



# CultureNotes: Argentina

Unlike most Latin American countries, in which European and native cultural influences appear fairly evenly, Argentina is largely dominated by European influences. Argentine culture generally resembles European society more closely than it does Latin American culture.



You may notice that your Argentine student might stand close when speaking to you. In Argentina, it is not common to allow much physical distance when having a conversation. You may also find your student to be blunt and direct, as Argentines are known to be passionate. Despite this tendency, however, tact and diplomacy are considered important in interpersonal interactions.



Honor is of very high importance in Argentine culture. The head of the family, while commanding respect of other family members, typically is most responsible for maintaining the family's honor.

Public confrontations are generally avoided in Argentina.



- \* Capital: Buenos Aires
- \* Population: 41,029,000
- \* Area: About 1.1 million sq.mi.
- \* Nationality: Argentine(s)
- \* Language: Spanish
- \* Climate: Mostly temperate; extremes from subtropical in north to arid/sub-Arctic in south
- \* Fun Fact: Argentina's beef consumption per capita is 70kg/year.

