

What is needed to enter Argentina (at the time of this trip)*Please note: much of this pertains to bringing a firearm into the country. Those numbers noted with an “F” are specific to you bringing a firearm. If you’re not bringing your firearm, you can bypass the “F” items. These requirements can change so be sure to inquire with your outfitter. I supplied a packet/binder for each hunter that included this information. Each hunter then carried this “important document binder” with them. I have sample forms and blank forms should you need them. Contact me.*

Once again....foreign country regulations can change at any time. Use this for a reference but make sure to inquire as to YOUR needs on YOUR trip at the time of your trip. You should always verify regulations and requirements for your trip.

1. **“F”** A hunting permit form provided by your outfitter or the consulate. This is a document that identifies you, your address, your destination and room for you to list two firearms.
2. A valid passport
3. **“F”** Three passport size photos. Do not use computer photos but rather a passport photo. We were not asked to produce these but another group was.
4. **“F”** A “valid gun permit”. What they are asking for is a valid hunting permit from your state of residence. A small game license will work but it needs to be a current one. Many states allow you to buy a duplicate for only a few bucks.
5. Copy of your airline itinerary. You will need a couple copies as they may keep one.
6. **“F”** Payment for processing your applications and entry of your firearm into the country. Currently you have to pay about \$80 US per weapon. You can pay in US or exchange for peso’s when you arrive in country. The airport has exchange booths.
7. **“F”** A RENAR form that is an official government form. You must fill this form out in triplicate but do not sign until you are in front of authorities. You need three copies...one they keep when you enter the country....one you carry with (it will be stamped and authorized) and one they may keep when you exit.
8. **“F”** A US form 4457 which is a US Department of Homeland Security form. This form shows ownership of the firearm and may also be required for proof of ownership when you return into the US. This form has your firearm description, the serial number and is signed and stamped by a US customs officer. You process this form well prior to your trip and carry the original as proof.

Packing list...(specific to dove hunt only)

- Chokes for your gun
- Recoil vest
- Cargo pants with zippered leggings so you can convert to shorts
- Camp for sun protection
- Sun block and insect spray
- Camo clothing of drab color.
- Light rain gear
- Shorts, t-shirts and comfortable shoes
- Sunglasses and/or shooting glasses
- Hearing protection (make sure comfortable and for extended use)
- Shooting gloves
- Mole skin, athletic tape, band aids
- Tip money (\$30 to \$40 a day per bird boy) plus cook
- Top quality gun case
- Cameras and chargers
- Converter for electricity (Argentina is 220v)
- Personal items like medicines, extra glasses, etc.
- Extra funds for shells shot during your hunt (usually paid in cash), hunt license.
- Money for city tour, meet and greet, shopping
- Credit card (remove your block on the card before you leave the US)
- Passport

Traveling tips....

- When arriving into Miami you will have to reclaim your luggage. Make sure to allow enough time between arrival and departure to do so.
- Good idea to get ticketed prior (by your travel agent) so your seats are not split up.
- I would ask for emergency exit seats. We flew the same aircraft back home but it was brutal. It must have been a newer aircraft and had another row of seats installed. We were super cramped for 9 hours.
- You will be asked to fill out an immigration form en-route to BA. You need to fill in your destination, flight number, passport number, etc.
- Make sure to fill in your immigration form in on the plane. You will pass through Immigration once off the plane then downstairs (BA) to claim your luggage. No other paperwork required for immigration.

