



# ARRIVAL & FIRST DAY

## Factsheet 2024

### DESCRIPTION

Arriving in a foreign country for the first time can be a scary experience. Therefore, Expanish provides several services that will make the first few days in Buenos Aires as smooth as possible. If there are any problems upon arrival either at the airport, in the city, or at the selected housing, Expanish staff are always available at the 24/7 emergency number.

### AIRPORTS IN BUENOS AIRES

All international flights arrive at **Ezeiza International Airport (EZE)**, also known as Ministro Pistarini, and are located about 40 minutes from the city by car. There is another domestic airport called Aeroparque (AEP), however, the vast majority of students will not use this airport and it is located within city limits.

### AIRPORT TRANSFER SERVICE

A secure and reliable airport transfer by remis (private car) is available through Expanish. After picking up their baggage and passing through the customs checkpoint, students will enter the terminal where they will find a greeter with an Expanish sign with their name on it. The greeter will introduce the student to their driver who will take them directly to their housing. Instructions for the airport transfer service will be sent out 2 weeks before arrival. The school also offers a return transfer service.

## GETTING TO THE CITY

Expanish recommends the following forms of transportation:

- **Private Car** - Hiring a private car is the easiest and safest way to arrive in Buenos Aires. Transfers can be arranged prior to arrival and a flat fee will be charged for the service. Private car services range from US\$20 to US\$60.
- **Private Bus** - [Manuel Tienda Leon](#) is a private bus company that runs buses every half-hour to downtown Buenos Aires. Students will then have to take a taxi from the bus terminal to their accommodation in the city. The bus is about US\$8 and an additional taxi can be from US\$5 to US\$10.

Expanish discourages using the following forms of transportation:

- **Public Bus** - The public bus operates near both airports; however, Expanish does not recommend this option as it travels through unsafe areas, it takes an extended period of time to get to the city and there is insufficient space for luggage.
- **Taxi** - Flagging down a taxi from outside the airport can be risky. These taxis sometimes take advantage of foreigners by charging higher fees than the standard rate. A typical taxi from the Ezeiza International Airport to the city is around US\$25.

## WELCOME ACTIVITY

Every Sunday or Monday the school will organize a welcome activity for new students. They are designed to help students meet each other and explore a bit of the city before formally starting class. Activities include visits to explore different neighborhoods and parks, going to street fairs, coffees, and meals. Current students are also invited. Current activities can be found on Eventbrite [HERE](#).



## PLACEMENT TESTS

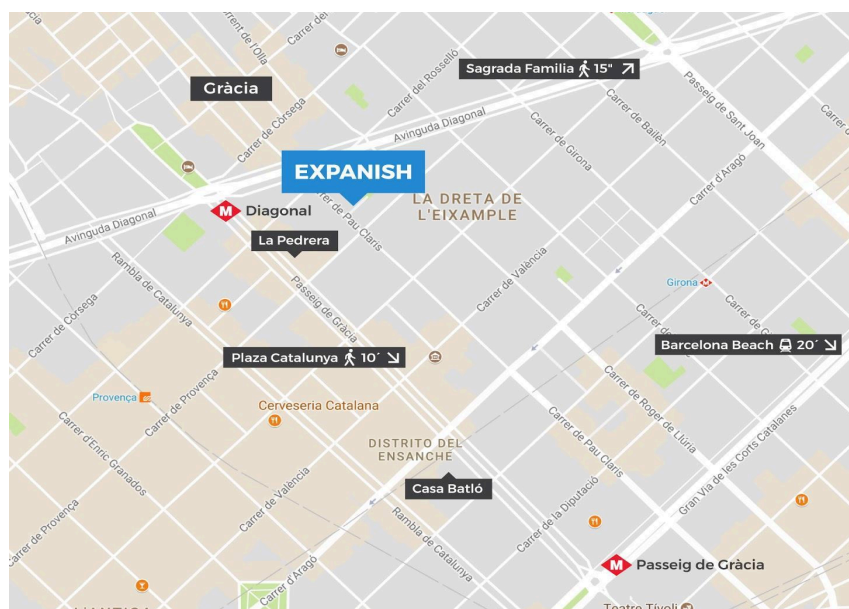
Each student should take an oral online Spanish test. The link is provided in the confirmation email prior to arrival. Students who do not complete the online test will need to complete it in person on the first day of class.

## FIRST DAY AT THE SCHOOL

If a student has completed the oral level test online, they should arrive at the school at **8:45 am** on their first day. If a student has not completed the test, they should arrive at **8 am**. Punctuality is important, students who arrive late for the test will miss part of their Spanish class on the first day.

## LOCATION

Our school is located in the neighborhood of Palermo, just one block from the nearest subway stop (Olleros, Line D).



## SCHOOL DETAILS

### School Address:

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## HOW TO GET TO THE SCHOOL

We always recommend that students can use public transportation to get to school on their first day.

**Subway** - Expanish is one block from the Olleros station (D green line).

**Public Bus** - There are a number of bus routes to Expanish. The main bus lines that have stops near the school are 41, 42, 59, 62, 63, 68, 152.

**Taxi** - Advise taxis to drop you off on the corner of Federico Lacroze and 3 de Febrero.

## WELCOME PACK

All students receive a welcome pack on the first day at the school, which includes an Expanish eco-bag, a map, notepaper, a pen, and a folder for storing their things.

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

On the first day of classes, Expanish staff will provide all new students with a short orientation that covers information about Spanish classes, activities, excursions, and Buenos Aires in general. This orientation is also a great way to meet fellow students and our friendly staff. We also have a separate orientation about staying safe in Buenos Aires and Latin America.

