

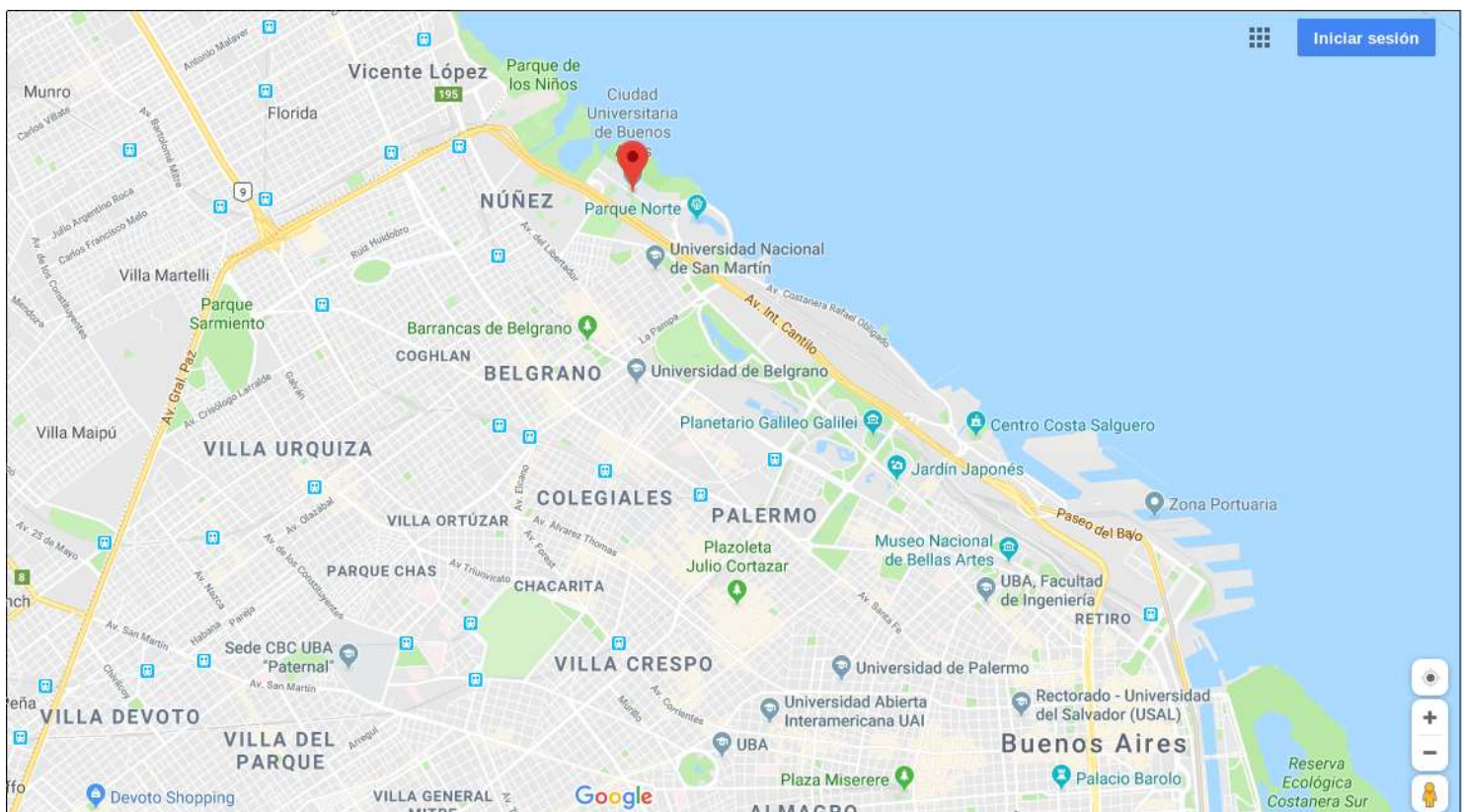
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Data Analysis Workshop

RELAMPAGO-CACTI DATA ANALYSIS WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Location and Venue

The workshop will be held on the campus of the University of Buenos Aires (Ciudad Universitaria) located in the neighborhood of Nuñez: Intendente Güiraldes 2160, Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Airport transfer

Buenos Aires is served by two airports. The main international airport is Ministro Pistarini Airport, also known as Ezeiza, located about 30 km from Buenos Aires. Many flights to and from neighboring countries use the smaller Aeroparque Jorge Newbery airport, a short distance from downtown.

