

# Argentina

## Information for applicants

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#### Climate

Due to its large North-South (approx. 3,700 km) and East-West expansion (approx. 1,400 km), Argentina has a wide variety of climate zones. Located in the Southern Hemisphere, its seasons are opposite to those in the Northern Hemisphere; June and July are the coldest months, while November to March are the warmest months with sometimes very high humidity levels. Buenos Aires (the capital) has a subtropical climate, with January being the warmest month (average temperature of 23.7°C, with peaks up to 40°C) and July the coldest month (average 10.5°C). The average annual temperature is 17.7°C. Precipitation is slightly higher in the summer months, with a total of approximately 100 rainy days per year.

#### Medical care

There is good to very good medical care available in Buenos Aires and the major cities of Argentina, with access to modern hospitals and clinics. In rural areas, the density of doctors is lower.

#### Accessibility

Argentina has very good accessibility through several international airports, including two in Buenos Aires. Due to the large distances between individual cities, many smaller cities in the provinces have their own airport. Additionally, there is a well-developed long-distance bus network.

### Shops and services

In Buenos Aires and larger cities, extensive shopping options are available, comparable to those in Europe, although with sometimes significantly higher prices (e.g., electronics, clothing).

### Schools and childcare

Generally, Argentina has a very child-friendly society and culture. There is a wide range of schools and kindergartens, as well as many leisure activities. Buenos Aires has many parks and playgrounds, although there are few retreat areas in nature.

In Argentina, compulsory schooling lasts for ten years. In addition to public schools, there is a large number of private schools. The school system is divided into three levels: Inicial (preschool; usually 1 school year), Primaria (usually starting at age 6 with two basic levels; a total of six school years), and Secundaria (secondary level; three years up to and including 9th grade, and the subsequent 3-year Polimodal level). Attendance at public schools and state and provincial universities is free. Private school fees vary widely. The school year begins in March; only the American school starts in August. Over 100 colleges, business schools, conservatories, and universities provide secondary, vocational, and higher education. All Polimodal degrees qualify for university admission. Argentina has numerous fee-based international private schools (mostly bilingual Spanish/English) many of which offer the International Baccalaureate, and several German schools (1 officially recognized) in Buenos Aires.

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