- Your firearms will be with your regular luggage. Once you claim your entire luggage, you will go through security ON YOUR WAY OUT OF THE BAGGAGE CLAIM AREA and on to the police department to process your firearm forms. Get your dollars exchanged to Peso's out in the lobby of the airport and not in the baggage claim area. Your exchange rate is better.
- Once you are finished at the police station, your hosts will bring you from the Buenos Aires airport to the domestic airport. With the help of your hosts, you will be able to check your luggage and firearms into the airline, despite the fact that your flight may not leave that airport for many hours. This will allow you to do a city tour, relax, etc without the burden of your luggage.
- At the time of this report, it costs around \$80 for an airport to airport transfer...for the group. Meet and greet services will also bring you on a city tour, highlighted by points of interest, lunch, shopping, etc.
- Make sure before you leave your hosts for your departure flight to your destination that your hosts understand your return flight arrangements and when and where you will expect to see them on the return into Buenos Aires.
- You will fly back into the domestic airport and suggested that you arrange for meet and greet services. You will either go directly to the BA airport unless you overnight and fly out later.
- If you are considering a hotel for overnight...we stayed at Lois Suites, Esmeralda in BA. \$135 US for 2 single beds and \$150 for 3 single beds. Located in downtown BA within walking distance of shopping, dining, entertainment.
- It is a 45 minute ride from this hotel to the International airport.
- Your meet and greet service will then bring you to the proper gate location and assist you with communications in getting your boarding passes, etc.
- You will have to pay an exit tax of \$18.50 per person and will do that at the airport. Meet and greet will assist with that.
- You will be asked to complete a US immigration form that will be presented when you arrive back in the US. You need to declare your purchases on that form.
- A suggestion is to use your credit card for purchases as you will receive the best possible exchange rate. Be sure to take your "block" off the credit card before leaving the US or it may not work in a foreign country.
- You will find Buenos Aires a destination where you can buy anything you can buy in the US. Argentina products that are specialties of the country would be anything to do with Tango, leather goods (many stores with jackets, purses, etc and great prices), and Inca Rose jewelry.

If you are bringing your own firearms, read this...

- It is best to pack your own firearm in your case (versus sharing) as you will have to claim your firearm, sign a form that lists how many firearms you are claiming, etc. It is less confusing for the Argentina gate agent if your guns alone and your guns alone are being processed, versus mixing them with a partner.
- The process for your boarding ticket and firearm registration is as follows: you will get your boarding pass. You will claim your luggage of which part of it will be your firearm. You will be asked to supply a copy of your Argentina firearm form (you need three with you). When you get your tickets and claim your firearm, they will ask you to unlock your case. They will place this form in your case and ask you to watch them do this. They will then lock the case in your presence and return the key to you. NOTE: Make sure you give them the proper form and not your hunt permit. They do not always know what they are looking for!
- If you do a meet and greet (highly suggested) your hosts will help you get to the police station. At the police station, you will be asked to produce the guns as well as signing 4 copies of forms. You will pay \$300 peso's per gun and asked to always keep one authorized form with you. NOTE: Our group was not asked to provide a hunt license copy, passport photos or a 4457 US form. However, another group we met was asked for those items. Apparently it depends on who is on duty.
- You will have to check your guns when you get ticketed for your in country flight back to Buenos Aires when your hunt is over.
- Your meet and greet service will bring you back to the police station (in BA) where you will produce the Argentina signed and stamped forms that you received when you entered the country. You will produce the firearms and compare paperwork and guns.

Hunting tips...

- Bring tape for fingers as well as shooting gloves. A tip we learned post trip was that some shooters bring the rubber thimble that bank tellers use to help count money. They protect their fingers when loading.
- Make sure your outfitter has gun cleaning supplies or that you bring some.
- Our group....five guys....four days of shooting...shooting was in the am and again in the pm.
 - Shooter 1...4725 shells total/average 1182 per day.
 - Shooter 2...3900 shells/average 975 per day.
 - Shooter 3...4450 shells/average 1112 per day.
 - Shooter 4...5375 shells/average 1343 per day.
 - Shooter 5...6565 shells/average 1641 per day *Note: I don't know how you can shoot more shells per day without shooting all day. I would consider this a very high production shoot (Shooter 5).*

- Tips for bird boys were about \$30 per bird boy, per day.
- Recoil vest, gloves, hat, sunscreen, light clothes were a must
- I used one of my clients 28 ga doubles for a few boxes and it was an absolute joy! We also had auto's which worked great although it was hard to keep them fully loaded.
- If shooting autos and high volume, be careful of shirts, t-shirts, vests that have a seam where your gun stock rests on your shoulder. Doesn't seem like much but after a few thousand rounds...that seam can create havoc with your shoulder.
- We tipped the cook, servers, etc as a combined tip from all of us. It is a discretionary tip based on your evaluation.
- Take advantage of going with the bird boys when they bring the doves to the local villagers. It is a humbling experience.

Recommended meet and greet services:

AG Tours

Sergio and Aldo Giovannucci

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I have phone numbers of the above as well. Feel free to contact me with other questions.

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