



Argentina

Taking firearms to Argentina used to be a very simple process, but in 2015 the procedures became much more challenging and even a bit confusing. There are requirements that apply to all visitors going to Argentina with guns, some regulations that apply only to first-time visitors, requirements for previous visitors and exemptions that apply to some firearms. Hunters unable to comply with the requirements should consider renting a firearm from your operator. Here's what you need to know to bring your own rifle or shotgun:

Requirements for All Hunters Taking Firearms to Argentina

Limits: You can take three (3) firearms, or one (1) firearm with three (3) sets of barrels for a hunt or shooting event.

Your hunting operator or booking agent will need to know early on that you are bringing firearms. Your operator must provide certain information and documentation to Argentine Customs and to [Agencia Nacional de Materiales Controlados](#) (ANMaC, formerly RENAR).

Requirements: You will need to provide the following -

- Personal information: Legal name, passport number, date of birth and address
- Firearm information: type of rifle or shotgun (semiauto, over-and-under, side-by-side, bolt-action), make, model, serial number, length of barrel and caliber/gauge
- Passport photocopy – Your outfitter will need a copy of your passport to present to Customs.

Upon arriving in Argentina, all travelers with firearms will need:

- ANMaC [Temporary Authorization to Import Firearms Form](#) – This form is available on the [ANMaC website](#). You, your hunting operator or your guarantor (see next bullet point) should prepare the form in triplicate and present it to ANMaC or airport police upon arrival at the airport. A fee of AR\$1,500 (Argentine Pesos) is due with the form. Note that the form requires the name of the lodge or estancia where you will be staying as well as the address. You will need that from your outfitter. Be aware that the place where you will be hunting must be an ANMaC approved “shooting ground.”
- Guarantor – Argentine customs requires an Argentine resident to serve as guarantor for your firearms. The guarantor ensures that the firearm you bring leaves the country with you, otherwise a customs duty must be paid. The guarantor is required to sign documents accepting responsibility for your guns while they are in Argentina. This service should be provided by your operator or an agent specializing in clearing firearms in Argentina. The guarantor must also be at the airport when you depart the country after your hunt and sign paperwork attesting that the guns are leaving the country.

- Customs Guarantee Form – This should be prepared by your operator or guarantor and presented to Argentine Customs in the airport upon your arrival to Argentina.

First Time Visitors to Argentina

If you have never traveled to Argentina before, the procedures are simple. Just follow the requirements outlined above under **All Hunters Taking Firearms to Argentina**.

Previous Visitors to Argentina

If you have traveled to Argentina before, whether you took a firearm or not, you are required to get an import permit from the Argentine consulate in the region you live. This is in addition to the other requirements mentioned under **All Hunters Taking Firearms to Argentina**.

To find an Argentine consulate in your country of residence, go to the [Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Culture website](#). United States citizens should be aware that there are seven Argentine consulates in the US, each covering from 6 - 12 US states. The consulate for your region may be in a state other than the one where you reside. You can see where the Argentine consulate assigned to your state is located and get contact information here: [Argentine Consulates](#).

Requirements for the consulate permit:

Each consulate may require additional or slightly different items. What follows is a general list. Check with the consulate in your region to make sure you provide everything they require. Otherwise, you could waste valuable time going back and forth or be denied a permit. You should have this completed 15 to 20 days prior to your departure.

- Firearm permit form issued by the consulate. Do not leave any fields unanswered and write clearly.
- Copy of first page of your valid passport.
- Three passport-size photos with light background. No computer-generated photos are accepted (do not glue/staple them to the form).
- Copy of valid gun permit by the authorities in the country/state/province where you reside (if you live somewhere that requires a license or permit to possess a firearm).
- Copy of your airline itinerary with arrival and departure dates.
- A money order or cashier's check in the required amount and payable to the Argentine Consulate of your jurisdiction. Some consulates will take a debit card. (The fee can vary from one consulate to another.)
- Proof of gun ownership either by receipt, insurance record, or commercial bill showing the purchase of the weapon and its owner (with serial number of the gun).
- For US residents a copy of Customs Form 4457 (Certificate of Registration for Personal Effects taken abroad).
- A valid hunting license ID card or hunting association membership card issued by the authorities where you reside.
- A reservation with your hunting operator and the name of the ANMaC authorized shooting grounds.

Tip: To avoid unnecessary trips to the consulate, it is highly advisable that you mail all the above documents in advance to make sure all is in order prior to your appointment.

Exceptions:

- All over-and-under or side-by-side shotguns with longer barrels than 24 inches are exempt from requiring a consulate permit but do require an ANMaC Form.

Gun Import Fees

ANMaC fees: AR\$1,500 (Argentine pesos) per gun or extra barrel. (About \$40 US.)

Convert into your home currency using the converter tool at one of these sites: [Oanda](#), [X-Rates](#), [XE-Currency Converter](#).

Outfitter or agent gun clearing fees: Some outfitters charge a fee to handle all the paperwork and clear your guns. That fee should include the fee charged by ANMaC and may be included in your hunt booking rates; be certain to ask your operator. The amount an operator charges you for firearm clearing may also depend on which airport you fly into. If your hunt is in Cordoba and your operator must meet you at the airport in Buenos Aires, he will likely charge you the cost of his travel there. Again, be certain to discuss this with your operator to avoid surprises.

Gun Clearing Services Available: If your outfitter cannot handle your firearm import forms, there are some agents who will perform these services for a fee.

Scouting Sur (scoutingsur@gmail.com; mobile number +54-9-351-5110397) is based in Cordoba and charges \$50 US for assistance upon arrival and \$50 for assistance at departure at that area's airport. Evening flight arrivals are \$10 more.

Clearance services at Ezeiza Airport in Buenos Aires are several times more than at Cordoba. Contact Scouting Sur for details.

How much time should you plan to clear firearms?

About 35 minutes in the Cordoba airport, at least one hour in Ezeiza Buenos Aires. Depending on how many hunters are in line ahead of you, the wait can be much longer.

What happens if Argentine Customs won't clear your guns at the airport?

They will store the firearms at the airport during your stay in Argentina. When you return to the airport for your departure home, you will be able to claim and withdraw them to check onto your flight home. Storage fees may apply.

Tips on Flying to Argentina with Firearms

Take a Nonstop Flight

If at all possible, take a direct, nonstop flight to Argentina. When making connection flights in multiple countries, guns may be checked at each connection airport by security. That involves an inspection of the gun case in your presence. You will likely be paged while waiting for your next flight and accompanied to an office where the security agent opens the case and may require seeing a firearms license or a US Customs Form 4457. After inspection, your gun case will be taken and loaded onto your connecting flight.

If you must make a connection, be sure to tell your airline your final destination is Argentina. It is important to reconfirm with the airline that your guns are in transit through any connection countries.

Fly All the Way with the Same Airline

Guns will be tagged and sent to the final destination as long as the complete reservation is done under the same record locator and with the same airline taken for the international part of the trip.

Hunters from the US should be aware that many airlines in the United States will no longer transfer gun cases to another connecting airline. They now require that guns be checked "point to point," which means that the passenger must claim the gun case at a connection airport and re-check it for the next flight on a different airline.