

# Puerto Madero



## Neighborhood Top Five

### 1 Reserva Ecológica Costanera Sur (p72)

Escaping the city's hustle and bustle with a walk or bike ride through these wild wetlands where you can spot birds or perhaps a nutria or iguana.

**2 Colección de Arte Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat (p73)** Viewing the impressive private art collection at this contemporary museum.

**3 Puente de la Mujer (p73)** Seeing the bridge lit up at night and strolling around the cobbled lanes next to Puerto Madero's dikes.

**4 Chila (p74)** Eating lunch or dinner at an upscale restaurant with water views – it'll be pricey but good.

**5 Faena Hotel + Universe (p171)** Splashing out on a night at this unique hotel; see if there's a current exhibition at the Faena Arts Center and catch a performance of Rojo Tango.

## Explore: Puerto Madero

Put on your most comfortable walking shoes, because you'll be on your feet all day here. You can start walking pretty much anywhere and make a big loop around the dikes. There are a few interesting museums to see here, including the Colección de Arte Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat (p73; also called Museo Fortabat). This shiny, glassy museum is in a cutting-edge building and art lovers shouldn't miss it. Another quirky place is the Museo Fragata Sarmiento (p73). Walk the plank, pay your ticket and explore all the fascinating holds of this naval vessel. The Corbeta Uruguay (p73), a couple of blocks away, is another similar 'ship' museum. In between these two is the Puento de la Mujer (p73) – a pedestrian bridge that you'll be tempted to cross.

When you get toward the south, cut east on R Vera Peñaloza and look for the elegant fountain called Fuente de las Nereidas (p74). Just beyond is the southern entrance to the marshy Reserva Ecológica Costanera Sur (p72), which offers the only real nature walk (or bike ride) in central BA. It's a peaceful place full of reedy lagoons, wildlife and dirt paths, and you can get a close-up look at the muddy waters of the Río de la Plata. The reserve is a sharp contrast to the upscale lofts, restaurants and hotels nearby, and thankfully it's available to everyone for no cost at all – just be sure you're not there on a Monday, when it's closed.

## Local Life

➔ **Food stands** The road running parallel to the Reserva Ecológica Costanera Sur is lined with mobile food truck *parillitas* (steakhouses). Mingle with office workers on their lunch break, taxi drivers at 3am or post-clubbing revelers at day break as you eat your cheap *choripán* (sausage sandwiches) or *bondiola* (pork) sandwiches.

➔ **Jogging** Join locals for a run around the Reserva Ecológica – or a stroll, if that's more your thing.

➔ **Picture perfect** In Parque Mujeres Argentinas (the green landscaped space between the docks and the Costanera) you'll no doubt see dressed-up, heavily styled teenage girls starring in their own professional photo shoots. These are 15-year-olds celebrating their *quinceañera*.

## Getting There & Away

➔ **Bus** Buses 64, 126 and 152 run along LN Alem/Paseo Colón, which gets you within three blocks of Puerto Madero.

➔ **Subte** The closest Subte stops are LN Alem (Línea B) and the end-of-line stations of Líneas A, D and E, which terminate at Plaza de Mayo.

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

If you want to explore every corner of Puerto Madero and the Reserva Ecológica Costanera Sur, it's much easier on a bike. Hire one from a bike-tour company such as Biking Buenos Aires (p207) or Urban Biking (p207), or pick up one of the free yellow city bikes.

### Best Museums

- ➔ Colección de Arte Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat (p73)
- ➔ Fragata Sarmiento (p73)
- ➔ Corbeta Uruguay (p73)

For reviews, see p73. ➔

### Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Chila (p74)
- ➔ i Central Market (p74)
- ➔ Le Grill (p75)

For reviews, see p74. ➔