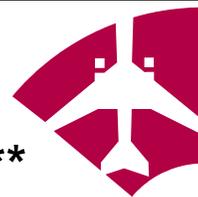# Argentina Spring 2013
# Arrival Information
# **TAKE THIS WITH YOU TO ARGENTINA**

### ALL STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE ON:
January 29, 2013
Your flight should arrive no later than 1:00pm

### ALL STUDENTS MUST MEET AT:
Name: Hotel Plaza San Martín Suites
Street Address: Suipacha 1092
Telephone: +54 11 5093 7007
Website: www.plazasanmartin.com

## Argentina Entry Requirements:

U.S. citizens should be prepared to pay a $160 reciprocity fee **before** entering Argentina. This fee is set by the government of Argentina and is subject to change at any time. **You must pay this fee online before you travel.** The most recent information from the U.S. Department of State is here:

Effective October 31, 2012 (Aeroparque) and December 28, 2012 (Ezeiza)

All U.S. tourist or business visitors must pay the reciprocity rates (USD$160 for U.S. Citizens) with their credit card through the **online system**. After these dates, cash payments will NOT be accepted at the airports.

How to pay the reciprocity fee on-line:

1) Enter the web site www.provinciapagos.com.ar of Provincia Pagos and register to start the process.
2) Complete the form with the corresponding personal and credit card information.
3) Print the payment receipt.
4) On arrival in Argentina, this printed receipt must be presented at Immigration Control. The receipt will be scanned by the Immigration officials, the information will be checked, and the traveler's entry to the country registered.

Non-U.S. citizens should contact the Consulate of Argentina before traveling abroad to see if there are additional entry requirements.

Upon arrival in Argentina, you will be granted a 90-day tourist visa, which may then be changed to a student visa from within Argentina (if necessary). The need for a student visa is determined each semester. More details about the visa process are provided during orientation. You should budget an additional $80 for possible visa-related expenses.

## FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL:

UCEAP Students arriving at Ministro Pistarini International Airport - also known as Ezeiza International Airport- (EZE) on January 29 will be met by Expanish staff and transferred to the hotel.

Upon entering Terminal A, you should look for the Expanish sign.  There will be 3 set times for the transfer, 10:00am, 12:00pm and 2:00pm. There will be room in the shuttle for you as long as you provided UCEAP with your flight information and transfer preferences ahead of time.

*All pre-departure questions or concerns should be directed to Kristen Galbreath or Monica Reynolds at UCEAP at (805) 893-4138 or send an email to kgalbreath@eap.ucop.edu or mreynolds@eap.ucop.edu

If you plan to arrive earlier on the morning of the 29th, you can wait for one of the transfers, or arrange your own transportation.

The McDonald's in Terminal A is a back-up meeting place (for students who do not see the Expanish sign) and it is also a place where you can wait if you have arrived early.

All students will stay in the hotel for the first two nights.

### *If you plan on arranging your own transfer from the airport to the hotel:*

Expanish recommends a company called *Manuel Tienda Leon* instead of hailing a random taxi, which can be much more expensive. In the past, some students have been charged unfair prices by taxi drivers. Manuel Tienda Leon has English-speaking staff and set prices. Check Manuel Tienda Leon's [website](#) for details and rates. You can either take a private bus (70 pesos) to Terminal Madero (downtown) and a short taxi ride to the hotel from there. Or, you can take a private car directly to the hotel (about 240 pesos).

### *If you are already in Buenos Aires:*

Plan on arriving at the hotel no later than 3:00pm on January 29, 2013. You are responsible for your accommodations prior to the official program start date, and you must arrange your own transportation to the hotel.

## AT THE HOTEL:

Your name will be included in the general Expanish reservation. Check in, relax, have a bite to eat, and be ready in the lobby for the walking tour at 3:30pm. You will take a quick walking tour of the area, be able to exchange money, and visit the school. This will be followed by an optional dinner at 8pm.

## ORIENTATION SCHEDULE:

January 30, 31, and February 1 are dedicated to a full-day orientation and group activities, including a city tour and welcome dinner. The Expanish staff and UCEAP Study Center Director will introduce themselves and review all practical components of the Intensive Spanish Language program, including program calendar, student services, computer access, housing, health, safety, emergencies, money and banking, communication, and public transportation. You will receive a welcome packet with a subway pass, insider's city guide, and other maps. You will move into your housing accommodations on the evening of January 31. On February 2 you will participate in a visit to a local *estancia* and then will have the rest of the weekend to adapt to your new surroundings.

*Note: Except for the activities noted as optional, all students are <u>required</u> to attend the on-site orientation. Students who arrive late or miss the planned orientation are subject to dismissal from the program.*

## FLIGHT DELAYS, MISSED CONNECTIONS, OR EMERGENCIES:

If you have any problems related to your flight that would affect your arrival time, it is vitally important that you call the appropriate UCEAP or Expanish staff to let them know. We will do our best to re-arrange the transfer service or give instructions for alternative transfer possibilities, and will update your orientation schedule accordingly.

If in U.S.:Kristen Galbreath or Monica Reynolds                                                            (805)893-4138

If in Argentina/ en route:Treva Finkle                                                            +011-54-9-11- 6975-7142 (from USA) or
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