



GEORGIA - ARGENTINA COUNTRY CONNECTION

Government and Commerce

The Argentine Consulate General in Atlanta is the official representation of the Argentine government in the Southeastern United States. In addition to performing consular services, the office also promotes economic development, trade, investment, tourism, academic and cultural relationships. Argentina first established a consular presence in Georgia in 1899. Ms. Alana Lomonaco Busto has served as Consul General since January 2024.

Atlanta is also home to the Argentine American Chamber of Commerce of the South East, which promotes the exchange and development of commercial, industrial and tourism activities between Argentina and the southeastern business community.

In November 2016 the Georgia National Guard announced its selection as Argentina's U.S. partner for the Department of Defense State Partnership Program (SPP). With this partnership, Georgia and Argentina share expertise in emergency and disaster response, enhancing border security and strengthening cooperation in peacekeeping operations and readiness.

Both the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia are also based in Atlanta. These organizations work to promote and support Argentine businesses and individuals, and to foster international business relationships between Georgia, the Southeastern United States and Latin America.

Academics

In the Fall semester of 2024, 95 Argentinian students will be enrolled in USG schools.

The University System of Georgia (USG) offers at least 20 study abroad programs to Argentina in a variety of disciplines. Emory University offers a faculty-led study abroad program to Argentina focused on Argentine language, culture and history. The Georgia Institute of Technology also offers a faculty-led study abroad program to Argentina focused on international affairs and business, and university exchange programs with Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina and the Buenos Aires Institute of Technology.

The Tarleton Laboratory and Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases at the University of Georgia work with multiple institutions in Argentina on the treatment of Chagas disease.

Arts, Culture and Tourism

In 2023, 10,900 Argentinian visitors spent \$16.1 million in the state of Georgia.

Gabriel Heinze was named head coach of Atlanta United FC in December of 2020. The former coach who led the team to victory in the 2018 MLS Cup, Gerardo Daniel "Tata" Martino, is also from Argentina.

In June 2024, the annual Argentina Food, Wine and Culture Festival took place in Atlanta. The weeklong festival includes musical performances, cultural events and cuisine from different regions of Argentina. This group meets annually to celebrate Argentinian culture when circumstances allow.

International Trade

EXPORTS: In 2023, Georgia exports to Argentina totaled \$137.9 million. Argentina was the 48th largest export market for Georgia in 2023.

Top exports from Georgia to Argentina include turbojets and turbopropellers, electrical apparatus for line telephony, reaction initiators and accelerators, parts for spark-ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines, and acrylic polymers.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Argentina: Electric sound or visual signaling apparatus and kaolin.

IMPORTS: In 2023, Georgia imports from Argentina totaled \$62.98 million. Argentina was the 69th largest import market for Georgia in 2023.

Top imports from Argentina to Georgia include cane or beet sugar, new pneumatic tires of rubber, tea, fish fillets, and revolvers and pistols.

Capital Investment

There are at least **52** Georgia companies with operations in Argentina, including but not limited to:

- AJC International
- Delta Air Airlines
- Georgia-Pacific
- McLarens
- NCR Corporation
- The Coca-Cola Company
- Travelport
- UPS

Transportation

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport offers daily direct flights between Atlanta and Buenos Aires.

In 2024, the airport expects an estimated 385 flights between Atlanta and Buenos Aires with approximately 83,000 passengers.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Savannah has an established relationship with Argentina. The Port of Savannah offers direct weekly container ship service to the Port of Buenos Aires.

GPA has an office located in Buenos Aires, Argentina managed by Captain Ariel G. Canzani, Latin America, and Caribbean Trade Representative.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects. For more information, visit www.georgia.org.

*Information valid as of September 2024

