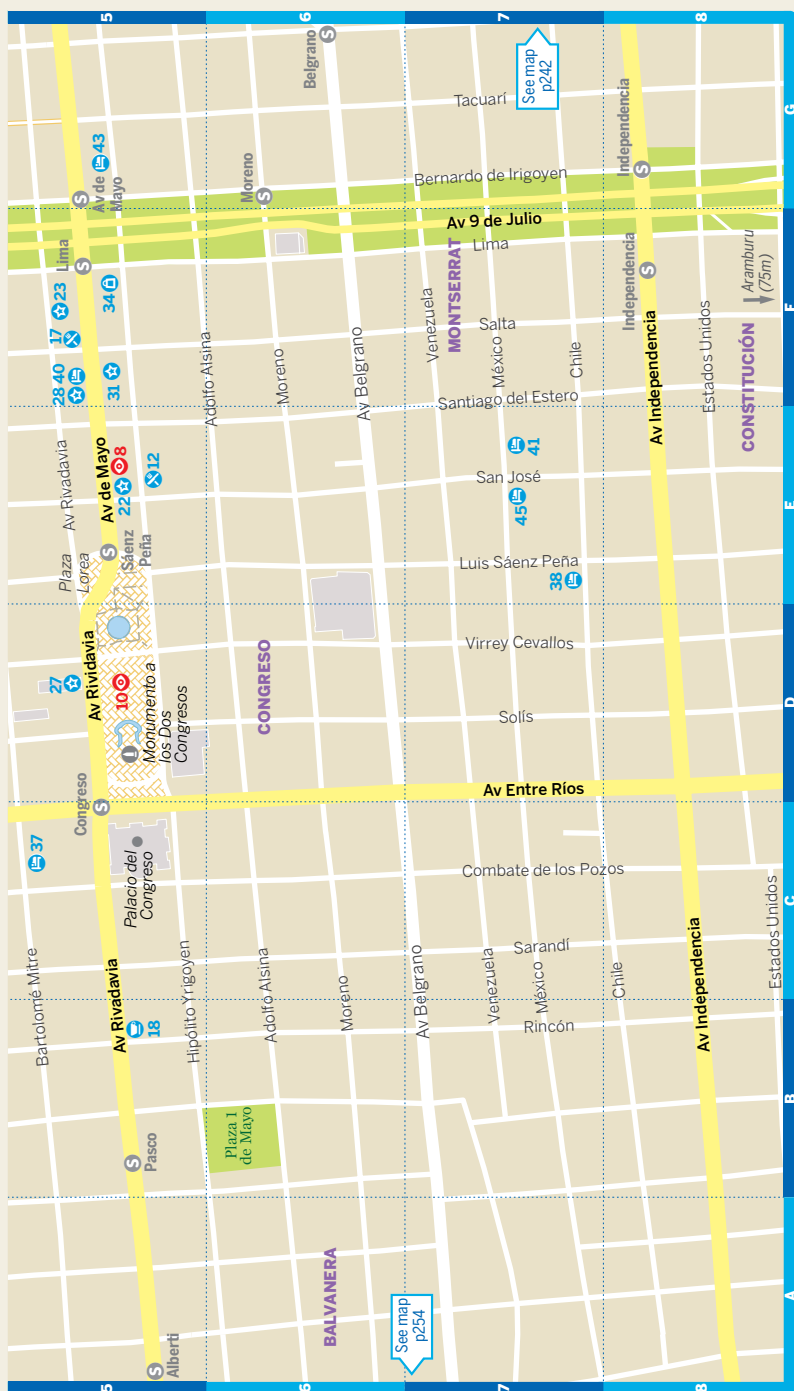
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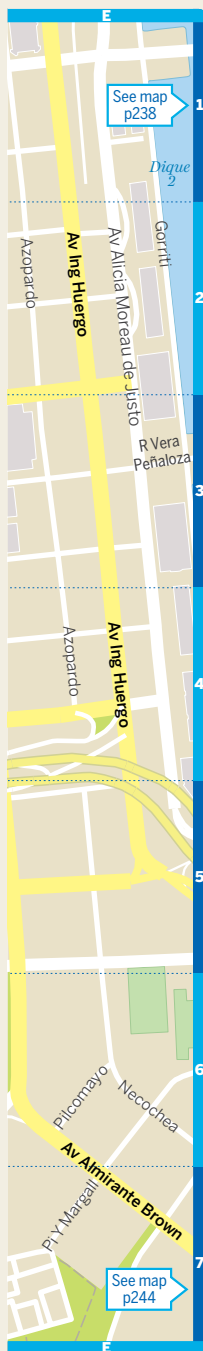
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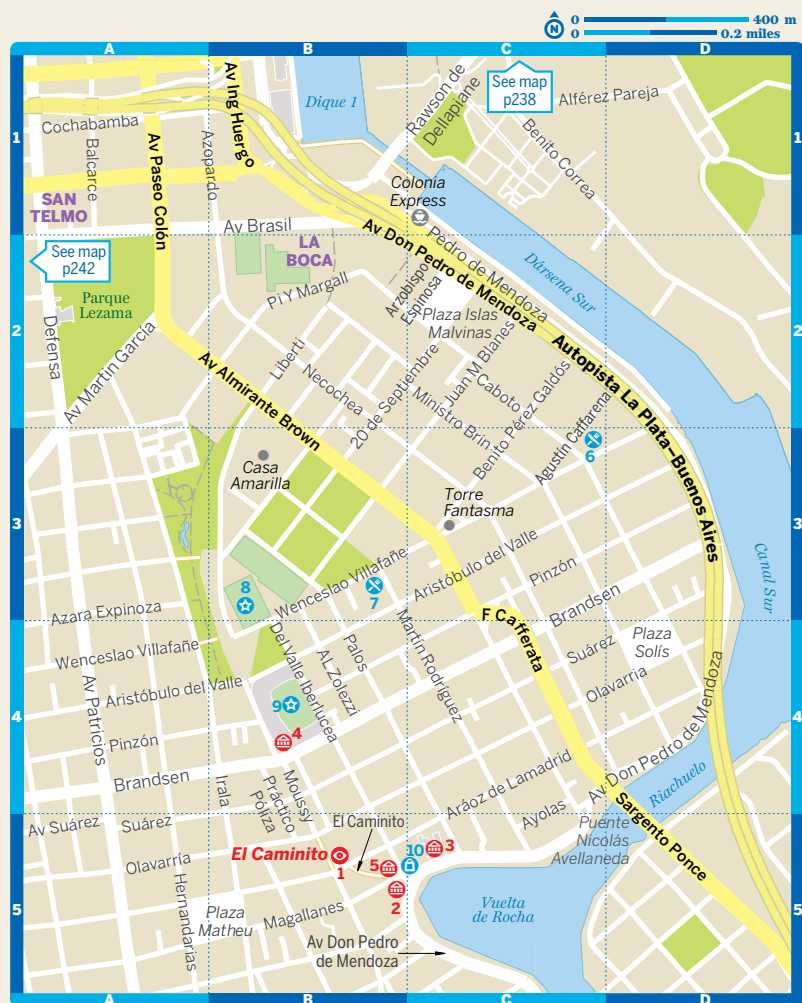
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| 3 | Centro Cultural Recoleta..... | D4 |
