

“Memory in Presence: Memorial Sites as places for Peacebuilding”

07 – 12 November, 2022 in Buenos Aires, Argentina



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Dear GDL members,

Dear colleagues and friends,

With the Memory in Presence Lab drawing closer, we would like to share some practical information with you.

We are honoured that 16 guests from all over the world are keen to be part of this initiative and look forward to welcoming you to Buenos Aires soon. For those staying with us at the [O2 Hotel](#), please note that the official check-in time is from 3 p.m. Early check-in can be provided only in case of availability. It will be possible to store luggage before check-in. The Lab officially ends on Saturday after our transfer back to the hotel at 3:30 p.m. For those who have to leave on Saturday, please keep in mind to check out before the shuttle bus picks us up at 9.30 for our last site visit. Kindly note that the GDL does not cover any extra expenses for hotel services (minibar, telephone, laundry, etc.).

The O2 Hotel can be reached from Ezeiza International Airport or Jorge Newbery National Airport by taxi or private shuttle companies (find more information below).

Kindly note that there will be a [SIGNAL group](#) coordinated by your fellow GDL Member and Lab Host [Banu Peko](#) under the following number: +49 174 450 5518.

Julie is also available on Whatsapp on +49 163 8870 290 or +54 911 4082 4764, and Banu is, as well +49 174 450 5518.

The Lab begins at 2:00 pm on Monday, 07 November 2022, in the space behind the café “Caras y Caretas”, next door to the hotel. Make sure you are “ready” at 1.50.

If you have any further questions beforehand, please do not hesitate to contact us!

We wish you a safe trip to Buenos Aires!

Kind regards,

Your Hosts and the Secretariat of the Global Diplomacy Lab

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Practical Information

Hotel

The recently renovated, three-star O2 Hotel Buenos Aires is situated in the city's business district just half a block from Corrientes Avenue. You find many of Buenos Aires' attractions within walking distance, such as the Argentine National Congress, the “Obelisco” Monument, and the Theatre “Colón”. The hotel offers a free breakfast buffet and provides free Wi-Fi. The front desk is open 24 hours a day.

There's no lobby, but: A nice café/library with Wi-Fi, where you can read, have coffee or work is next door: **Caras y Caretas**.

Contact:

Website: <https://o2hotelbuenosaires.com-hotel.com/en/>

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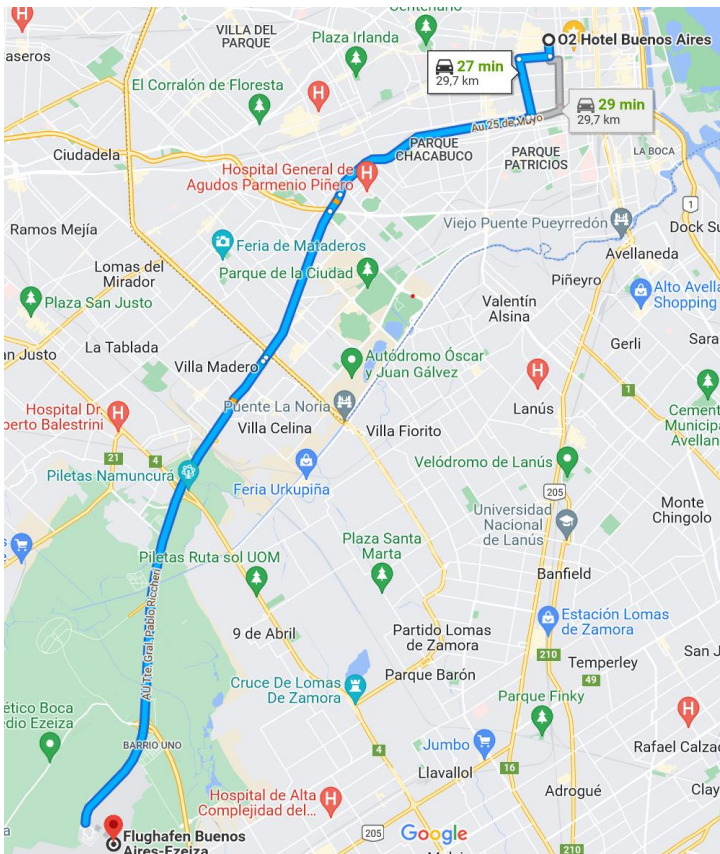
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Transportation

Private Transfer or Remis

In the centre of the arrival hall at Ezeiza International Airport, just after customs control, you will see a kiosk, “Taxis Ezeiza”. There is a fixed price to go to the city centre, so you can pay beforehand with USD, Euro, or credit card.

