# 2024 WORLD BRIDGE GAMES ARGENTINA

# CITY BOOK BUENOS AIRES - ARGENTINA





# AIRPORT



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Buenos Aires is served by two airports:



# Ministro Pistarini International Airport, Ezeiza (EZE)

The biggest airport in Argentina is located in Ezeiza, 32km (20 miles) from the center of Buenos Aires city. Most long-haul international flights arrive and depart from here, along with some domestic and regional flights. The journey from the airport to the center of the city takes about 50 minutes. Most of you will be arriving on this Airport.



## Jorge Newbery Airport, known as Aeroparque (AEP)

Located in the city itself, in the Palermo neighborhood, this airport is within 25 minutes of the main hotels in Buenos Aires. It serves mainly domestic flights and flights to neighboring countries.





# CENTRO DE CONVENCIONES DE BUENOS AIRES

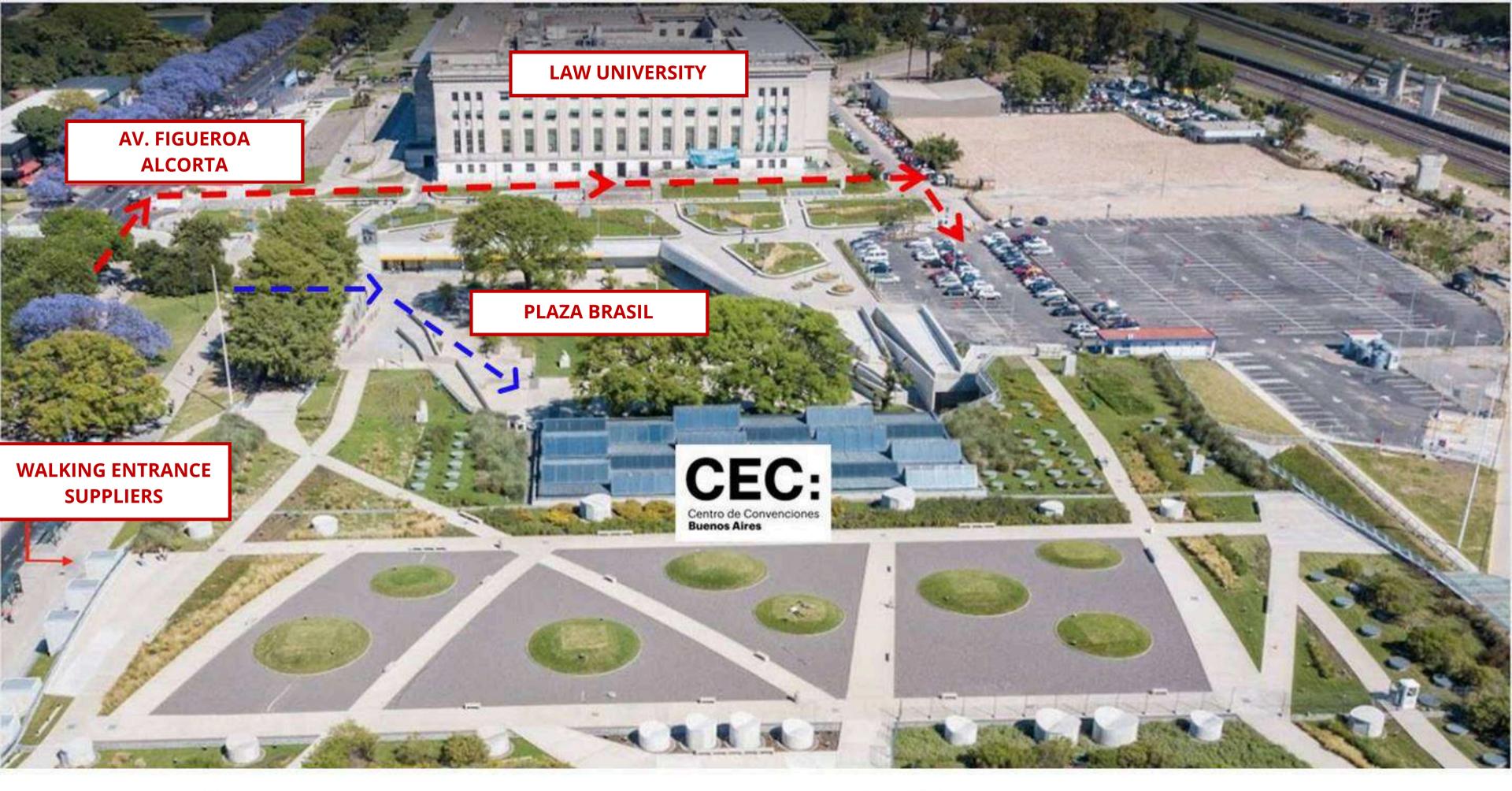
Address: Av. Pres. Figueroa Alcorta 2099, Cdad. Autónoma de, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Buenos Aires Convention Center is located in the heart of the Recoleta neighborhood, next to the Law University, in front of the H subway terminal.