- **From Ezeiza**

By taxi: as you exit customs you will find several booths offering taxi services, where you can prepay your trip. We recommend the Stand of Taxi Ezeiza as soon as you leave the Customs Area. It is white

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and blue desk. You can make a reservation in advance in the Taxi's official website (www.taxiezeiza.com.ar). The price is AR\$ 1220 (U\$D 28.7 w/ currency exchange rate on 17/07/2019) from Ezeiza to any point of Buenos Aires city. You have to pay at the Taxi stand, DO NOT pay the driver. **Important: we STRONGLY recommend for your own safety, DO NOT make contact with transport services from free-lance drivers or taxis on the streets outside the airport hall. If you are sightseeing in Buenos Aires, it is recommended that you use Radio Taxi.**



By coach: Manuel Tienda León (<http://www.tiendaleon.com/>) offers bus trips to their terminal in Puerto Madero (AR\$ 400) or to Aeroparque Airport (AR\$ 500). The coaches leave every half hour and less frequently during evenings. You will need to hire a taxi from there to get to your accommodation.

Transport around the City of Buenos Aires

To get around the city google maps is very useful to plan your routes (it has all bus routes and subway lines incorporated). To get around you will need to purchase an electronic ticketing card called SUBE and top up your card. You can buy your card in all subway stations. The cost of the card is AR\$120 (close to 2.5 \$ dollars). Please, let us know if you want a card and we can buy one for you.

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/conseguir-la-tarjeta-sube>

Transport to/from Ciudad Universitaria (CU)

The list of buses going to and from the campus: 33, 28, 42, 45, 107, 37, 160, 166, 34. Note that the destination sign on the bus should indicate "Ciudad Universitaria" otherwise the buses end before CU.

Accommodation

No arrangements have been made with any particular hotel, but the maps below should help you choose where to stay. These maps show the areas of Belgrano and Palermo, together with the bus routes that will take you to Ciudad Universitaria. The hotels listed are only suggestions based on rates/location/reviews from www.booking.com. Please use these locations as references. Considering we are a small group we do not have a discount rate for the group.

Palermo Area

1. Casa Rugatino
<https://www.rugantinhotelboutique.com/>
2. Hotel Casa Chic
<https://www.casa-chic.com/palermo-soho-home/>
3. Hotel Meridiano
<https://www.meridianohostel.com/>
4. Hotel Infinito
<http://www.infinitohotel.com/en/home/>

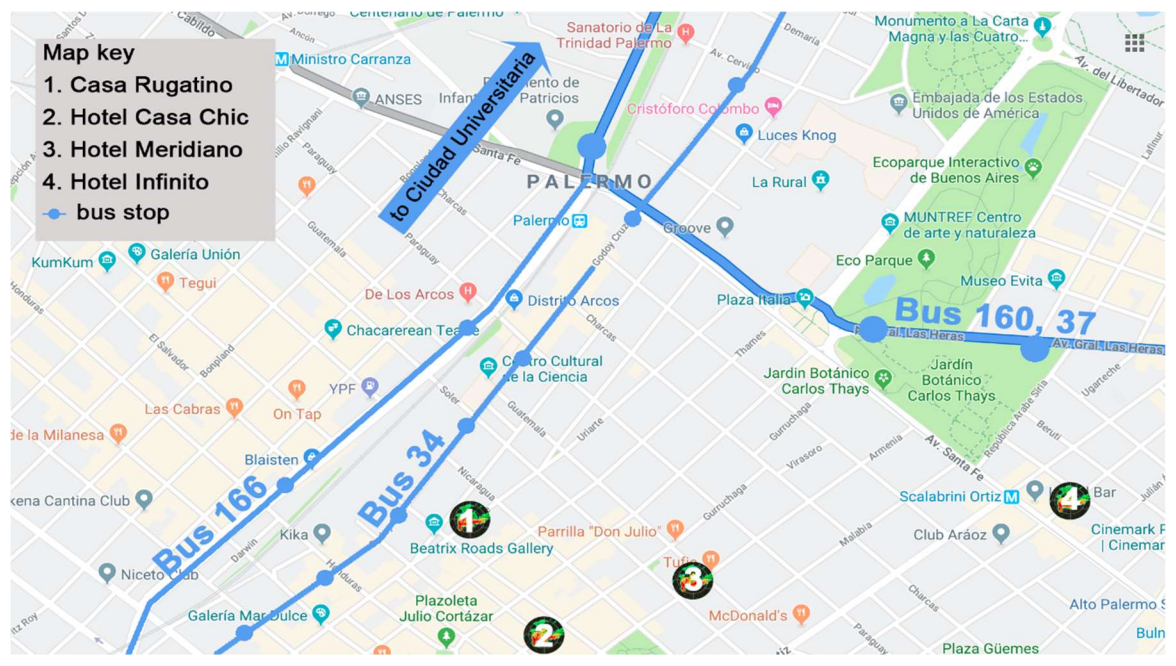
Belgrano Area

1. Sures Belgrano Suites
<http://suresgroup.com/>
2. Sarum Hotel Desing
<http://www.hotelsarum.com.ar/>
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<https://belgrano.kerhoteles.com.ar/>

