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Buenos Aires Destination Guide for Cruise Travelers

“Tango, Steak & Grand European Style”

Buenos Aires is one of South America’s most exciting pre- or post-cruise cities, blending Parisian-style boulevards, lively neighborhoods, tango culture, historic cafés, colorful markets, world-class steak, and late-night energy. For cruise guests, it offers a memorable mix of elegant architecture, cultural depth, food experiences, and easy day trips before or after a South America, Antarctica, or repositioning cruise.

Buenos Aires is made up of **48 neighborhoods**, each with its own character, from San Telmo’s bohemian streets to Puerto Madero’s modern waterfront.

Best Areas to Stay for Hotels & Airbnbs

BUENOS AIRES BEST AREAS TO STAY

Hotels & Airbnbs Guide

- 1 RECOLETA**
Best for First-Time Visitors & Elegance
 - luxury hotels
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 - Recoleta Cemetery
 - refined atmosphere
- 2 PALERMO**
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 - wine bars & nightlife
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- 3 SAN TELMO**
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 - modern hotels
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Best for a Local Feel
 - leafy avenues
 - quieter stays
 - cafés & local shops
 - residential charm

MAP HIGHLIGHTS

- European elegance meets Latin passion
- Rich culture, tango & world-class food
- Grand boulevards & leafy parks
- Easy access along the waterfront

GETTING AROUND

- Walking**
Many neighborhoods are walkable & pleasant.
- Taxi / Ride Share**
Readily available and convenient.
- Subte / Metro**
Extensive, efficient network.
- Train**
Connects to suburbs & nearby cities.
- Cruise Transfers**
Short, easy transfers from Puerto Madero.

TRAVEL TIPS

- Best for first-time visitors: **1 2 5**
- Best for cruise guests: **4 1**
- Best for food lovers: **2 3**
- Best for local feel: **6**
- Best for history: **3**

CRUISE GUEST NOTE

Buenos Aires is an excellent pre- or post-cruise city. Staying in Puerto Madero, Recoleta, or central Retiro / Microcentro makes sightseeing and port transfers easy and convenient.

Recoleta Elegance

Palermo Parks

San Telmo Charm

Waterfront Views

Cruise Convenience

Tango rhythms. Grand boulevards. Argentine flavor. Welcome to Buenos Aires!

★ Recoleta — Best for First-Time Visitors & Elegance

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Recoleta is one of the best areas for first-time visitors because it feels elegant, safe, central, and easy to enjoy. It is known for grand architecture, embassies, upscale hotels, cafés, museums, parks, and the famous Recoleta Cemetery.

Best for: first-time visitors, luxury hotels, museums, cafés, elegant streets.

Watch for: some attractions are spread out, so taxis or rideshare may be helpful.

🌿 Palermo — Best for Dining, Nightlife & Local Energy

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Palermo is large, stylish, and full of restaurants, wine bars, boutiques, cafés, parks, and nightlife. Palermo Soho and Palermo Hollywood are especially popular with travelers who want a lively local feel and excellent dining.

Best for: restaurants, nightlife, shopping, longer stays, younger energy.

Watch for: farther from the cruise terminal and historic center.

🏠 San Telmo — Best for History & Character

Activity level: Moderate

San Telmo is one of Buenos Aires' most atmospheric neighborhoods, known for cobblestone streets, antique shops, tango, historic buildings, cafés, and the San Telmo Market. It is a strong choice for travelers who love old-world character and cultural texture.

Best for: history, tango, markets, photography, food tours.

Watch for: cobblestones, older buildings, and block-by-block variation at night.

⚓ Puerto Madero — Best for Cruise Convenience & Modern Comfort

Activity level: Easy

Puerto Madero is a modern waterfront neighborhood with wide promenades, upscale hotels, restaurants, and easier access to the cruise port area. It is polished and convenient, though less historic than Recoleta or San Telmo.

Best for: cruise guests, luxury hotels, waterfront dining, easy walks.

Watch for: less neighborhood character than older parts of the city.

Retiro / Microcentro — Best for Central Access

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Retiro and Microcentro are practical for guests who want to be near downtown landmarks, Plaza de Mayo, Teatro Colón, shopping streets, and transit. This area works well for short stays but can feel more business-oriented.

Best for: short stays, sightseeing, transit access, downtown hotels.

