

# Argentina



Programme  
Price in Euros

Departure  
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| Short programme | Negotiable. |            |        |                  |
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| Semester        | E2500*      | Go July 24 | Varies | Apply by March 1 |
| Academic Year   | E3125*      | Go July 24 | Varies | Apply by March 1 |

| Go Feb 27 | Varies | Apply by Oct 1 |
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\*Prices are subject to change without notice as contracts are renegotiated, and exchange rates fluctuate.

\*\* Airfares are charged separately



## Short programmes

Our Argentinian affiliate offers a range of short programmes which include a mix of experiences including homestays, school contacts and cultural activities. If you're interested in one of these, just tell us what you'd like and we'll see what we can arrange.

## Longer exchanges

Students can go for one or two semesters starting approximately on the dates shown. Return dates depend upon the year, the school and the region. We can advise you of these when you apply. You'll be happiest if you've studied Spanish for at least two years before you leave.

All exchanges start with an orientation in NZ and then, a month later, a flight into Buenos Aires. You'll arrive with students from a range of different countries and be given a one week orientation. This could be in Buenos Aires but is more likely to be in Rosario, a few hours drive northwest. This session includes language lessons and help with the local culture.

When it's over, you'll travel to your homestay. In some cases this will be reasonably close but in other cases you can expect to fly for an hour or two. Argentina is a very large country. The transfer fee from Rosario to your host family and back again is **not included** in the fee schedule listed above.

## Placements

These are made before you leave and if you have applied at the correct time you should be in contact with your host family for at least a week before you leave. Some students are in contact for a month or more. Host families have to go through an interview and vetting process. Your personality and preferences are taken into account if at all possible, but the supply of generous and welcoming families is not bottomless and you must be prepared to adapt to the situation you are given.

Successful placements depend as much upon you as upon the family you're given. Some students stay with the same family for a whole year while others may have two or three families.

## Gap Year students

You can go when you are 18 and can turn 19 while on exchange, but you must apply while still enrolled at school in NZ. As a gap year student you can have a little more freedom than most other students during the summer break but we need to be sure of your suitability. You can also sign out of the programme when you have completed it and then do some private travelling. However, completion dates are sometimes inflexible and it may be best to take advantage of what could be on offer during the year.

## Applications

These begin with the simple form in the initial application brochure. It requires basic details, a photo, the permission of your parents or guardians, a copy of your passport and \$50 to convince us that you're serious. It is followed by a full application form in English. This takes most people quite a while to complete. It is followed by an interview/chat at home with at least one of your parents/guardians present and takes about two and a half hours. Most people who get to this stage are able to go. If the interview works well, we'll begin looking for a placement for you, booking flights, buying insurance and obtaining a visa. This can take three months so it is good to apply early.

## Vaccinations and visas

Requirements in Argentina are a little more difficult than in most countries. A broader range of vaccinations is required including proof that you are TB free and have had hepatitis B shots. The form-filling for visas also requires prompt action when the time comes and the fees for apostille stamps are not included in the programme price. They are often in the region of NZ\$200-300.



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