

Argentina

Travel literature

[Polyglott on tour Argentina](#)

ISBN: 978-3-86428-007-8, printed in 2011, German version

Caution! Contains out-dated data!

e.g. map (page 98) and description (page 101 and 109) of Ruta 7 Mendoza - Uspallata via Cacheuta:

Since 2000 the route 7 ends after Cacheuta in a dam. The new Ruta 7 runs parallel some 5 km further south. The Termas de Cacheuta today are a very busy and crowded area.

[Reise Know-How Argentinien](#)

ISBN: 978-3-8317-1829-0, 7th version, printed in 2009, German version

This guide book is made for travellers arriving by public transport, not really for overlanders.

Camping guides

We do not use them.

Reference books

N/A

Maps

Paper Maps

[Marco Polo](#)

South America - Southern Region 1:4 Mio

ISBN: 978-3-8297-3911-5

[Reise Know-How](#)

Argentinien 1:2 Mio

ISBN: 978-3-8317-7154-7

Electronic Vector Maps

[Garmin South America NT \(the official Garmin map for South America\)](#)

It looks to be the most accurate map in and around cities as well as along the major roads. Routable.

Out bush the small tracks are missing. Limited numbers of POI's.

[Mapear V 9.90 Mapas Electronicos Argentinos](#)

Free map from the internet (www.proyectomapear.com.ar) covering Argentina, Uruguay, Chile.

Very detailed.

Includes city maps and almost all the small tracks, has lots of POIs, is routable.

[ViajerosMapas V.11.10](#)

Free map from the internet (www.viajerosmapas.com).

Mainly covering the Andes area of South Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, as well as all of South Argentina.

Contains contour lines in the Andes area.

Includes city maps and almost all the small tracks, has lots of POIs, not routable.

[Open Street Map South America \(Argentina\)](#)

Free maps from the internet (www.cgpsmapper.com) covering major parts of the whole world.

Main roads and detailed city maps.

Good in and around cities, smaller roads in urban areas are missing, has POIs, is routable.

Electronic Raster Maps

[bsmap.de](#)

Electronic version of the Reise Know-How map of Argentinien 1:2 Mio

15.-- € per country, part-nr. 080514arg

www.bsmap.de

Vaccinations

Yellow Fever

Health Risks

[Malaria:](#)

Limited risk: Depends on area, season and altitude.

Mosquitos active during the night.

[Denque Fever:](#)

Limited risk: Depends on area, season and altitude.

Mosquitos active during the day.

Car

Carnet de Passage en Douane

Not required.

Temporary importing a car

Customs electronically registers the car on entry. It is not possible to leave the country without the car.

Insurance

K.-H. Nowag Versicherungen, Platanenring 15b, 63110 Rodgau, Germany

email: nowag@t-online.de

The insurance broker offers liability and comprehensive insurance for almost all the countries on the American continent as well as for many other countries (i.e. Europe)

Fuel

Top up fuel before heading into remote areas as fuel stations are scarce and may not have the fuel you want.

A fuel range of 1000 km is sufficient for almost all areas.

Depending on the motor fuel consumption may rise dramatically in high altitudes.

Fuel additives to prevent the diesel from gelling should the temperature fall towards 0°C are available at some fuel stations e.g. in Uspallata.

Immigration / Customs / Quarantine / Police

Visa:

3 month; multiple entries per year possible.

According to various sources Argentina charges an annual fee of 100 US\$ per person on arrival. We were not asked to pay this fee nor have we heard of anybody else who had to pay this fee (March 2013).

Customs

Custom check was not a problem for us (was closed on Sunday).

Quarantine

[Immigration into Argentina](#)

The import of fresh food into Argentina is prohibited (meet, vegetables, fruits, honey, ...).

[Inside Argentina](#)

Various quarantine checkpoints between different states and around some urban areas. It is very hard to find out where they are and what they check for.

Police

Province of Entre Rios

Police are very strict in the province of Entre Rios. They stop everybody and search until they have found something to bother you with. Make sure you have the required speed limit sticker and reflecting tapes on your vehicle: white in the front, yellow on the sides, red in the back (commercial trucks: white and red in the back).

Province of Salta

We have been warned that the police are even worse in Salta. We will update this once we have been in Salta. In the rest of the country that we have travelled so far they are very nice.

Camping and Travelling

National Park entry fees are normally low, some are even free of charge. Many parks offer camping with very limited facilities.

Caravan parks are scarce in Argentina and for European and Australian standards are not a highlight. The facilities are normally limited and quite run-down. The fees are generally according to the quality

Free camping out-bush is our preferred way and has not been an issue so far.

Campings that we liked (fees per person):

Camping Municipal Uspallata: day-use 10 Pesos, camping fee 25 Pesos; shady trees, tables, BBQ, electricity, toilets and hot showers; visited: March 2013

P.N. Sierra de la Quijada: once-off entry fee 10 Pesos; toilets, shade, tables, **no drinking water**; visited: March 2013

P.N. El Leoncito: no entry or camping fee; small campsite with shady, tables, BBQ, drinking water, hot shower and free WiFi at information; visited: March 2013

P.P. Ischigualasto: camping fee: 15 Pesos; shade, tables, hot shower, toilets, drinking water, electricity, free WiFi; visited: March 2013

OPEC in San Juan (on the access road to RN 20: S31° 33.66' W68° 29.544'): Service station with secure parking: 10 Pesos; service station with secure parking, hot shower, toilets, drinking water, washing machine (cold water), free WiFi; visited: March 2013

Food

In larger villages and cities no problem, large shopping malls with good selection available. In smaller villages small supermercados offer a good selection of goods.

Internet and Telephone

Local phone cards (Prepaid-SIMs) are available from various telephone companies.

The costs for local phone-calls and internet access are low (Claro 5 pesos/day, Personal 1 peso/day).

The availability and stability of the networks as well as the transmission speed (especially for internet) of the networks are limited.

Free WiFi is available at many places around the country such as fuel stations, restaurants, hotels, shopping malls, national parks.

Currency

Exchange

Official exchange rate (March 2013): 1 US\$ = 5.5 Pesos

Unofficial exchange rate (March 2013): 1 US\$ = 7.5 Pesos (illegal - we don't use it!)

Traveller Checks

We don't use them.

Credit and Debit Cards

Credit/Debit cards are not always accepted in shopping malls and at fuel stations.

Many credit-card readers cannot deal with chip-only cards. Swipe-through MasterCard works better than chip-only Visa card.

The preferred and easiest way is paying cash.

ATMs are available in the shopping malls and in the banks of all cities and mid-size villages. Small villages do not necessarily have ATMs.

The charge (March 2013) was 20.65 Pesos per draw, max. amount per draw and day was 1000 Pesos.

Money Transfer

No experience.

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