Watch for: quieter evenings and busier weekday traffic.

La Boca — Best to Visit, Not Usually to Stay

Activity level: Moderate

La Boca is famous for colorful Caminito, tango imagery, street art, and Boca Juniors football culture. It is a must-see neighborhood but is usually better visited during the day rather than used as a hotel base.

Best for: daytime sightseeing, photography, Caminito, football fans.

Watch for: not typically recommended as a primary overnight base.

Top-Rated Hotels

Palacio Duhau — Park Hyatt Buenos Aires — Recoleta

A refined luxury hotel in one of the city's most elegant neighborhoods, ideal for guests who want old-world grandeur, gardens, polished service, and a premium pre- or post-cruise stay.

Alvear Palace Hotel — Recoleta

One of Buenos Aires' classic grand hotels, known for elegance, tradition, and a prime Recoleta location. Best for travelers who want a historic luxury experience.

Faena Hotel Buenos Aires — Puerto Madero

A bold, stylish luxury hotel in the modern waterfront district. Great for travelers who want design, nightlife, dining, and cruise-friendly access.

Hilton Buenos Aires — Puerto Madero

A practical upscale choice in Puerto Madero with modern amenities, space, and easy access to waterfront restaurants and cruise transfers.

Alvear Art Hotel — Retiro / Microcentro

A polished downtown hotel option that works well for guests who want access to Teatro Colón, Avenida 9 de Julio, Plaza San Martín, and central sights.

Hidden Gem Hotels

Legado Mítico Buenos Aires — Palermo

A boutique hotel with literary and Argentine cultural character. Best for travelers who prefer charm and neighborhood personality over a large luxury hotel.

Palo Santo Hotel — Palermo Hollywood

A boutique-style hotel in Palermo with a greener, modern feel and access to restaurants and nightlife.

Fierro Hotel Buenos Aires — Palermo Hollywood

A comfortable boutique option with a strong food-and-wine neighborhood setting.

Cassa Lepage Art Hotel — San Telmo / Monserrat

A characterful hotel in a historic area, good for travelers who want architecture, history, and proximity to San Telmo and Plaza de Mayo.

SLS Buenos Aires Puerto Madero — Puerto Madero

A contemporary luxury option for guests wanting modern rooms, design, and waterfront convenience.

Best Restaurants

Buenos Aires is one of the world's great food cities for steak, wine, empanadas, Italian-influenced cuisine, cafés, bakeries, and late-night dining. Argentina's official tourism site highlights Puerto Madero for dining and river views, Palermo for food stores and trendsetting energy, and Recoleta for elegance and historic appeal.

 **Don Julio — Palermo**

Activity level: Easy

One of Buenos Aires' most famous parrillas, known for steak, wine, and polished service. Reservations are strongly recommended.

 **La Cabrera — Palermo**

Activity level: Easy

A popular steakhouse with generous portions and a lively atmosphere. Good for first-time visitors who want a classic Buenos Aires steak dinner.

 **Fogón Asado — Palermo**

Activity level: Easy

A more curated asado-style dining experience, often appealing to travelers who want steak, wine, and a guided introduction to Argentine grilling.

 **Café Tortoni — Monserrat**

Activity level: Easy

A historic café known for old-world atmosphere, coffee, pastries, and tango heritage. Best for a daytime coffee stop rather than a full dinner.

 **Cabaña Las Lilas — Puerto Madero**

Activity level: Easy

A well-known upscale steakhouse on the waterfront, convenient for guests staying in Puerto Madero.

 **Hidden Gem Restaurants & Food Experiences**

 **Empanada Crawl**

Activity level: Easy

Empanadas are one of the easiest and most satisfying foods to try in Buenos Aires. Look for regional varieties such as beef, ham and cheese, chicken, corn, or spicy northern-style fillings.

Argentine Pizza Night

Activity level: Easy

Buenos Aires has a strong Italian influence, and pizza is a local favorite. Try thick, cheesy Argentine-style pizza with fainá, a chickpea flatbread often eaten alongside it.

Dulce de Leche & Helado

Activity level: Easy

Argentine ice cream is excellent, with Italian-style gelato influence. Dulce de leche, chocolate, and fruit flavors are especially popular.

Mate & Alfajores

Activity level: Easy

Mate is Argentina's iconic herbal drink, and alfajores are beloved sandwich cookies often filled with dulce de leche. These make easy snacks or gifts.