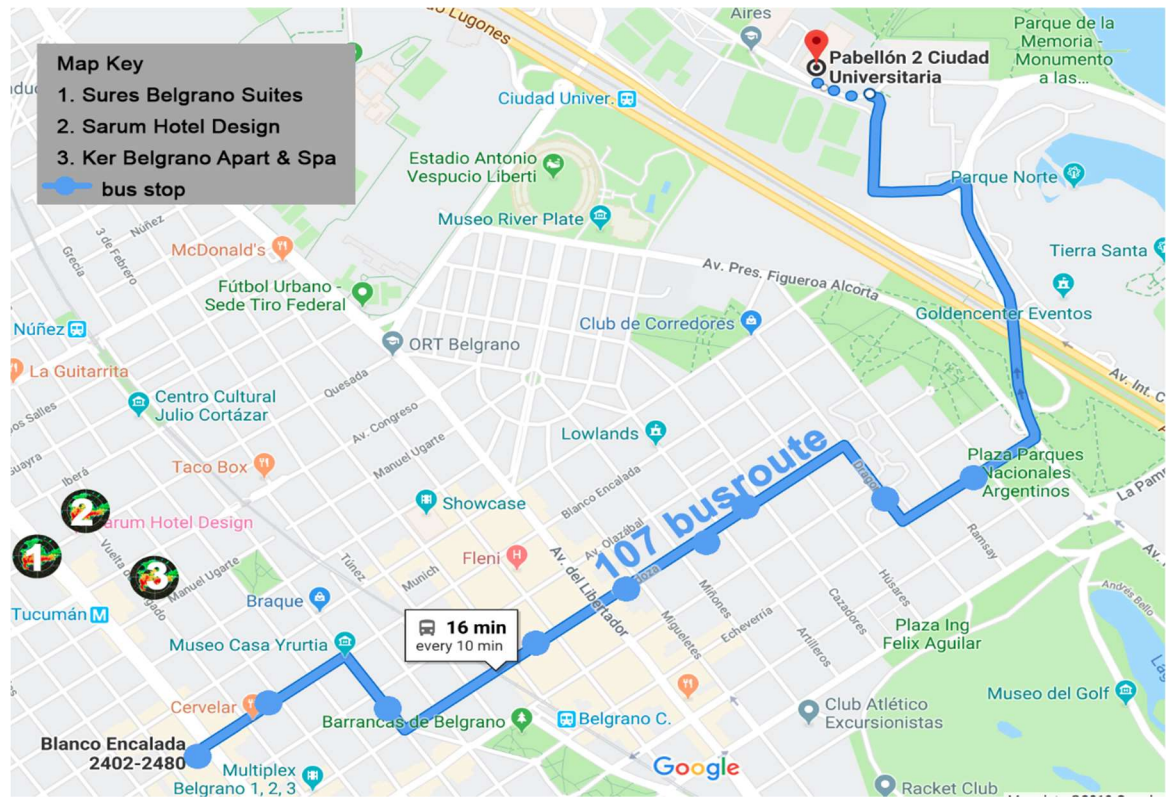
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Palermo:



Belgrano:



Money/Exchange Rate

Dollars can be exchanged at an approximate exchange rate of \$42.5 pesos per dollar (July 2019; real time rate at <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=USD&To=ARS>). There is an exchange office at Ezeiza International Airport where you can buy AR\$, however we do not recommend exchanging large amounts as the rate at the airport is lower than in the city. Furthermore, you can pay with credit or debit card in most places. For information on exchange rates please visit <http://www.dolarhoy.com/>. ATMs are available at the airport and around Buenos Aires (there is one at Ciudad Universitaria). Usually "Link" ATMs work best with American cards. There may be machines in banks that are domestic only next to international ones. From my experience, ATMs can sometimes run out of bills on Sundays.



Look for this symbol for international ATMS. Others may work also.

Credit Cards and Automatic Tellers

Major credit and debit cards are accepted in most large grocery stores, hotels and restaurants. ATMs are numerous around the city, and those that have major networks displayed (Link, Banelco, etc. work with international debit cards). They may also be used to obtain cash through the major credit cards like Visa and Mastercard. Smaller restaurants, businesses, and kiosks (convenience stores) may not accept credit cards.

