



**PRE-DEPARTURE  
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*Buenos Aires, Fall 2023*



# ORIENTATION OVERVIEW



**GLOBAL  
ORIENTATION**

**COMPLETE**



**LOCATION  
ORIENTATION**

**YOU'RE HERE!**



**CARE TEAM  
HANGOUTS**

**AUGUST 24**

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# MEET YOUR SPEAKERS

We're excited to support you as you prepare for a Verto semester.

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# AGENDA



- Breakout Warm-Up
- Preparation and Arrival Process
- Program-Specific Expectations
- Your Academic Experience
- Living Life In Buenos Aires
  - Housing
  - Staff
  - Academic Facility
  - Packing & Budgeting
  - City Transportation, Food & Spots
- Next Steps & Questions

*Reminders: Complete attendance survey at the end & course schedules/housing assignments will be shared soon!*

# MINI-BREAK

## *Share Out in Chat*

**What are you most  
excited about?**

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**What do you have  
questions about?**

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*Also mention your name,  
pronouns, where you are from,  
and where you are going for your  
study abroad experience!*



# ARRIVAL PROCESS





# BIENVENIDOS A BUENOS AIRES

We're excited for you to study abroad in the beautiful city of Buenos Aires!



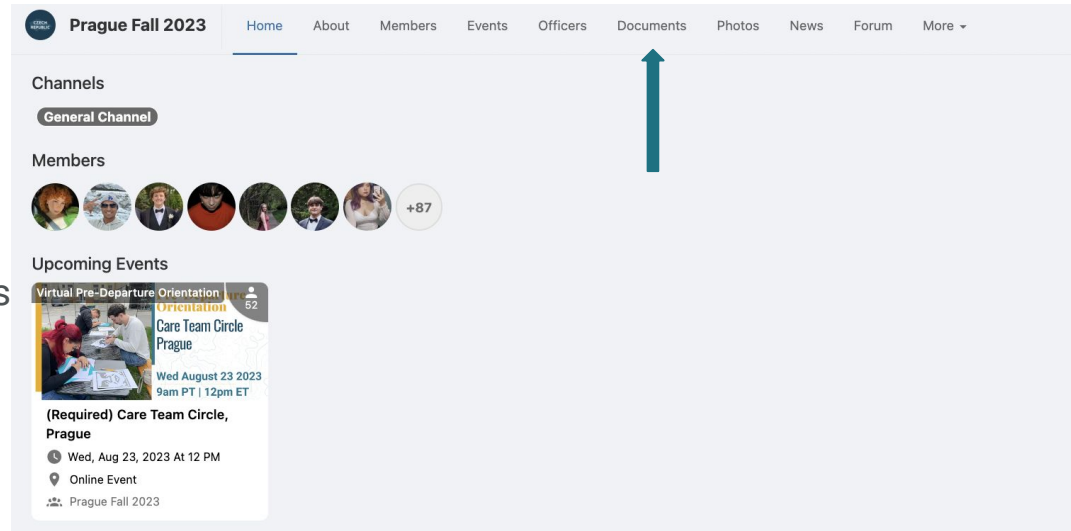
# PREPARING TO GO



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# Carry on:

- All documents for customs  
*(we'll go over that in a moment)*
- All electronics & outlet adapters
- All prescription medicine and doctor's notes
- A change of clothes (for 2 days) in case your luggage gets lost
- Toothbrush & daily toiletries



# Packing Tips: Advice from Alumni

- Do research on the local weather and fashion
- Throw in a pair of fuzzy slippers
- Travel sized toiletries
- Medicines & contact lens solution
- Neutral and interchangeable clothing & comfortable shoes
- Embrace a minimalist lifestyle



# Packing Tips: What To Avoid

## WE RECOMMEND YOU **DO NOT BRING:**

- Prized possessions: heirloom jewelry, irreplaceable tokens, etc. It's not worth the risk of losing an item.
- Too many clothes - chances are you'll want to acquire some new stuff!
- Anything you can't carry
- Locked cell phones



# Documents for Customs

## REMEMBER TO CARRY:

- Your Passport!
- Photocopies of your PASSPORT and printout of your CISI (medical insurance) card.