San Telmo Market

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

San Telmo Market is a great place to sample local and international bites while exploring one of the city's most historic neighborhoods. Food tours often include San Telmo Market as a window into the city's food culture.

🍴 Food Tours in Buenos Aires — Best 3–4 Hour Experiences

BUENOS AIRES CLASSIC ARGENTINE STEAK, WINE & EMPANADAS TOUR

*A 3-4 Hour Cruise Guest Favorite
San Telmo, Monserrat & Puerto Madero*

TOUR AT A GLANCE

🕒 Duration: ~3–4 hours
 📏 Distance: ~1.5–2.5 miles (2.5–4 km)
 🏠 Difficulty: Easy to Moderate
 🌞 Best Time: Late Lunch to Evening

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Perfect for first-time Buenos Aires visitors
- ★ Great for cruise guests staying overnight
- ★ Classic Argentine steak, wine & empanadas
- ★ Easy to pair with historic sightseeing
- ★ Tango atmosphere, markets & waterfront views

TIPS FOR YOUR TOUR

- Come hungry — tastings add up
- Wear comfortable walking shoes
- Expect some cobblestones in San Telmo
- Reserve parrilla and wine stops when possible
- Bring a light layer for evening waterfront breezes

LEGEND

- 👤 Walking Route (Recommended)
- 🍴 Food Stop
- 📷 Photo Spot
- 🚶 Subte / Transit Connection
- 🚻 Restroom

AT A GLANCE

- 1 San Telmo Market Start
Historic market gateway.
Tip: Start hungry and browse the market stalls.
- 2 Traditional Empanada House
Savory local favorite.
Tip: Try beef empanadas with chimichurri.
- 3 Plaza Dorrego Café Stop
Historic coffee break.
Tip: Enjoy a cortado or medialuna.
- 4 Classic Parrilla Lunch
Argentine steak tasting.
Tip: Order biste de chorizo or vacio.
- 5 Provoleta & Grill Bites
Smoky cheese starter.
Tip: Pair with grilled vegetables or chorizo.
- 6 Malbec Wine Bar
Signature Argentine sip.
Tip: Taste a bold Mendoza Malbec.
- 7 Alfajor & Dulce de Leche Stop
Sweet local treat.
Tip: Try an alfajor or dulce de leche dessert.
- 8 Café Tortoni / Historic Dessert Café
Elegant café pause.
Tip: Enjoy flan, cake, or coffee.
- 9 Puerto Madero Wine & Waterside Pause
Scenic interlude.
Tip: Relax with a glass of wine by the docks.
- 10 Puente de la Mujer
Waterfront finale.
Tip: End with photos and river views.

NEARBY ADD-ONS

- 📍 Plaza de Mayo — iconic civic square
- 📍 Casa Rosada — famous landmark
- 🛍️ San Telmo antique shops — easy browsing stop
- 🎭 Tango venue — evening add-on
- 🚶 Puerto Madero promenade — scenic extension

SAN TELMO CHARM

EMPANADAS & PASTRIES

PARRILLA & MALBEC

HISTORIC CAFÉ CULTURE

WATERFRONT FINALE

Taste boldly. Wander slowly. Savor Buenos Aires. Welcome to Buenos Aires!

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

A Buenos Aires food tour is one of the best ways for cruise travelers to understand the city through steak, empanadas, wine, cafés, markets, and neighborhood history. In **3 to 4 hours**, guests can sample classic Argentine foods while exploring atmospheric areas such as San Telmo, Palermo, Recoleta, or La Boca.

🍴 Classic Argentine Steak, Wine & Empanadas Tour

Best for: first-time visitors

Typical length: 3–4 hours

Activity level: Easy

This is the best all-around option for most cruise guests. A classic Buenos Aires food tour usually includes empanadas, provoleta, steak or grilled meats, chimichurri, Malbec, and

dessert such as flan, alfajores, or helado. Recent food-tour listings commonly describe Buenos Aires neighborhood food walks as about **3–4 hours**, with highlights such as steak, provoleta, chimichurri, and Malbec.

Best neighborhoods: Palermo, Recoleta, or San Telmo

Best time: late afternoon or early evening

Cruise traveler tip: do not book a large dinner afterward; this often replaces a full meal.

