

# Travel Haus Buenos Aires Women's Weekend

## FOREIGN CURRENCY ORDER FORM – Due by August 24<sup>th</sup>

**DO NOT SEND PAYMENT WITH YOUR ORDER FORM**

You will receive an email once all currency has been ordered with the amount due\*.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN CURRENCY ORDER	
Please reference notes below about purchasing foreign currency. Travel Haus recommends approximately \$100 USD worth of Argentine Pesos per person for this trip. However, you are welcome to purchase more or less than that amount as is fitting to your personal preferences. The currency order will be placed in September at whatever the exchange rate is at that time. <b><i>Travel Haus cannot buy back Argentine Pesos so please plan accordingly.</i></b>	
Please note: You are ordering the US Dollar amount you wish to purchase and NOT the Argentine Peso amount.	_____ US Dollar Amount

### The local currency

Argentina's national currency is the Argentine peso. Note that it has the same symbol (\$) as the dollar (don't be confused - prices expressed using the \$ symbol are in Argentine pesos unless stated otherwise. US dollars are usually referred to using the symbol: US\$.

In Argentina, cash is definitely king for every day transactions. Carrying cash and an ATM card is best; credit cards are also widely accepted. Taxis are usually cash only. US dollars are accepted by many tourist-oriented businesses, but you should also carry some pesos. Many tourist services, larger stores, hotels and restaurants take credit cards such as Visa and MasterCard, especially for big purchases. Be aware, however, that some businesses add a *recargo* (surcharge) of up to 10% to credit-card purchases; ask ahead of time. Some lower-end hotels and private businesses will not accept credit cards, and tips can't usually be added to credit-card bills at restaurants. Many places will give you a small discount if you pay in cash, rather than use a credit card.

### Changing money

It is easy to exchange money in Buenos Aires at *casas de cambio* (bureaux de change/currency exchanges) and at most banks - note that you'll need to provide identification.

Illegal money changers operating in the street, particularly in areas such as Calle Florida, may claim to offer a slightly better rate for dollars than banks and *casas de cambio*, but for safety it is advised to change money at regulated institutions. For the same reason, we do not advise changing large amounts of money at one time.

Local currency can also be withdrawn 24 hours a day from ATMs, and larger shops and restaurants usually accept payment by credit or debit card.

### Other recommendations

Paying in US dollars: some restaurants, hotels and shops may accept cash payments in US dollars with a favourable exchange rate. It is always worth asking.

1 – Please mail, fax or email this form to 614 E. Broad St., Souderton, PA 18964, (215) 723-9098 or groups@trvlhaus.com

Keep some small change handy: many shops often run low on small change - both coins and small denomination bank notes. They will be very happy with you if you can pay with the exact change.

### Using leftover pesos.

If you have a large amount of peso left at the end of your visit, you can chance them to US dollars at an official *casa de cambio* or in a bank. You may be asked to provide receipt from your original sale of dollars in order to buy back dollars. If you have less than ARS \$1,000 left, it's probably best to use it for transport to the airport or for buying souvenirs.

### ATMs

ATMs (*cajeros automáticos*) are everywhere in BA and are the handiest way to get money; they can also be used for cash advances on major credit cards. There's often an English-translation option if you don't read Spanish.

There may be limits per withdrawal, but you may be able to withdraw several times per day – just beware of per-transaction fees. A fee is charged on ATM transactions by the *local* bank (not including charges by your home bank, which are extra). Note that this is a *per transaction* fee, so consider taking out your maximum allowed.

### Cash

Notes come in denominations of two, five, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 pesos. One peso equals 100 centavos; coins come in denominations of five, 10, 25 and 50 centavos, as well as one and two pesos. The \$ sign in front of a price is usually used to signify pesos. Don't be dismayed if you receive dirty and hopelessly tattered banknotes; they will still be accepted everywhere. Some banks refuse worn or defaced US dollars, however, so make sure you arrive in Buenos Aires with pristine bills.

Counterfeiting of both local and US bills has become something of a problem in recent years, and merchants are very careful when accepting large denominations. You should be, too; look for a clear watermark or running thread on the largest bills, and be especially careful when receiving change in dark nightclubs or taxis.

***\*Do not send any money now as the actual amount due may fluctuate by a few dollars based on the currency denominations at the time of purchase.***

**Notes on Purchasing Foreign Currency: The exchange rate as of 7/27/18 is 25 Pesos = 1 US dollar - This rate will fluctuate until we place the order. This is just listed to give you an idea of what it is running.** Travel Haus offers this service as a convenience to our travelers. We are doing this as a courtesy and the exchange rates are determined by the company we purchase the currency from. The company we use is normally very competitive with the rates you get at the airport currency exchange offices. You may purchase currency on your own if you choose to or find a better rate. Credit cards and ATM's usually offer better exchange rates than if you purchase currency but you need to make sure you are not charged any international transaction fees by your credit card company or bank.

The rates shown on TV, Online or in Print are wholesale exchange rates used when banks electronically transfer \$1,000,000 or more to another overseas bank. These rates are not intended for retail purchases when buying cash in the United States or overseas. Currency Exchange is no different from the retail market where there is wholesale and retail pricing.