Walking access for the public: The entrance is located in the middle of Plaza Brasil. When you go down stairs you wild see the entrance to your right.

Public vehicular access (accredited attendees only): Cross the pedestrian bridge of the University of Law, turn right onto a side street before the University, and go straight for one block.

**PARKING FOR ACCREDITED ATTENDANTS:** the entrance is located on Eduardo J. Couture behind the University of Law.







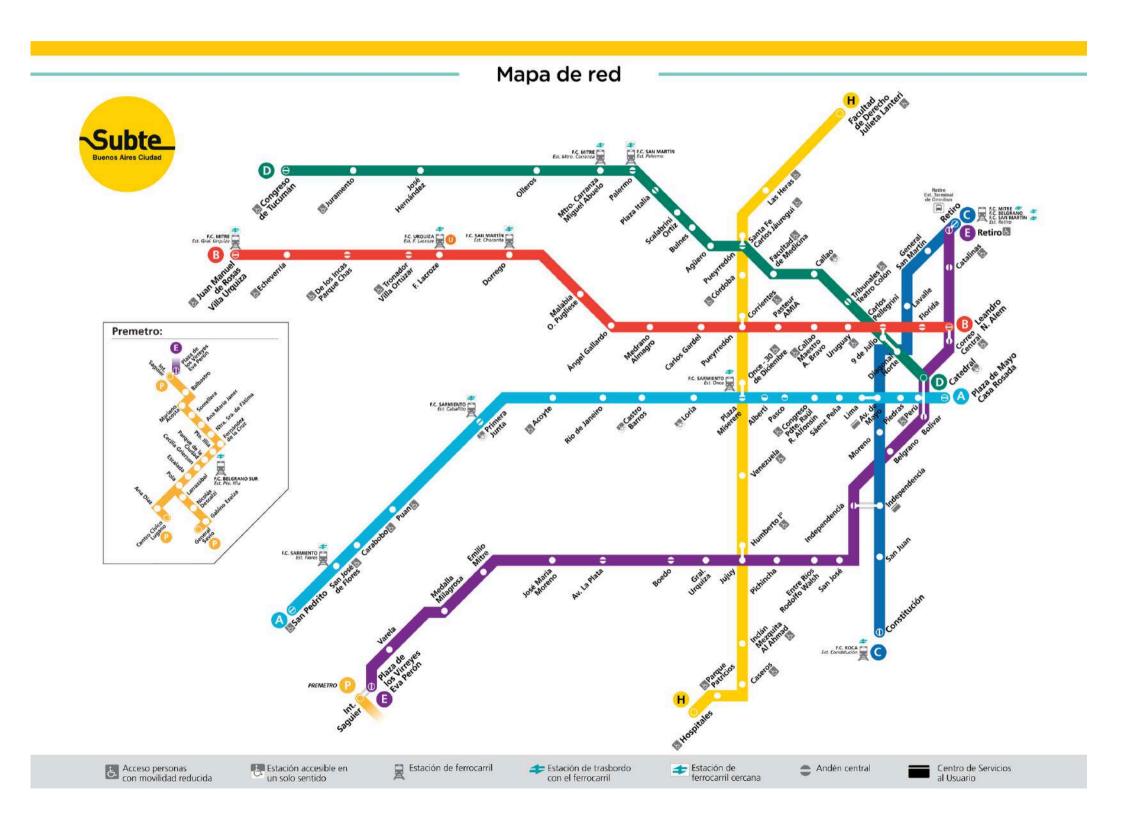
# **PRIVATE PARKING ACCESS**

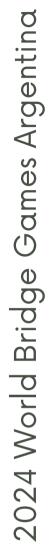
# PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Bus Lines: 17, 33, 67, 92, 93, 102, 124, 130





BUENOS AIRES SUBWAY Facultad de Derecho, Line H.







# COOL PLACES TO GO NEAR THE BUILDING



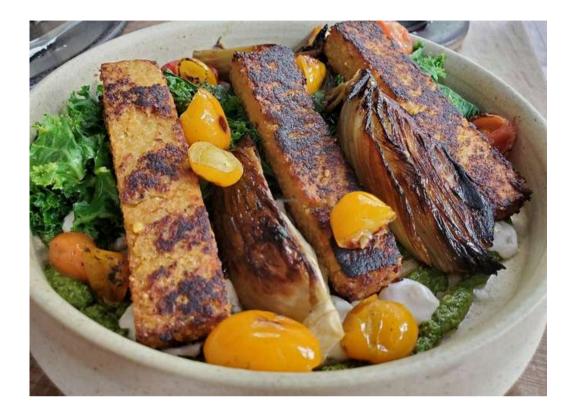


# El Cuartito – <u>Talcahuano 937</u>

This old-school brick-oven pizzeria has been around since 1934. El Cuartito's style is thick cut pizza that's overflowing with cheese and light on sauce.

Tanta Argentina – <u>Esmeralda 938</u> Peruvian cuisine, cocktail bar, coffee, pastry shop and much more. Best part? It's right next to Bellini.





## Loving hut: Vegan restaurant (Special one for

**Brittany!):** Buenos Aires is (slowly but surely) becoming more vegan-friendly. Vegan fast food cafe opened May 2014 in downtown. Loving hut serves a variety of burgers, sandwiches, pizza, and dishes such as wok and pasta. It also has shakes and cakes. Find more vegan options <u>here</u>. The app <u>HappyCow</u> is a great way to find vegan or vegetarian places while on tour.



