

Lesson: Visitamos Buenos Aires

Warm Up / Welcome Activity (2 min.)

Activity: Where is Argentina? (3 min.)

Find Argentina on a globe or world map. Argentina is in South America. Ask students how long they think it would take to get there by plane. (It takes about 10 hours from here.) Explain that we are going to visit Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. Point out Buenos Aires on the map.

Video: Aterrizaje en Buenos Aires (5 min.)

While playing a video shot from an airplane as it descends to land in Buenos Aires, talk about what you see out the window. Buenos Aires is a very large city. Many, many people live there. Ask students which is larger: Buenos Aires or Washington, D.C., our capital. Also mention the many large buildings. Are there that many buildings where we live?

Activity: Weather report (10 min.)

What is the weather like in Buenos Aires? Take a look at the weather forecast handed out to each student. Ask what the weather is like today. What is it like tomorrow and the next day? Is it hot or cold? 17 degrees looks cold, but what is that in Fahrenheit? Use a large thermometer to compare temperatures.

Slideshow: Around Buenos Aires (5 min.) – *Pass around photos if a slideshow is not practical.*

Now that we are “in” Buenos Aires, let's take a look around! Briefly show several photos highlighting different parts of the city: old, crowded neighborhoods, new construction, tourists like us, etc. End up at a feria. Explain the different things that happen at a feria such as Mataderos. There are many people at the feria. You can buy lots of things there. Pass around some of the things you found at the fair. Sample some dulce de leche from the fair. There is also music and dancing.

Video: El bailecito (3 min.) – *This activity can be cut if needed.*

Watch a short video of a traditional style of dance called the bailecito. While it is playing, encourage students to clap along with the audience in the video. Describe what is happening, what you see in the video. Talk about the music. Afterwards, ask what instruments everyone heard.

Video: Despegue de avión (30 sec.)

To wrap up this imaginary trip, watch one last video. This one is shot from the airplane as it takes off from Buenos Aires.