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| 19 | Tea Connection..... | C5 |
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Entertainment

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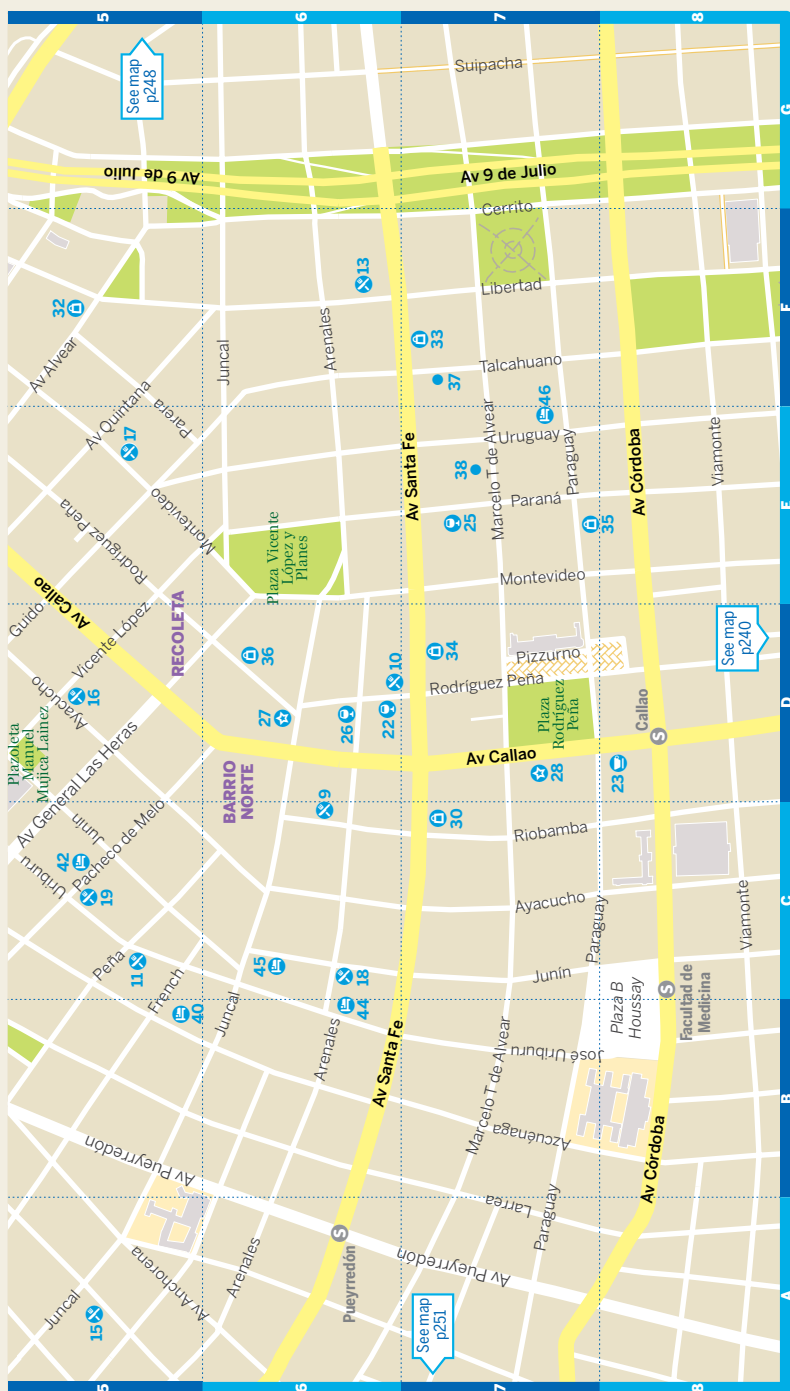