# On Tap Retiro – <u>Marcelo Torcuato de</u> <u>Alvear 834</u>

Nice atmosphere, excellent music, beautiful terrace, good prices and great craft beers.



### Floreria Atlantico – <u>Arroyo 872</u>

One of the first speakeasies in the city. To get in, you walk to the back of a flower shop, open a refrigerator door and step down to the basement bar. Fantastic cocktails.



Converted theater, first opened in 1919 & has now been converted into an elegant book store.

# El Ateneo Grand Splendid -<u>Av Santa Fe 1860</u>



**Teatro Colón – Cerrito 628** The Teatro Colón (Colón Theatre) is the main opera house in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It is considered one of the ten best opera houses in the world by National Geographic.



**Recoleta Cementery – Junin 1760** Built in 1822, this statue-rich cemetery is an eerily beautiful place, with shadowed walkways and towering marble mausoleums rich in Art Deco, Art Nouveau, baroque and neo-gothic architectural styles. It contains the graves of notable people, including Eva Perón



Centro Cultural Recoleta – Junin 1930

Next to the Recoleta Cementery, stands an arts center built in 1732 with permanent and touring exhibits that also features theatrical and musical performances.



Landmark former central post office transformed into Latin America's largest cultural center. Nine floors dedicated to art, music, theatre and dance. Impressive building.