San Telmo Market & Historic Food Walk

Best for: history, markets, and local atmosphere

Typical length: around 3 hours

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

This tour style pairs perfectly with sightseeing because San Telmo is one of Buenos Aires' most atmospheric neighborhoods. Expect cobblestone streets, historic cafés, market stalls, empanadas, choripán, sweets, and stories about local dining traditions. Context Travel describes its Buenos Aires food tour as exploring San Telmo Market and sampling empanadas, sweets, and other local specialties.

Best for: first-timers, market lovers, food-and-history travelers

What you may taste: empanadas, choripán, pastries, sweets, coffee, mate, or market bites

Cruise traveler tip: pair this with Plaza de Mayo, La Boca, or a tango show.

Palermo Food & Wine Walk

Best for: restaurants, wine bars, and stylish neighborhoods

Typical length: 3–4 hours

Activity level: Easy

Palermo is a strong food-tour neighborhood because it offers parrillas, wine bars, cafés, bakeries, and modern Argentine cooking. It is a good option for guests staying in Palermo or travelers who want a more contemporary local dining experience.

What you may taste: steak, small plates, empanadas, Argentine wines, gelato, pastries, and modern local dishes.

Best time: early evening.

Cruise traveler tip: this is a strong choice for a first night in Buenos Aires.

Food + Tango Evening Experience

Best for: cruise guests wanting a memorable night out

Typical length: 3–4 hours for dinner/tasting portion, longer if adding show

Activity level: Easy

Some travelers prefer to combine food with tango by having an early dinner, tasting experience, or parrilla meal before a tango show. This can make an excellent pre- or post-cruise evening.

Best neighborhoods: San Telmo, Monserrat, Palermo, or Abasto

What to expect: dinner, wine, dessert, and tango performance

Cruise traveler tip: confirm hotel transfers and late-night return timing before booking.

Food Tour Booking Tips

Choose a small-group tour when possible and confirm the meeting point, walking distance, dietary accommodations, and whether wine or cocktails are included. Buenos Aires dining runs later than in North America, so afternoon or early evening food tours can be easier for cruise travelers adjusting to the local schedule.

Top Sights to See

Plaza de Mayo & Casa Rosada

Activity level: Easy

The historic heart of Buenos Aires, surrounded by government buildings, the Metropolitan Cathedral, and major civic landmarks. It is a must for first-time visitors.

Teatro Colón

Activity level: Easy

One of the world's great opera houses, known for magnificent architecture and acoustics. Take a guided tour or attend a performance if timing allows.

Recoleta Cemetery

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

A dramatic and historic cemetery filled with elaborate mausoleums, sculpture, and Argentine history. It pairs well with museums, cafés, and parks in Recoleta.

La Boca & Caminito

Activity level: Moderate

A colorful area known for painted buildings, tango imagery, street art, and football culture. Best visited during the day, ideally with a guide or organized tour.

San Telmo

Activity level: Moderate

One of the city's oldest and most atmospheric areas, with cobblestones, cafés, antique shops, tango, and the famous San Telmo Market.

Palermo Parks

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

A relaxing area for gardens, lakes, walking paths, and green space. Good for travelers who want a break from dense urban sightseeing.

Puerto Madero & Puente de la Mujer

Activity level: Easy

A modern waterfront area with restaurants, promenades, skyline views, and the distinctive Puente de la Mujer bridge.

El Ateneo Grand Splendid

Activity level: Easy

A spectacular bookstore set inside a former theater. Great for photos, browsing, and a relaxed cultural stop.

Avenida 9 de Julio & Obelisco

Activity level: Easy

One of Buenos Aires' most recognizable landmarks and a good orientation point for central sightseeing.

Hidden Gem Sights Most Visitors Miss

Rosedal / Rose Garden of Palermo

Activity level: Easy

A lovely garden within Palermo's park system, ideal for a gentle stroll and photos.

 **Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes**

Activity level: Easy

A strong art museum near Recoleta, good for guests who enjoy culture without needing a full-day museum commitment.

 **Palacio Barolo**

Activity level: Moderate

A fascinating historic building inspired by Dante's Divine Comedy, offering guided tours and city views.

 **Feria de Mataderos**

Activity level: Moderate

A traditional fair featuring folk music, food, crafts, and gaucho culture. Best if timing aligns and you are comfortable going beyond the central districts.

