



ARGENTINA

KC MATCH DATE: JUNE 16 | 8:00 P.M. CENTRAL

OFFICIAL TEAM NAME

Selección Argentina de Fútbol
(seh-lek-SEE-ohn ar-hen-TEE-nah deh FOOT-bol)

COMMON NICKNAME

La Albiceleste
(al-bee-seh-LES-teh)

TEAM COLORS

Sky blue and white

BASE CAMP

Sporting KC Performance Center
Kansas City, KS

WHERE IN THE WORLD SOUTH AMERICA



Approx. 11–12 hours travel to Kansas City

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE(S)

Spanish

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Moderate; more common among younger travelers and business visitors.

HELPFUL GREETINGS

- ▶ Hola (OH-lah) – Hello
- ▶ Buen día (BWEHN DEE-ah) – Good morning
- ▶ Gracias (GRAH-see-as) – Thank you

Effort is appreciated; perfect pronunciation is not expected.

SOCCER FAN CULTURE & SPIRIT

Argentine supporters are deeply passionate and emotionally connected to their national team. Soccer is a central part of national identity, and fans often express support through singing, chanting, flags, jerseys and coordinated supporter traditions. Never underestimate the creativity born from the passion of an Argentine football fan!

MATCH DAY ATMOSPHERE

- ▶ Pre-match: Early gatherings in bars, cafés and public spaces.
- ▶ Post-match: Large celebrations after wins; quieter, reflective gatherings after losses.



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CULTURAL NORMS & ETIQUETTE

HIGH-LEVEL

Interactions tend to be warm and expressive. Friendly conversation and personal engagement are common. Hospitality and shared experiences are highly valued. Individual preferences vary widely.

HOSPITALITY, DINING & DAILY RHYTHM

Daily meal structure is broadly similar to the United States, but lunch and dinner are often eaten later and at a more relaxed pace.

- ▶ Breakfast: Typically light (coffee with pastries or toast)
- ▶ Lunch: Often a substantial meal; commonly eaten 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- ▶ Dinner: Social and unhurried; commonly eaten 8:30–10:30 p.m.

Cafés play an important social role throughout the day and evening. Individual schedules and habits vary, especially among younger and international travelers. However, coffee is usually served hot and in small cups.

Mate is the traditional Argentine drink. You will see people walking around with a thermos of hot water and a small vessel called “mate” with a metal straw (“bombilla”), which they share and drink in a group. This is normal and similar to drinking tea. If you asked for hot water for mate, the temperature should be around 60°C (like for tea), not boiling.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & COMFORT

Visitors may enjoy hearty meals and shared dining experiences. Beef and grilled foods are culturally significant, though preferences vary. Coffee is popular, and social drinking is common. Dietary preferences differ by individual.

TRAVEL & CONSUMER BEHAVIOR

Visitors may travel in groups of friends, supporter clubs or families, as well as independently. Spending often prioritizes shared experiences, match-day gatherings and meaningful souvenirs. Credit cards are widely used, with some cash for small purchases.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Some visitors may find community spaces, businesses or events that reflect familiar cultural traditions, including food, music and social gatherings.

HOW OUR REGION CAN BE A GREAT HOST

Warm greetings, curiosity and enthusiasm for soccer are appreciated. Acknowledging team colors, match day and local hospitality helps visitors feel welcome and connected.



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PAYMENT

Most international visitors primarily use credit or debit cards, including contactless payment methods. Businesses do not need to adopt new or specialized payment platforms. Some visitors may expect PIN-based card transactions, and occasional card declines may occur due to bank security settings.

It is also common to use cash, so it would be helpful to accept cash in case a visitor does not have a card or has problems with their bank.

COMMUNICATION

Many international visitors use WhatsApp for personal communication with friends, family and travel companions. Businesses and community hosts are not expected to use WhatsApp. Visitors may share directions, reservations or information via their mobile phones or screenshots.

HELPFUL TIP

Clear signage, written confirmations, patience and friendly communication go a long way in creating a positive experience for international visitors.

ARGENTINA TEAM FACTS

(Source: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw Stat Kit)

- Reigning FIFA World Cup 2022™ Champions, Argentina was the first South American team to book a spot at the FIFA World Cup 2026™ having sealed qualification on March 25, 2025.
- Argentina secured their third FIFA World Cup™ title in dramatic fashion against France in the 2022 final, winning an enthralling penalty shoot-out following a 3-3 draw.
- Lionel Messi broke the record for most matches played at the FIFA World Cup™ in the 2022 final, his 26th appearance moving him one clear of Germany's Lothar Matthäus, who had held the record since 1998.
- The 2026 tournament will be Argentina's 14th successive FIFA World Cup™ appearance, with their last absence from an edition of the competition being all the way back in 1970.