# **Centro Cultural Kirchner** Sarmiento 151

# BA DATA





# Your safest way to get your money is using official exchange houses.

You will find people on the street offering to exchange money for you, mostly in "Av. Florida". These people are called "Arbolitos" locally, and they will approach you saying "cambio, cambio" (change, change). We strongly suggest you do not use these services as there are often scams with fake money. Also, please do not display large quantities of money in public.

When using credit or debit cards, most of the places will ask to see a government issued ID to verify your identity.



## TIME ZONE:

Argentina Standard Time is UTC – 3. Argentina does not utilize Daylight Saving Time.



## **ELECTRICITY:**

In Argentina the standard voltage is 220 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Argentina if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa).







# **TIPPING:**

Tips are expected in Buenos Aires. In restaurants, 10% gratuity is considered the norm. Going over 10% is rare and pretty generous. In some instances, restaurants will charge a cubierto or plato, which is a "cutlery"- a clever way of charging something for nothing. Most of the times, even if you pay by card, you will have to leave your tip in cash.



# **COMMUNICATIONS:** Country Code: +54 General emergencies Buenos Aires City and Province: 911 **Police:** 101 **Fire:** 100 Medical Emergencies:107 **Tourist Police:** 0800-999-5000 / 0800-999-2838 (English is spoken)



Electronic equipment is at particular risk for mugging and pickpocketing. Be discreet in public with your phones, computers, cameras and tablets. If you choose to use your computer in a café or restaurant, make sure you are facing the entrance and use a computer lock if you can.



Use Cabify or BA Taxi late at night, . Sespecially for girls travelling alone. It's better to order a taxi via app than flagging one in the street.

Avoid looking like a tourist, don't have your reflex professional camera hanging on your neck, don't wave your iPhone X in the air for your Cabify driver to find you and try to learn some basic Spanish words. Buenos Aires is a friendly and generally a safe city, but as every big metropolitan city in the world, tourists are more vulnerable to robberies than locals.



# **Buenos Aires Tourist Police Office**

Buenos Aires has a tourist police office (near metro station "Florida") where you can find English-speaking police officers to report any crime you run into and ask for help. Comisaría del Turista (Tourist police office) (24hrs) Address: Reconquista, 1003 Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina Phone: +548009995000



## TRANSPORTATION

Taxis are generally safe, but it's best to order one via app Buenos Aires is full of licensed black and yellow taxis... You can flag one down on the street (look for a lit "libre" (free) sign), but we suggest booking one using the e-hailing app BA Taxi (available for <u>iPhone</u> and <u>Android</u>) or EasyTaxi, Uber and Cabify are other apps you can use.



# **GETTING AROUND**

Get your SUBE card

To travel by train, bus or subtte (underground metro) in Buenos Aires, you'll need to get a rechargeable SUBE travel card and charge it with credit.

SUBE cards are available at subte stations, at eight <u>Tourist</u> <u>Assistance Centers</u> and at many "kioskos" (corner shops selling confectionary and tobacco) throughout the city. Cards can be charged with credit at all subte stations, national lottery outlets, and at some kioskos with automated terminals. To find your nearest point of sale, the SUBE website has <u>a map of</u> SUBE vendors.



**BA Cómo llego? (How do l get there?)** is an online map and downloadable app that can help you find the best way to get from A to B in the city, whether on public transport, by car or on foot. Simply input your starting point, your destination and choose how you want to travel, and the map will suggest the best routes. <u>Use the map on the website</u> or <u>download the app</u>.

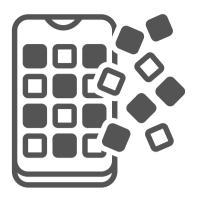


## **METRO**

The Buenos Aires subte was the first underground metro (subway / metro) system in Latin America (line A opened in 1913), and it's often the quickest way to get around the city, especially when travelling to and from the downtown area. There are six lines (lineas) A, B, C, D, E and H, which connect the city's main avenues, train stations and coach stations. Lines A, B, C, D and E converge in the center of the city. Trains run every three to ten minutes depending on the line, from about 5.30am to 11.30pm Monday to Friday, 6.00am to midnight on Saturdays, and 8.00am to 10.30pm on Sundays and public holidays. Unsurprisingly, trains can get very crowded at peak commutercommute times (8am-9.30am and 5pm-7pm). The <u>subte website</u> has a detailed <u>map</u> of the network, and you can download a copy of the map as a pdf at the bottom of this page. Stations have free WiFiWIFI access.

