Important Information for holders of passports from the United States, Canada, and Australia.

1. To pay the reciprocity fee, please click on the following link:
You must make this payment online before arriving in Argentina, as it is the only way to comply with this requirement.

2. Register and fill out the form with your personal data and credit card information (Visa, American Express or Master Card are accepted). The National Directorate of Immigration in Argentina will receive this information electronically.

3. Print the receipt. This receipt will be valid immediately, as soon as payment is made. A copy of the receipt is also automatically sent to your e-mail account. In case you do not find it in the Inbox, please check the Spam as well.

4. Upon arrival in Argentina, this receipt must be presented to immigration officers.

5. The receipt will be scanned by the immigration control officers, who will verify the data and authorize entry to Argentina.

6. The fee is valid for 10 years from the date of payment, and for multiple entries for U.S. citizens.
Notes:

I had no trouble using the link, paying for and getting my reciprocity fee document. There are instructions in English and Spanish, and a brief presentation on how US, Canadian and Australian citizens pay for the reciprocity fee and obtain the associated travel document for Argentina.

First of all, you MUST pay the reciprocity fee with a credit card. And you MUST do it online. Have your passport and your credit card handy when you are ready to pay the fee.

It is essential to follow the directions on the site exactly. Even so, I know others who had some difficulty because the site crashed or they were directed to try again another time. In due course, they were able to pay for and received their reciprocity fee documents. I suppose my advice is to not wait to the last minute, to follow the online directions exactly, and to be patient.

Print the single-page document, which will contain a bar code and some other information. Keep the document with your passport.

When you are checking in at the airport prior to your departure to Argentina you will be asked to present your document. If you do not have the document or have lost it, your airline will give you instructions for obtaining the necessary document. You will not be allowed to board the flight to Argentina without the reciprocity fee document in your possession.

Money-Saving Tip:

There are a number of websites that purport to help process the reciprocity fee and provide the appropriate reciprocity document. I cannot vouch for any of them because I have not used them, but I have looked at their sites and most of them charge additional “processing fees” of between $US 10 to $US20 or more for their service. For Canadians, many of them default to the $US 150 fee for the 5-year multiple entry document and do not even give the option of the single entry $US 75 rate.

You can avoid this unnecessary extra charge by using the link to the official Argentine site in the shaded box above.

I’ve been to Argentina twice this past year in my capacity as Board Liaison to the Local Planning Committee. If you have questions about the reciprocity fee – or anything else about the Buenos Aires Annual Course - I’ll be glad to help if I can. Just send an email to me at the address below.

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you in beautiful Buenos Aires in September!

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