 **Reserva Ecológica Costanera Sur**

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

A peaceful green escape near Puerto Madero with walking paths and birdlife. Good for travelers who want fresh air near the waterfront.

 **Palermo Street Art**

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Palermo and nearby neighborhoods have excellent murals and street art. Best explored with a guide for context.

 **Pasaje Defensa & San Telmo Courtyards**

Activity level: Easy

A charming, atmospheric stop in San Telmo with antique shops, courtyards, and old Buenos Aires character.

Best Ways to Get Tickets

For popular sights such as **Teatro Colón**, tango shows, guided city tours, food tours, and football experiences, book in advance, especially during cruise season or holiday periods. Many neighborhoods can be explored independently, but guided tours are valuable for La Boca, San Telmo history, tango culture, and food experiences.

Best ticket priorities:

Teatro Colón: guided tour or performance

Tango show: book ahead and confirm transfers

Food tour: choose San Telmo, Palermo, or steak-and-wine focus

Football experience: check match schedules and safety/logistics

Day trip to Tigre or Uruguay: book transport in advance

Best Ways to Get Around Buenos Aires

Taxi / Rideshare

Best for: cruise guests, luggage, evening transfers, door-to-door convenience

Taxis and rideshare are often the easiest option for cruise travelers, especially between the port, hotel, restaurants, and evening venues.

Subte / Metro

Best for: central sightseeing and avoiding traffic

Buenos Aires' underground metro, known as the **Subte**, is useful for many central routes. To use public transport such as bus or Subte, visitors need a rechargeable **SUBE** travel card.

Bus / Colectivo

Best for: local coverage

Buses are extensive but can be confusing for first-time visitors. They are useful for confident independent travelers with a SUBE card.

Walking

Best for: Recoleta, San Telmo, Palermo, Puerto Madero

Many neighborhoods are best explored on foot, but distances between districts can be longer than expected.

Bike Tours

Best for: active travelers

Bike tours can be a fun way to see multiple areas, especially Puerto Madero, parks, and flatter neighborhoods.

Cruise Transfers

Best for: embarkation and disembarkation

For cruise guests with luggage, arrange a hotel transfer, taxi, private driver, or cruise-line transfer rather than relying on public transit.

Best Day Trips from Buenos Aires

Tigre Delta

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Best by: train, guided tour, or private transfer

One of the best and easiest day trips from Buenos Aires. Enjoy canals, boat rides, riverside homes, markets, and a slower pace.

Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay

Activity level: Moderate

Best by: ferry

A beautiful UNESCO-style colonial town across the Río de la Plata, with cobblestone streets, cafés, river views, and historic charm. Bring your passport and check ferry timing.

Estancia / Gaucho Day

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Best by: guided tour

A classic Argentina countryside experience with ranch scenery, horseback riding options, barbecue, folk music, and gaucho culture.

Football Match Experience

Activity level: Moderate to Strenuous

Best by: guided experience

A memorable cultural outing for sports fans. For first-time visitors, a guided match-day experience is strongly recommended.

Wine Tasting or Cooking Class

Activity level: Easy

A good alternative to a long day trip, especially for cruise guests with limited time. Choose Malbec tastings, empanada classes, or asado experiences.

La Plata

Activity level: Moderate

Best by: train, bus, or guided tour

A planned city known for its cathedral, museums, and architecture. Better for travelers with extra time or repeat visitors.

Suggested 3-Day Buenos Aires Itinerary for Cruise

Guests

Day 1 — Elegant Buenos Aires

Start in **Recoleta** with the cemetery, cafés, parks, and museums. Visit **El Ateneo Grand Splendid**, then enjoy a classic steak dinner in Palermo or Puerto Madero.

Day 2 — Historic Buenos Aires

Explore **Plaza de Mayo**, **Casa Rosada**, **San Telmo**, and **La Boca / Caminito** during the day. In the evening, enjoy a tango show or San Telmo food-and-history walk.

Day 3 — Parks, Food & Waterfront

Spend the morning in **Palermo** parks and boutiques, take a **3–4 hour food tour** or wine-focused tasting experience, then end with a relaxed walk and dinner in **Puerto Madero**.

Recommended Buenos Aires Experiences by Length of Stay

If You Have 1 Day in Buenos Aires

Best for: cruise guests with a short pre- or post-cruise stay

Pace: Moderate

Focus on the essential highlights: **Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo, La Boca / Caminito, Recoleta Cemetery**, and a classic steak dinner if staying overnight.

