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Federación Argentina de Paracaidismo
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Argentina Parachute Federation
A. Please Inform your flight !!!

We strongly recommend that inform us your flight number and arriving date.

B. Registration and Payment

In order to finish with your registration process we must receive the copy of the transference payment to identify it in our bank statement and apply it to the data base. This will avoid any future inconvenience. Payment can be done once you arrive at the venue. Remember that late entry Fee is EURO 50,00

Please do not hesitate in contacting us for any doubt or assistance.

C. Local Transfer Important Information

Please be aware of the following instructions because no individual sign with your name will be displayed: Official Transfer Company: VIP CAR

When arriving to Ezeiza Airport please go directly to the VIP CAR counter (see picture below). It is located just together to the meeting point without going outside the general hall.

A sign with the IPC Meeting Logo and image (see picture above) will be displayed at the VIP CAR counter so it will be easier for you to find the correct place. You are able to pay directly at that counter the transfer rate (45.00 U$$ aprox.) and also you can request for your out transfer at that moment to avoid any future inconvenience.

One of our hostesses will be at the counter to welcome and assist you immediately.

D. Weather

Temperatures are mostly moderated by the South Atlantic. Generally, Buenos Aires has a mild and warm climate throughout the year. The winter months are June, July and August; summer months are December, January and February; spring months are September, October and November; autumn months are March, April and May.

In February, we expect the following temperatures Max 28 °C (82°F) Min 17°C (63°F)

We recommend you that carry light dresses.

E. Food

Argentina does not have an obvious traditional cuisine. This is primarily due to the high influx of immigrants throughout the history of Argentina, all of whom have left their mark on the food eaten in Argentina. Spanish food is the predominant cuisine in Argentina with other food influences including French, German, Italian and English. Interestingly you can also find traditional Welsh food in the Patagonia Chubut Valley which is populated by settlers who arrived from Wales in 1865.
Argentina is a meat loving country and the Argentines eat more meat per head than any other country. The Argentines love their traditional barbeques (al asador) and mixed grills (parillada). In particular, beef is the most popular meat in Argentina and the country is famous for its zealous consumption! So, although the evolution of vegetarian cuisine still has a way to go in Argentina, carnivores would find themselves in meat heaven.

F. Currency:

The currency used in Argentina is the peso ($). Paper money is available in values of 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 pesos. One peso equals 100 centavos and coins are available in values of 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50 centavos and one peso.

The following suggestions may help to ensure you protect the value of your money whilst in Argentina:

- Bring your own local currency / money and only change it into pesos as needed
- Use an official “cambio” to change your currency where possible as you are likely to get better exchange rates
- Although it is not official currency, US Dollars are commonly accepted in Argentina and it may be worth carrying a portion of dollars with you to supplement your peso funds in the event that you are delayed changing your money at a cambio. You should note however, that some institutions (e.g. bus companies) refuse to accept US currency
- Be careful however, not to run out of pesos if you are not staying in the major cities
- Always ensure that you keep your money in pristine conditions as it is not unusual for tatty money or money which has been defaced / written on, to be refused in Argentina
- As many countries, you should also be careful to check any money when it is handed to you as change as counterfeiting has been a problem in Argentina in recent years. Therefore, ensure that you check your money for the watermark, centre thread and micro-printing.

In BA city, there are an abundance of ATM machines in Argentina, so this is an obvious way of supplying yourself with money whilst in the country. However, it is likely that your bank will make a charge for using this facility so ensure that you know in advance what the charge will be.

Credit cards are widely accepted in Argentina with Visa and Mastercard being the most commonly used, but American Express is accepted too. However, please note that it may be less acceptable to use credit cards outside of the major cities and provincial capitals. Therefore, ensure that you have an alternative form of money if you are travelling outside of these areas. You may find that a high surcharge is incurred when using your credit cards, so ensure that you check the surcharge prior to pursuing the transaction.

