

Belgrano, Nuñez & the Costanera Norte

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Neighborhood Top Five

1 Espacio Memoria y Derechos Humanos

(p124) Visiting the sobering Sitio de Memoria ESMA, now a memorial museum dedicated to the victims of the military dictatorship of 1976 to 1983.

2 La Glorieta (p126)

Dancing the tango – or watching it – at the most romantic *milonga* in BA.

3 Parque de la Memoria

(p125) Taking a stroll next to the river at this park on the Costanera Norte.

4 Parque Norte (p126)

Cooling off in the complex of swimming pools.

5 Museo Larreta (p124)

Eyeballing classic Spanish art at the elegant former mansion of Hispanophile novelist Enrique Larreta.



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Bustling Av Cabildo, the racing heartbeat of Belgrano, is an overwhelming jumble of noise and neon. It's a two-way street of clothing, shoe and housewares shops. For a bit more peace and quiet, head to the blocks on either side of the avenue, where Belgrano becomes a leafy barrio of museums, plazas and good local eateries.

A block east of Av Cabildo, the barrio's plaza is the site of the modest but fun Feria Plaza Belgrano (p126). Just a few steps from the plaza is the Museo Histórico Sarmiento (p124), which honors one of the most forward-thinking Argentines in history. Also close by is the Museo Larreta (p124), a mansion with gorgeous art pieces and gardens. About five blocks north is yet another museum, the Museo Casa de Yrurtia (p124), honoring the well-known Argentine sculptor.

Four blocks northeast of Plaza Belgrano, French landscape architect Carlos Thays took advantage of the contours of Barrancas de Belgrano to create an attractive, green public space on one of the few natural hillocks in the city. The bandstand here hosts the popular outdoor *milonga* (tango event) La Glorieta (p126).

Across Juramento from Barrancas, BA's Chinatown fills three blocks on Arribeños. Don't come on Mondays, however, as many places are shut; do come on Chinese New Year, when festivities abound.

From the Barrancas de Belgrano, take a bus or train into Nuñez to visit the museums of the Espacio Memoria y Derechos Humanos (p124) memorial site.

Over on the Costanera Norte (take a bus here), Parque Norte (p126), Parque de la Memoria (p125) and Tierra Santa (p125) are all located close to one another.

Local Life

➔ **Parklife** Grab a picnic and head to the recently spruced-up Barrancas de Belgrano park, where retirees spend afternoons at the chess tables beneath the ombú tree, and on Saturday and Sunday evenings the bandstand hosts the romantic outdoor *milonga* (dance hall) La Glorieta.

➔ **Make a splash** When temperatures rise, *porteños* (residents of Buenos Aires) head to Parque Norte to cool off in the pools.

➔ **Markets** On weekends, local artisans flog their wares at the Feria Plaza Belgrano, a popular spot for shoppers and families with strollers.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Subte** Take Línea D Juramento.

➔ **Bus** Take the 29 or 55 from Palermo and the 29 from the Center.

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

Along Av Costanera Rafael Obligado on the Costanera Norte you'll find 24-hour food trucks selling cheap and tasty *choripanes* (sausage sandwiches) and *bondiola* (pork sandwiches). Take in the river views and the drone of planes (the food stands are opposite an airport runway) alongside fishermen and families picnicking on deckchairs by their cars.

Best Museums

- ➔ Sitio de Memoria ESMA (p124)
- ➔ Museo Larreta (p124)
- ➔ Museo Casa de Yrurtia (p124)

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Best Entertainment

- ➔ La Glorieta (p126)
- ➔ River Plate (p126)

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