Recommended 1-Day Plan:

Morning: Plaza de Mayo, Casa Rosada, Metropolitan Cathedral

Midday: San Telmo Market and lunch

Afternoon: La Boca / Caminito and Recoleta Cemetery

Evening: Steak dinner or tango show

Best add-on: Teatro Colón guided tour if timing works.

Best food option: San Telmo Market food walk or classic parrilla dinner.

If You Have 2 Days in Buenos Aires

Best for: guests who want culture, food, and neighborhoods

Pace: Moderate**

Day 1 — Historic Core, San Telmo & La Boca

Visit **Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo**, and **La Boca**. End with a tango show or dinner in Puerto Madero.

Day 2 — Recoleta, Palermo & Food Tour

Visit **Recoleta Cemetery, El Ateneo Grand Splendid**, and Palermo's cafés, parks, or boutiques. In the afternoon or evening, take a **3–4 hour Palermo food-and-wine tour** or a classic Argentine steak-and-wine experience.

Best add-on: Teatro Colón tour.

Best food option: Palermo Food & Wine Walk.

If You Have 3 Days in Buenos Aires

Best for: a relaxed pre- or post-cruise extension

Pace: Moderate, with optional day trip**

Day 1 — Recoleta & Palermo

Explore elegant Recoleta, parks, museums, cafés, and Palermo dining.

Day 2 — Historic Buenos Aires

Visit Plaza de Mayo, San Telmo, La Boca, Puerto Madero, and enjoy tango in the evening.

Day 3 — Day Trip or Deep Dive

Choose **Tigre Delta**, **Colonia del Sacramento**, an **estancia gaucho day**, or a slower local day with a food tour, wine tasting, and Teatro Colón.

Best day trip: Tigre Delta

Best cultural evening: tango show

Best food experience: Classic Argentine Steak, Wine & Empanadas Tour

Cruise Traveler Tips

Buenos Aires is a large city, so cruise guests should avoid trying to walk between every neighborhood. Choose a hotel base in **Recoleta, Puerto Madero, Palermo, or Retiro**, then use taxis or rideshare for efficient transfers.

Allow at least **2 nights** if possible: one day for historic Buenos Aires and one day for Recoleta, Palermo, and a food or tango experience. For guests with mobility concerns, Puerto Madero and Recoleta are generally easier bases than San Telmo or La Boca because of smoother streets, hotel access, and easier transfers.

Best Overall Recommendations

Best area for first-timers: Recoleta

Best area for cruise convenience: Puerto Madero

Best area for dining and nightlife: Palermo

Best area for history and character: San Telmo

Best must-see sight: Teatro Colón or Recoleta Cemetery

Best colorful neighborhood: La Boca / Caminito

Best food experience: Classic Argentine Steak, Wine & Empanadas Tour

Best market food experience: San Telmo Market

Best day trip: Tigre Delta

Best cultural evening: Tango show

Best stay length: 2 to 3 nights for a well-rounded cruise extension

Map of Area Attractions

BUENOS AIRES ATTRACTIONS MAP

— TOP SIGHTS & HIDDEN GEMS —

MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Plaza de Mayo & Casa Rosada
- 2 Teatro Colón
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LEGEND

- Subte / Station
- Cruise Terminal
- Landmark
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Walking District

HELPFUL TIPS & DISTANCES

- Neighborhoods are best explored individually.
- Taxis or rideshare help cover distance.
- San Telmo and Recoleta are easy walking areas.
- Puerto Madero is a good cruise-guest area.

FOR CRUISE GUESTS

Buenos Aires is an excellent pre- or post-cruise city. Puerto Madero and central neighborhoods make sightseeing easy and enjoyable for cruise guests.

RECOLETA ELEGANCE

SAN TELMO CHARM

PUERTO MADERO VIEWS

LA BOCA COLOR

PUERTO PARS

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Plaza de Mayo & Casa Rosada

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Teatro Colón

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Recoleta Cemetery

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Puerto Madero & Puente de la Mujer

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San Telmo Market

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La Boca / Caminito

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Palermo Parks & Rose Garden

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Pasion. Culture. Flavor. Buenos Aires has it all. ¡Bienvenidos!