Power supply

Voltage: 220 volts, 50 Hertz.



This is the official type of socket.

What will work on 220 volts: computers, cell phones, some electronics (read the plug to make sure).

What may not work on 220 volts from 110 volt countries like the US: hair dryers, curling irons, shavers, other electronics. It may cause a fire if the voltage is not acceptable, so be careful! You can buy a voltage transformer if you have something you need to plug in a different voltage. A transformer is not an adapter - it is more expensive and changes the voltage. Adapters will work for laptops, cell phones, etc. that are voltage adaptable.

Telephone Codes

Country code = 54, Buenos Aires city code = 11, cell phones: 54-9-11

Security

Buenos Aires is, generally speaking, a safe city. Please bear in mind the following recommendations for any major city and enjoy your stay without major problems:

- Keep your passport, air-tickets and cash in your hotel safe.
- Do not walk on lonely streets or parks at night.
- Do not show your personal computer in public places. Pay attention to your cell phone while you are on the street. Do not carry your wallet or phone inside your backpack or back pocket of your trousers. Unfortunately there are many pickpockets waiting for a moment of distraction.

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- Do not stop taxis on the street after 10 pm. Call radio taxis at hotels or restaurants.
- Local Taxi drivers complain about Uber in Buenos Aires, in order to avoid unexpected situations we recommend to avoid UBER or use it with special caution.

Cell phone information for US Participants

Instructions for using your phone in Argentina depend on your Carrier, and somewhat on your device. Be sure your phone's data roaming connection is turned off before you leave the US unless you know what you are doing, otherwise you might get a nasty surprise on your bill when you get back.

If you choose to unlock your phone and go with the local SIM code option, here are the details.

Language

English is not widely spoken in Argentina, particularly in stores, restaurants, etc. The hotel staff at the larger hotels should have good English and answer questions. Don't expect English in grocery stores, restaurants, and other places. Pre-load spanish on Google Translate on your mobile device with offline Spanish translations.

Food and Meals

Argentines have a local cuisine that is quite diverse. It is a mix of indigenous culture, Italian, German, and local barbecue (la parilla). Food is generally not spicy. Vegetarian options are available. Vegan may be more challenging. If you have food allergies, bring a spanish speaker or write down your allergy requirements on a card in Spanish and bring to the restaurant.

Continental breakfast is usually pastries (medialuna is the favorite pastry - which is like a croissant and can be savory or sweet), with ham and cheese, yogurt, fruit, and juice. Scrambled eggs and bacon shouldn't be expected.

Lunch can be heavy or light. Sandwiches with grilled meat and empanadas are usually available on the street, or you can get steaks, sandwiches, pastas, pizza, salads, etc. in sit down restaurants.

Afternoon tea, or merienda, is a good idea in the afternoon. Most restaurants will be open for tea/coffee and a snack in the late afternoon. You better get something to eat or you will starve by dinner if you are a norteamericano. Enjoy an alfajor from a kiosco!

Dinner restaurants open at 8 pm. If you snacked at 4 or 5, then you will survive. Some restaurants will be booked on weekends and you may want to get a reservation if you have a large group.

With regards to service in restaurants, it is typically excellent, but don't expect the wait staff to check on you and try to get you out of there quickly. Dining is an experience in Argentina and you can expect dinner

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to take 2 hours (taking it past 10 pm). You have the table for the whole evening if you want it. You need to make eye contact and call wait staff over if you need something. You need to ask for the check "la cuenta, por favor" in order to pay. Tipping is modest in Argentina (10%). If you want a quick dinner, better to go to a buffet or a take out place. Take out pizza is usually available.

Food safety is usually not an issue in Argentina. Water is ok to drink in Argentina from the tap. Higher risks come from less established places - i.e., street vendors - make sure your food is cooked thoroughly. You may want to consider asking for a straw from beverages sold on the street, etc. because the containers can be sitting outside, etc. Water is less available in Argentina than in the US - so bring a water bottle to Argentina and fill it in your hotel.

At a restaurant or at the grocery store, water is "agua con gas" - carbonated, and "agua sin gas". Express your preference when ordering/buying.

Shopping

Most major stores accept Visa and Mastercard. You may need to show your passport to use them in some places, and you will have to write your passport number on all credit card slips when you sign (it will say Documento or something like that). Probably best to carry some cash for the smaller stores.

Grocery stores work like in the US. Smaller supermarkets that are not chains are around and may offer lower prices.

Fruit and vegetable stores offer fresher vegetables at lower prices than grocery stores (verduria). There are also butcher shops (carnicerias), pasta shops (pasteleria), bakeries (panaderia), delis where amazing food can be found at low prices.