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RETIRO





Top Sights		Drinking & Nightlife	
1	Palacio PazC5	20	Buller Brewing CompanyE5
2	Basílica de Santísimo SacramentoD5	21	Café RetiroD3
3	Edificio KavanaghD5	22	Druid InE4
4	Monumento a los Caídos de MalvinasD4	23	Florería AtlánticoB3
5	Museo de ArmasC5	24	Florida GardenD5
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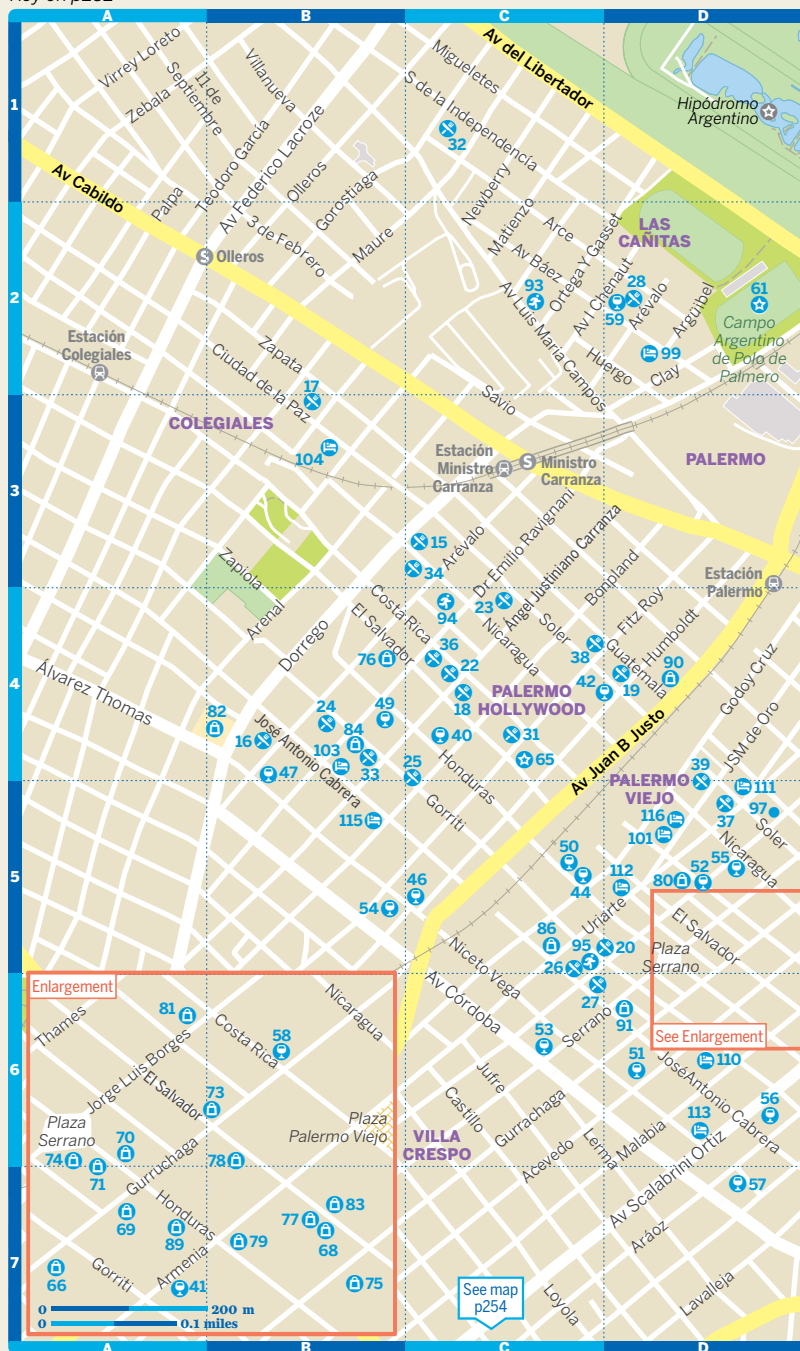
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- 8** Museo de Arte Popular José Hernández H4
- 9** Museo de Artes Plásticas Eduardo Sívori F2