Keep an eye on your credit card prior to it being returned to you for signature and ensure that you are comfortable that an undue period of time has not passed prior to it being handed back to you. As with credit cards, you may find it difficult to change traveller’s cheques at the weekends or in small towns. If you take travellers cheques with you to Argentina, then it is advisable to ensure that you also have other means of accessing money in the event that you are unable to change them.

G. Immigration matters,

People from certain countries need a valid Argentine entry visa before arriving in the State, whether by air, sea or land. An Argentine visa is a certificate placed on your passport or travel document to indicate that you are authorised to land in the State subject to any other conditions of landing being fulfilled. This means that you will still be subject to immigration control at the point of entry to the State even if you have a visa.

You may also need to register with the immigration authorities. There are exceptions.

H. Passport

Valid passport, with or without visa, according to the country of origin. The maximum permanence time granted by the consular offices is of ninety (90) days, that can be extended only once, for the same period granted before, going to any of the delegations of Dirección Nacional de Migraciones (National Immigration Office), before expiration of the term originally granted. To get an extension of time the corresponding fee has to be paid. For more information, call the consulate of your jurisdiction.

No vaccination certificate has to be submitted, except for cholera and yellow fever for passengers coming from countries where those diseases are endemic.
Passengers coming from no border countries are exempted from the fee on luggage content and on new products under U$S 300, plus additional U$S 300 if they were bought in "duty free shops" authorized in the national territory.

I. No Visa requirements,

Citizens of:
Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Cuba, Denmark, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, Finland, France, Estonia, French Guiana, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Guyana, Guatemala, Haiti, Grenada, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Republic of (South Korea), Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Romania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Malta, Montenegro, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia (Slovak Republic), Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela

J. Need Visa,

Citizens of any other country except those listed below that requires only Travel Certificate

K. Travel certificate is required

For Citizens of: Nauru, Taiwan (Republic of China), Tonga, Tuvalu.

L. Requirements for Tourist Visa or Travel Certificate

• Valid passport or any other document approved by the Argentine Republic.
• Application Form (supplied by the consulate).
• 1 photograph 4 x 4 cm.
• Round trip ticket.
• Payment of consular fee.
• Proof that the applicant is able to support himself in the host country.
• This period may be extended only once for the same period granted, occurring in any of the delegations of the National Immigration Office before the expiry of the period originally granted.
• To obtain the extension must be paid the appropriate fee.

M. Need more information about visa application?

There is more information on the different types of visas. Detailed information on the application procedures is available on the website of Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto, to make sure that you have the most up-to-date information. There are also lists of frequently asked questions about visas.
http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/portal/temas_consulares/visas.html
http://www.argentina.visahq.com

N. Entry fee (reciprocity fee)

When entering Argentine Territory, the nationals of the following countries must pay a "reciprocity fee":
Australia: USD 100.00 (single entry)
Canada: USD 70.00 (single entry)
USA: USD 140.00 (multiple entries during 10 years since the date of the first entry)
Or the equivalent rate in Argentine pesos. Rates subject to modifications based upon reciprocity.
The payment of this "reciprocity fee" is not a Visa since Argentina does not require visa to nationals of the mentioned countries when traveling for tourism or business purposes.
The Argentine Government set this entry fee on equal amounts to those Argentine citizens must pay when requesting a Visa to travel to those countries.
Forms of Payment: Argentine Pesos, American Dollars, all majors’ credit or debit cards, Traveler’s Checks. The fee will be collected only at Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport. Once paid, the fee permits multiple entries into Argentina for ten years in accordance with United States Visa reciprocity.
O. Airport

Ezeiza International Airport has three terminals, one being used for cargo and two for passengers. Terminal A is used by all major International carriers flying into and out of Buenos Aires, while terminal B is used almost exclusively by Aerolíneas Argentinas as their hub for both international and domestic flights. Terminals A and B are within walking. Ezeiza International Airport announced late in 2007 with plans to include a new terminal building, control tower and car parking facilities. Ezeiza International Airport has several restaurants, bars and café’s as well as Duty Free and many other shops located throughout terminal A and B. There are pharmacies in both terminals, and a medical service center in Terminal A.

P. Useful Data

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