We also recommend you join the SIGNAL GROUP +49 174 450 5518, (see the link above) to organize joint transportation, if possible, with other GDL members.

You can also use UBER (but I’d try to support the taxi drivers)

Travel time: 45 minutes

Price: Around USD 25

Airport Shuttle

Manuel Tienda León shuttle service. For a far smaller fare, they will drop you at their bus terminal in Plaza San Martín. Buses are very comfortable and have free WIFI access. You can use public transportation or take a regular taxi from Plaza San Martín to the hotel (add USD 5 to 10). Note that the shuttle price is per person.

Travel time: 60 minutes

Price: Around USD 13 per person

Public Transport

If you have a SUBE card (rechargeable cards for public transport) from former trips, you can take the local transportation *Bus 8* from outside the airport, but the trip takes up to 2 hours. It’s super cheap (not more than 1 Euro).

Once our Lab starts, we’ll have SUBE cards prepared for you, so you don’t have to worry about that.

Dress Code

In general, in Argentina the dress code is very informal. We don’t have an official reception, but the dinner place (Restaurant at Museo Evita) on Thursday is a bit more elegant. On Friday morning, our session will take place in the traditional Palacio San

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Martín. As we'll be welcomed as the international experts there, this might be a moment to dress up a bit. But: **Casual** is ok throughout the whole lab.

Time Zone

UTC / GMT -4

Currency

The official Currency is the Argentine Peso (ARS).

1 USD equals around 154.745 ARS. 1 EUR corresponds to approximately 154.745 ARS. This is the “official” change rate, and it can be changing very quickly, Inflation is high and fast. There's a parallel change rate (dollar/euro blue) which gives you almost double. You get this “blue” rate via Western Union (see below)

Important advice concerning money: It's expensive and very limited to get money from ATMs. Despite international rules, banks take high fees for the use of VISA, and you get a bad change rate. It is highly recommended to send yourself money via [Western Union](#). There are small WU offices all over Buenos Aires. Make sure you don't send too much at a time (not more than 100 Euro) as they might not have enough cash to pay you. And your name has to be written exactly as in the document you'll show! If you have any further questions beforehand, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We'll have rechargeable cards for public transport (**SUBE**) prepared for you, so you don't have to worry about that.

Local SIM Card If you want a local SIM card, you can get one at any Kiosk (Personal, Movistar, Claro ... all similar).

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Emergency and Useful Numbers

General emergencies

Buenos Aires City and Province

Tel: 911

Police

Tel: 101

Fire

Tel: 100

Medical Emergencies

Tel: 107

Tourist Police

Tel: 0800-999-5000 / 0800-999-2838

(English is spoken)

Civil Defense

Tel: 103

Environmental Emergency

Tel: 105

Emergency at sea

Tel: 106

Tourist Information

Tel: 0800 999 28 38

Weather

Buenos Aires has a temperate climate. Argentina's summer months last from October to March. In November, the average temperature ranges from 15 °C (60.8 F) to 35 °C (77 F). There is a chance of rain, especially during night-time.

Don't forget to bring sunglasses, sun protection, swimsuit, mosquito protection, but also something that protects you from rain.

Good to Know

Tipping

Tips are commonly given and expected in restaurants. Values generally, are around 10–15%. Taxi drivers don't expect tips.

Water

You can drink the tap water in Buenos Aires, but the taste is not really good. Most locations have water dispensers, where you can fill your water bottle.

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Sustainability @ the GDL

Sustainability is a core principle of the GDL. Through the careful selection of services, locations and partners, we try to limit our carbon footprint as much as possible.

Sustainability is not only our guiding principle on a macro-level, but also finds its expression in little things.

We'll provide you with water bottles and coffee cups which you should bring with you every day, in order to avoid plastic cups etc.

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