*Note: Stamps in your passport are digital*



# Staying in Contact While Abroad

## CELL PHONE PLAN:

- Students **MUST** have a cell phone number where they can be contacted while studying in Buenos Aires.
- Having a working cell phone is a requirement for program participation
- **You've got Options:**
  - International Plan (You get this from your US provider)
  - Getting a local SIM Card (The staff will provide you with a local SIM Card)
- **Unlock your phone prior to travel**



# Money Matters

- Inform Your Bank That You'll Be Abroad
  - If you don't they may block your card for suspicious activity
- Bring at least 400 U.S. dollars in cash (bills of 100 USD)
- Credit cards are accepted, but at a different exchange rate





# Have a Plan: Budgeting Guidelines

## Develop A Personal Budget:

- Expenses are dependent upon your lifestyle! Some students will spend less and others more. To create your budget, think about:
  - How many meals do you plan on eating outside your housing?
  - How important are clothes, souvenirs, or physical items to you?
  - Do you plan to take any weekend trips outside of planned activities? (transportation, food, activities, accommodations)
  - Snacks, toiletries, and discretionary
  - The basics: laundry, cell phone plan, medicine
- Students in Buenos Aires usually spend between \$50 - \$100 per week, depending on their personal habits (homestay or apartment)



# Arrival and Discovery Week

## What To Do When You Arrive:

- Pickup at Buenos Aires airport and transportation to housing is provided on August 28th
  - Plan to arrive between 6AM - 5PM
- Get your luggage, exit baggage claim, and look for the Verto staff there (t-shirts and signs!) More info in your Student Portal
- Shuttle will leave every couple hours and take you to your new home

## In-Person Orientation:

- Get ready for an exciting and informative week!
- Discovery week starts the day after arrival and your attendance is required
- We'll cover everything you need to know to get the best start to the program



# Discovery Week

August 28th to September 1st

- Required Attendance
- Full cohort, Care Team, and Small Group Sessions
- Informative sessions, chances to meet staff, professors, and fellow students
- Activities in the city and an excursions nearby
- Day Trip on Friday!
- Picnic lunches and free time too



**STUDY CENTER VERTO BUENOS AIRES**

# What if ...

## My Flight Is Delayed?

- Because you will have submitted your flight information via the student portal, our staff can track your flight
- Email: [buenosaires@vertoeducation.org](mailto:buenosaires@vertoeducation.org)
- If you arrive after 5pm, Verto staff can help you with transit to your destination.
- **Emergency number:** +54 9 11 2464-7983

## I Arrive Outside The Arrival Window?

- Check your Student Portal for “Arrival Guide”



# PROGRAM- SPECIFIC EXPECTATIONS



# Community Guidelines

## Follow Your Code Of Responsibility:

- Community Values, Care Teams and Verto Discovery

## Tips For Life In Buenos Aires:

- **Life in Buenos Aires:** a warm and welcoming people!
- **Safety:**
  - Don't make yourself a target by walking with airpods, flashing your phones, or carrying your wallet in your back pocket
  - Walk with friends after dark
  - Let others know where you're going
  - Use the independent travel form when traveling outside of Buenos Aires
  - Don't accept drinks from strangers
  - Carry a bag with a zipper and keep it in front of your body



# Alcohol Safety

## Following Your Code Of Responsibility:

- Because you are 18 years of age, you have reached the legal drinking age in Buenos Aires
- You are legally allowed to consume alcohol in Buenos Aires (not possess it in Verto facilities)
- You are NOT permitted to use alcohol in an irresponsible way or to abuse alcohol
- Being a “drunken American” wandering the streets puts you and your peers at risk and makes you a target
- Code of responsibility violations can lead to serious consequences up to dismissal



# ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS





# Academic Facility:

## Study Center:

- You will take courses at our Study Center located within the heart of Buenos Aires' commercial and social center.
- The facility includes classrooms, study space, indoor/outdoor common areas to hang out and study, air conditioning, and WIFI.



## Things to keep in mind:

- Each course includes experiential learning activities that may take place on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

# Academic Facility:

Course Related Activities:



**BA CITY COUNCIL**



**MALBA**

# LIVING IN BUENOS AIRES



The Verto Experience:

