

June / July 2014

Tilcara, Argentina

Inti Tampu Hospedaje

Alverro 101-199

GPS: -23.574431,-65.391186

Price: AR 200 (apartment)

Bathroom: Private, shower only

Hot Water: Yes

Parking: Yes

Wi-fi: Yes

Notes: We visited in off-season, so got a great deal on the room (AR 200 for a 2 bedroom, 5 bed, private bath with kichenette). Big and spacious room, one of the nicest of entire trip.

Good hot water and pressure in the shower. Located slightly out of the main centre, it was quiet and serene, with 4 llamas to keep us company on the property. Very friendly owner. Breakfast included.

Salta, Argentina

Andino Hostal

332 Urquiza

GPS: -24.792403, -65.407616

Price: AR 220 (double with 1 bunk)

Bathroom: Private, Shower only, German-style toilet

Hot Water: Yes

Parking: No

Wi-fi: Yes

Notes: Terrible. Our room was musty and dirty, and while the staff were personable and helpful, at first, their all night loud party directly across from our room was less than considerate. A definite skip.

Termas de Rio Hondo, Argentina

Hotel Candela

Juan B. Alberdi 852 (Rt. 9)

GPS: -27.493353, -64.865892

Price: AR 300 (double with bunk)

Bathroom: Full

Hot Water: Yes

Parking: Yes, secure

Wi-fi: Yes

Notes: A really great place with secure parking right outside of the room. Very clean, very quiet with climate controlled rooms. Amazingly friendly owner and staff. Breakfast included.

Swimming pool, and outdoor seating area. Deep bathtub with thermal waters was great for relaxing and soaking sore muscles. Close to town and within walking distance to central, parks, casinos, shops, and restaurants. One of the best yet!

Cordoba, Argentina

Tango International Hostel

Fructuoso Rivera 70

<http://tangohostelcordoba.com/en/>

GPS: -31.426185, -64.189784

Price: AR 250 (double)

Bathroom: Shared, shower only

Hot Water: Not really

Parking: Yes, sort of

Wi-fi: Yes

Notes: Pretty cruddy, actually, and a regular party hostel. Quiet hours don't start until 1 a.m., and sometimes not until 2 on weekends. The staff were helpful enough but pretty wishy-washy about parking the bikes (some said yes, some said no, others seemed very put out by our presence). Our room was small and located behind reception so it was very loud. Water was barely lukewarm in shower. But it was quite clean and bathrooms had been recently renovated.

Rosario, Argentina

Hotel Viena

Ovidio Lagos 555

<http://www.rosario.com.ar/hotelviena/>

GPS: -32.939093, -60.660936

Price: AR 420 (double)

Bathroom: Private, shower only

Hot Water: Yes (oh, yes!)

Parking: Yes (AR 6, per space)

Wi-fi: Yes

Notes: Beautiful lobby and restaurant but the room was a little run down. Despite this, it was very clean, wi-fi worked great, and the hot water couldn't be beat. The whole building was a little on the hot side (26 degrees celcius in the lobby!) but I have learned that this is better than being cold. A little on the far side of 'the action' but affordable and comfortable.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Kilca Hostel

Mexico 1545

<http://www.kilcabackpacker.com/>

GPS: -34.615185, -58.388193

Price: AR 2800 (online booking price), double

Bathroom: Shared, showers only

Hot Water: Yes

Parking: No, but will let bikes park in the courtyard

Wi-fi: Yes

Notes: We showed up at the hostel since it is a well-known place for motorcycle travellers with parking in the downtown area of B.A. Unfortunately, we were unaware that a reservation

was required, or so we were told. Problem solved by heading to the nearest Starbucks to use their wi-fi to make a reservation. The room smelled a bit musty (like most hostels) and was a bit rundown, but the price for the location can't really be beat. Good common areas, kitchen for public use, and very quiet. Note: in the end, we spoke with the manager about the "reservation" policy and it turned out that one of the staff was misinformed. They 'like' to have reservations for general backpacker types to prevent hassles and keep security up but absolutely will accept (if they have room) motorcyclists without a reservation. Keep in mind that while there is ample parking in the back court yard (and convenient room access), you may have to take your panniers off to get passed a planter near the front gate. Really, a great, relaxed place to stay in BA. It will be cheaper if you pay in cash.

<http://www.t-c-mambo.ca/places-visited/accommodations-listing/>