

## ABOUT ROSARIO

Rosario is situated in central-eastern Argentina, in Santa Fe province and it is the third most populous city of the country, after Buenos Aires and Cordoba.

The city is located in the southeast of Santa Fe province, on the right bank of the Paraná river, in the Paraná-Paraguay waterway, 300 km from the city of Buenos Aires, and is based on an area of 172 km<sup>2</sup> in the heart of the humid Pampas.

Rosario has a population of a 1.2 million inhabitants. Along with several locations in the area, Rosario forms the metropolitan area of greater Rosario which is the third largest urban agglomeration in the country.

Rosario is a cosmopolitan city that is the core of a region of great economic importance, being in a strategic geographic position in relation to the Mercosur, due to river traffic and transport. It is the main metropolis of one of the most productive agricultural areas of Argentina and it is the commercial centre of a wide range of industries and services.

This city is an important educational, cultural and sports centre that also has important museums, libraries and tourist infrastructure including architectural tours, walks, boulevards and parks.

Rosario is known as the Cradle of the Argentine flag, being its most famous building, National Flag Memorial

### **Distances from Rosario:**

- Rosario-Buenos Aires 306 km
- Rosario-La Plata 360 km
- Rosario-San Nicolás de los Arroyos 70 km
- Rosario-Ezeiza International Airport 324 km
- Rosario-Campana 222 km
- Rosario-Ushuaia 3.375 km
- Rosario-Cataratas del Iguazú 1.387 km

## CLIMATE

It is considered "pampean mild", which means that the four seasons are not well defined. However, it can be said that there is a hot season from November to March and a cold one between June and the first fortnight in August. It is rainier in the summer than in the winter, with a total rainfall of between 800 and 1,000 mm per year. In November the temperature is about 22 °C cooling at night.

## SHOPPING

You may obtain a VAT reimbursement to any purchases of local products in shops operating with the "Global Refund" system.

Although US Dollars and Euros are generally taken everywhere, foreign currencies can be exchanged in banks and authorized bureaus. American Express, VISA, Diners and Master Card are widely accepted. There may be difficulties in changing traveler's check outside Buenos Aires.

The opening hours are:

Banks and Exchange Bureaus: Mondays to Fridays from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Business Offices: generally from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Stores: Mondays to Saturdays from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m., they generally close at midday.

Cafés, cake shops and pizzerias: open most of the time except between 2.00 and 6.00 a.m.

Restaurants: lunch is served as from 12.30 p.m. and dinner as from 8.30 hours. Fast-food menus are served in many restaurants at all times

## TRANSPORTATION

BUSES: Bus fares are pre-paid by means of a disposable paper card with a magnetic stripe which can be bought from post offices, automatic vending machines, and private businesses.

TAXIS: Rosario has a medium-sized taxi fleet, with units painted black and outlined in yellow. Some belong to radio-taxi companies and can be reserved by telephone; others only in the streets.

PLANE: The Rosario Airport is located 13 km (8.1 mi) west-northwest from the center of Rosario. The airport covers an area of 550 hectares (1359 acres) and is operated by the Province of Santa Fe. The airport serves the Greater Rosario area and is the main hub for Sol Líneas Aéreas and is also served by Aerolíneas Argentinas, Gol Transportes Aéreos and LAN Argentina. There are domestic flights within Argentina from Rosario to Buenos Aires, Córdoba, Mar del Plata (via Buenos Aires), Mendoza (vía Córdoba), Santa Fe and Villa Gesell (via Buenos Aires) cities as well as international services to Santiago de Chile, Porto Alegre, Brazil, and Punta del Este, Uruguay (direct flight in summer and via Buenos Aires in fall, winter and spring).