

Information Package

GEO ADC Meeting

March 3-4, 2010
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Venue & Accommodations

The meeting will take place at:

Argenta Tower Hotel & Suites

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Tel: +54-11-4325-4100
Fax: +54-11-4325-7090
www.argenta-tower.com.ar
info@argenta-tower.com.ar

The hotel is conveniently located in downtown, with easy access to the airport. Should you decide on an alternative accommodation, there are several choices at walking distance, a few are listed below for your convenience:

Hotel NH Crillon

Avda. Santa Fe 796.

<http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/argentina/buenos-aires/nh-crillon.html>

E-mail: nhcrillon@nh-hotels.com

Hotel Feir's Park

Esmeralda 1366

<http://www.feirspark.com.ar/shop/index.asp>

E-mail: reservations@feirspark.com.ar

Hotel Pestana

Carlos Pellegrini, nº 877

<http://www.pestana.com/hotels/es/hotels/southamerica/BuenosAiresHotels/BuenosAires/Home/>

E-mail: reservas@pestanabuenosaires.com

Loisuites Arenales

Arenales 855

<http://www.loisuites.com.ar/>

E-mail: edarenal@loisuites.com.ar

Hotel Dolmen

Suipacha 1079

<http://www.hoteldolmen.com.ar/eng/default.asp>

E-mail:

Information and Travel Tips

All airlines that fly to Argentina arrive at the Ministro Pistarini (Ezeiza - EZE) International Airport of Buenos Aires. The City of Buenos Aires (Capital Federal) is 35 km from the airport along the Teniente General Ricchieri motorway (Information, Tel. 4480-9538).

When you leave customs, and get into the arrivals hall, you will find several booths offering services. The most known transfer service is MANUEL TIENDA LEON where you can take a car to leave right at the moment (AR\$ 141 – approx. USD 40) or the shuttle that leaves every half hour (this is cheaper but it takes you to a central destination and you may have to make a connection to your hotel). Check the website for more information www.tiendaleon.com.ar.

Please always book your transportation at the desk do not take any transportation that is offered aloud in the hall.

Entry Formalities

All visitors need a current valid passport to enter the country. A visa may be necessary depending on your nationality. Contact the nearest Argentine Embassy/Consulate to find out whether you need a visa.

Visitors coming from countries not bordering Argentina are exempt from all taxes on traveling articles and new articles with a value not more than US\$ 300. An additional US\$300 dollars of goods are exempt if they are purchased in the duty free shops within the national territory.

No vaccination certificate is required for entry into the country, except for passengers coming from countries where cholera and yellow fever are endemic.

What Clothes to Bring

Remember that in the southern hemisphere the seasons are the opposite of those in the northern hemisphere. Summer, with its mild temperatures and long days, is the ideal time to visit Patagonia and the Southern Andes. Traveling in the North is recommended in winter when rains are less frequent and the tropical temperatures drop a few degrees.

Autumn and spring are marvelous in Buenos Aires, Cuyo and the pre-mountain range areas of La Rioja and Catamarca.

March is the end of summer/beginning of autumn in Buenos Aires, you can bring lighter clothing.

Currency

Exchange of money at Ezeiza

At Ezeiza Airport you have a choice between a change bureau located by the Luggage Claim carousel, and Banco de la Nación Argentina, which is located on the side of the customs area. Usually, Banco de la Nación has a better exchange rate.

You can check information about the current exchange rate and services in Argentina's airports at: http://www.aa2000.com.ar/ip_cambio_moneda.aspx.

The Argentine currency is the peso (\$). You can find notes of \$ 100, \$ 50, \$ 20, \$ 10, \$ 5 and \$ 2, and coins of 1 peso, 50 cents, 25 cents, 10 cents and 5 cents.

The United States dollar is the international currency most frequently used in Argentina. You can exchange foreign currency in banks or exchange offices, for which cases you must show your passport. Many Buenos Aires shops accept credit cards and USA dollars.

Exchange rate as of Dec 2009

US\$ 1 = AR\$ 3,80 approx.

EUR 1 = AR\$ 5,60 approx.

Tips: It is customary to leave 10% in cafeterias and restaurants and to tip doormen, porters, ushers in cinemas, etc.

Links

For further information on how to move around and what to see, please check the Official site of Buenos Aires City:

<http://www.bue.gov.ar/home/>

Electricity

The standard voltage is 220v AC, 50Hz.

Plugs have three pins. Adaptors for European and American electrical items are available at any electrical store.