# YOUR CARE TEAM COORDINATORS



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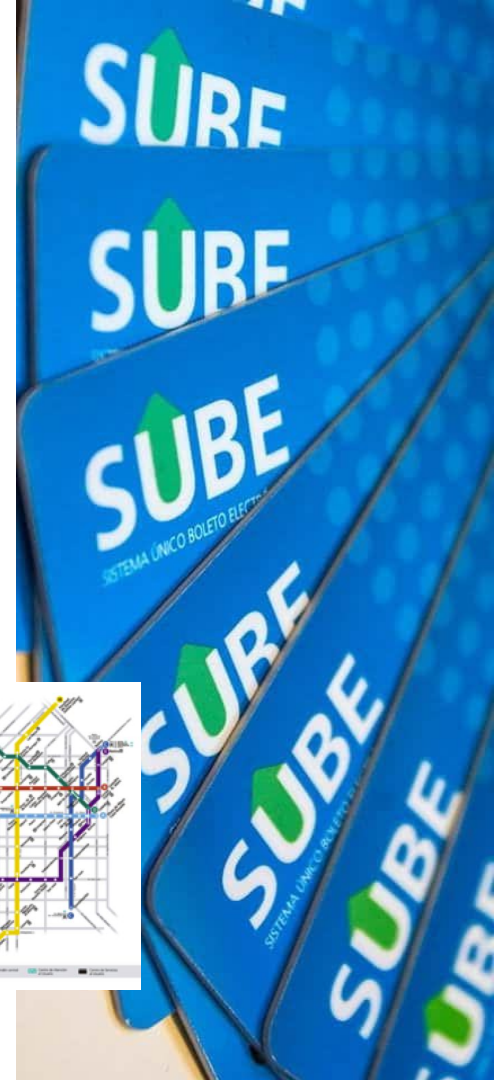


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# Transportation

- Students use a SUBE Card
- Valid for metro, train and buses
- Uber & Cabify
- Plenty of walking and biking!



# City Food

- Argentine cuisine is a blending of Mediterranean influences brought by the Spanish during the colonial period, and later by Italian and other European immigrants.
- Social gatherings involve sharing a meal. Sunday family lunch is considered the most significant meal of the week.
- Most regions of Argentina are known for their beef-oriented diet.
- Breakfast is small and consists of coffee (or mate) and pastry. In most parts of Argentina, lunch is the largest meal of the day. Dinner after 9pm.



# City Spots



# Program Excursions

- Tigre Delta (September 1st)
- Iguazú Falls (September 22nd-23rd)
- Ranch Visit (early November)





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# HOMESTAYS



# Homestays

- Located within a 10-20 minute walk of the study center, in the most popular areas of the city.
- Families all look different!
- They are looking forward to meeting you!

## Amenities

- Breakfast and dinner 7 days a week
- Private or shared room with another VERTO student
- Rooms will have bed, desk, chair & lamp
- Wi-fi



# Homestays

## What to Expect?

- To communicate with your family
  - They will be patient and have hosted many students!
- To be involved with your family
  - They've welcomed you into their home, and will include you in their life.
- Less privacy
  - You must abide by the house rules and let them know of your whereabouts.
- A life-changing experience!
  - If you're open to gaining a new family - you just might!



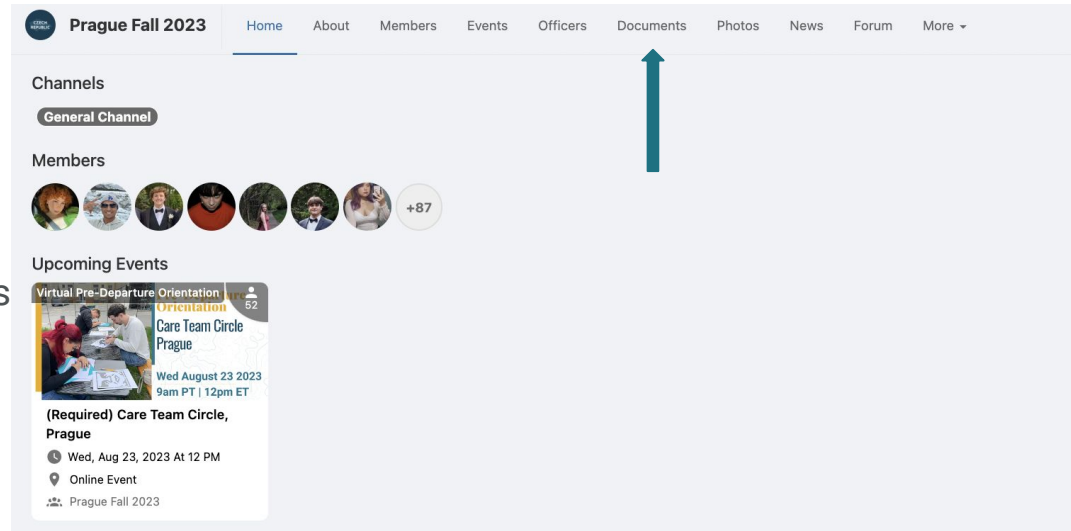
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# MARK YOUR ATTENDANCE

**IMPORTANT:** Report Your Attendance  
before the end of the Session

**(Required) Care Team Circle Date**

August 23 at [vertoeducation.org/orientation](https://vertoeducation.org/orientation)

**Location Resources**

- In Student Portal

**To access, visit**

**[bit.ly/vertoattendance23](https://bit.ly/vertoattendance23)**