## BUS

Known locally as 'colectivos' or 'bondis', they are a cheap and efficient way to get around the city. They run 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and cover the whole city, meaning that you'll rarely find yourself more than a few blocks from a stop. When you get in, you will have to tell the bus driver where you are headed (give the name of the crossroad nearest to where they wish to get off) and he will select the correct fare The "Metrobus" is a bus rapid transit system using dedicated bus lanes to cut journey times on several of the city's main arteries. Several Metrobus stops have free WiFiWIFI access. Usually bus stops are easy to recognize on the main well-known big roads, but if you find yourself in small neighborhood streets, they can look like the picture on the right. These are still safe and official. Give the colectivos a shot, and you'd be amazed how many discoveries you'd make and those that you'd have missed otherwise. Keep in mind that there is no fixed timetable or schedules for the buses. You just have tomust wait. Also, take care of your belongings in the bus. Wear your backpack on the front.



# Top 10 Apps to download when arriving to Argentina:

**1. BA CÓMO LLEGO:** <u>BA Cómo Llego</u> is very user-friendly app and offers detailed routes on bus, trains, subway, car, and even on foot, as well as any combination of them. <u>Google Play</u> / <u>AppStore</u>

**2.Travel Buenos Aires:** The app Travel Buenos Aires provides an excellent way to save paper and save space in your luggage, allowing you to carry a mobile guide bookguidebook in your pocket. You'll find information on all the main attractions in the city. Best of all, it's free and you can use it without WiFiWIFI, so you have all the information at hand. Google Play / <u>AppStore</u>

# **3.BA Taxi.** <u>Google Play</u> / <u>AppStore</u>

**4.Pedidos Ya:** Food delivery apps that is also useful for running a simple errand or dropping important papers off for work.

**5.Mercado Pago:** Digital wallet. The platform allows payments via QR code in over 160,000 shops and businesses, including large chains like Burger King, Subway, Havanna, and even gas stations like Axion and YPF. As an added perk, since this feature has only recently been included, you can get all sorts of discounts using the app. Google Play / AppStore

**6.Porteño Spanish:** Argentinian Spanish has a pretty specific set of words, codes and phrases that take some time to get used to, not only for englishEnglish speaking expats but for Spanish speaking ones as well. This app will help you understand all the basics. <u>Google Play</u> / <u>AppStore</u>

**7. Hoy Milonga:** This app will keeokeep you updated with the daily tango scene in Buenos Aires, sharing information that is categorized by geographic location and schedules, as well as more specific tips like if it's prudent to make reservations first and which days they teach classes. <u>Google Play</u> / <u>AppStore</u>

**8.Restorando:** Besides having one of the most complete restaurantrestaurants guides around, the app offers everything from the possibility to make reservations to special discounts and promotions for its users. For those who prefer something a bit more universal, Yelp is also available in Argentina, and for those wishing to try something a little different, Cookapp is a nice option that offers chefs the opportunity to organize meals at home, also serving as a nice place to meet people while sharing a delicious meal. <u>Google Play</u> / <u>AppStore</u>

**9.Argentina WineApp:** The app allows you to choose from a wine list, highlighting the country's wine regions, appellations, and grape varieties, describing elements such as overall consistency, quality, and price value so that you can make the decision that will please your palate the most. Only available in <u>AppStore</u>

**10.One more! Arqui:** Arqui is an interactive map with 100 buildings (and counting) filled with history and beauty. Arqi offers detailed information tips for each landmark, including the architect behind it, dates, and curiosities. One additional perk is it has several pre-established routes categorized by neighborhoods so that you can organize a different walking tour each day. <u>Google Play</u> / <u>AppStore</u>

