

# Palermo

## Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Checking out the contemporary artwork at **Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires** (p128), a modern glassy museum where you can commune with Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo.
- 2 Bicycling, jogging, rollerblading or just walking along the paths at **Parque 3 de Febrero** (p129).
- 3 Eating your way through the dozens of ethnic restaurants in **Palermo Viejo** and **Las Cañitas** (p132).
- 4 Visiting **Museo Evita** (p130) to get the scoop on Argentina's most famous international woman.
- 5 Shopping the **designer clothing boutiques** and other fun shops in Palermo Viejo (p138).



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## Explore: Palermo

Most of Palermo's museums are located near its green parks. They're spread out over this large neighborhood, so give yourself plenty of time to see them. Museo Evita, Museo Nacional de Arte Decorativo and Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires (Malba) all have pleasant cafe-restaurants with outdoor areas, great for taking a relaxing lunch or snack break.

Palermo Viejo, the city's most trendsetting neighborhood, is roughly bounded by Santa Fe, Scalabrini Ortiz, Córdoba and Dorrego. It's further divided into Palermo Hollywood (north of the train tracks) and Palermo Soho (south of the tracks), both full of old buildings, leafy sidewalks and cobbled streets. These areas have BA's best cutting-edge restaurants, along with trendy bars and nightclubs; Plaza Serrano has dozens of sidewalk tables and heaves with crowds on weekends.

Buenos Aires' most famous fashion designers have opened up dozens of boutiques here, and there are many fancy housewares stores and other themed shops. It's not the cheapest place to shop, but likely the most fun – wear comfortable shoes as you'll be walking a lot.

Another popular but much smaller neighborhood in Palermo is further north in Las Cañitas; it occupies a wedge of blocks close to the polo grounds. It's mostly a residential area on the border with Belgrano and named after the fields of sugar cane that used to grow here. The only sweet things here now, however, are the luscious desserts at the dozens of restaurants on Av Báez, the main business street. Just a few blocks long, it's densely packed with eateries, bars, cafes and even a club or two, and it positively buzzes at night.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Shopping** Trendy locals dress up to be seen fashionably shopping Palermo's fancy boutiques.
- ➔ **Nightlife** Young, hip *porteños* wait until after midnight to congregate at bars, and after 2am head out to the clubs.
- ➔ **Sunny Weekends** Local families grab their strollers and head to the Jardín Zoológico (p130) for a day of animal-watching.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Bus** Take buses 29, 59, 64 and 152 from the Microcentro to Plaza Italia; bus 39 from Congreso to Palermo Viejo; bus 111 from the Microcentro to Palermo Viejo.
- ➔ **Subte** Línea D is the fastest way to Palermo's Plaza Italia area.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Grab a bike, along with a good lock and helmet, and make use of the miles of protected bike paths along Palermo's green parks. It's a great way to see the area's many spread-out sites while breathing in some fresh air and getting exercise. The bike paths also exist within Palermo Soho and Hollywood. Bike rentals are available at a few bike-touring companies and on nice weekends near Av de la Infanta Isabel and Av Pedro Montt (p207).

## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Hernán Gipponi Restaurant (p135)
- ➔ Oviedo (p132)
- ➔ Don Julio (p132)
- ➔ Las Pizarras (p132)

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## Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Verne (p135)
- ➔ Frank's Bar (p135)
- ➔ Magdalena's Party (p136)
- ➔ Home Hotel (p136)

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## Best Museums

- ➔ Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires (p129)
- ➔ Museo Nacional de Arte Decorativo (p130)
- ➔ Museo Evita (p130)

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