- 10** Museo Evita F4
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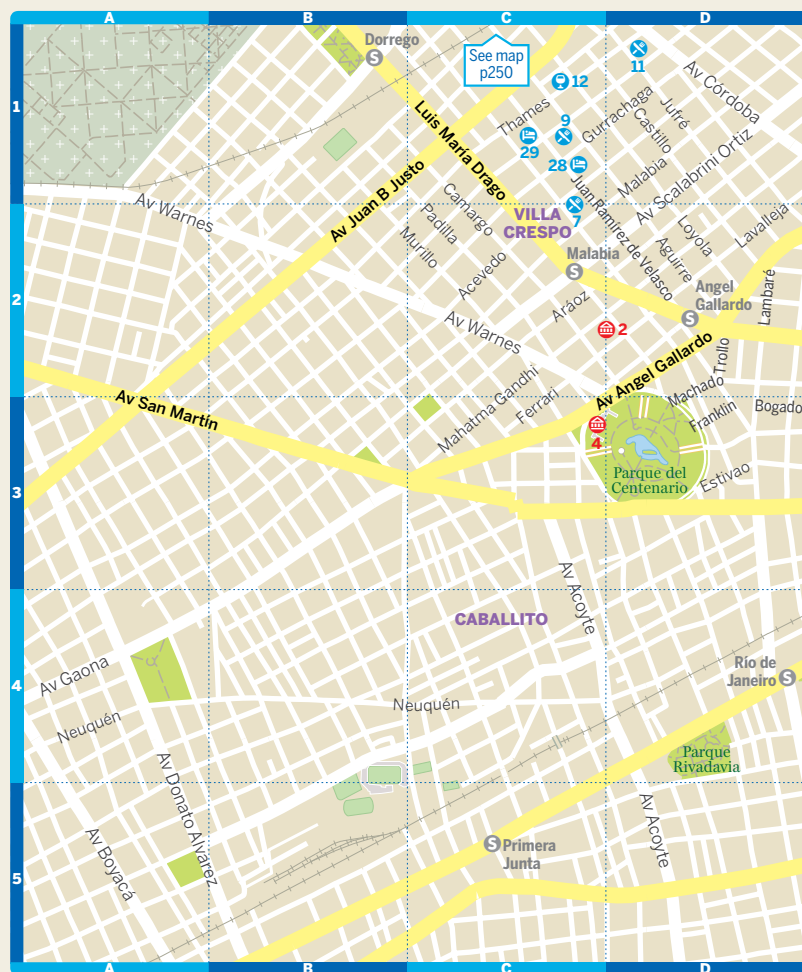
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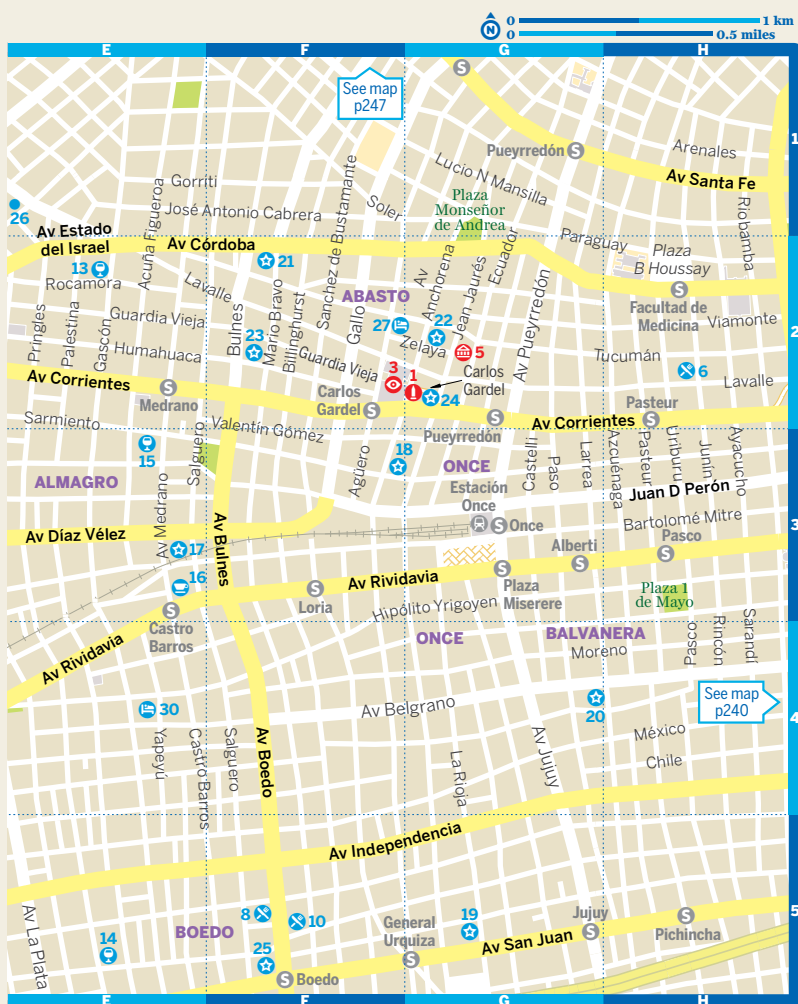
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