

ARGENTINA

AMERICAS



Travel & Possession Permitted with Limited or No Restrictions



Summary

- Medical cannabis is legal nationwide in Argentina; recreational cannabis remains criminalized, though personal use in small amounts is decriminalized.
- Importing any cannabis into Argentina is illegal, this applies to both medical and recreational products.
- Travelers cannot bring cannabis into Argentina nor purchase it legally for recreational or medical purposes.

Background

Medical cannabis was legalized in Argentina in March 2017 under Law 27.350, and fully regulated in 2020–2022, expanding patient access and permitting regulated import, home cultivation, and public health dispensing.

Key points about the system:

- A national voluntary registry (REPROCANN) was created in 2020, allowing registered patients or designated growers to cultivate up to 9 flowering plants and possess up to 40 g of dried flower or equivalent oils.
- In May 2022, Law 27.669 created a federal regulatory agency (ARICCAME) to oversee medicinal access, industrial hemp, and licensing of production and distribution.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Consumption: Recreational use, sale, and cultivation are illegal.
- Possession: Possessing in small amounts for private use is decriminalized, following a 2009 Supreme Court ruling ("Fallo Arriola").
- Possession beyond ambiguous "small quantities" or public consumption may result in penalties, including 1–6 years in prison or fines, and trafficking charges carry even heavier sentences



Traveling to Argentina with Medical Cannabis

- Importing cannabis of any kind, medical or recreational, is strictly prohibited.
- Argentine customs enforce zero tolerance at borders, no exemptions for medical prescriptions from abroad.
- Medical cannabis access is restricted to people registered in REPROCANN, which is only available to Argentine residents with a local physician's prescription. There is no tourist medical access program.
- Bring a doctor's letter and prescription, ideally translated into Spanish, for medical context (not legal protection).
- If you are staying in Argentina for an extended period or are a legal resident:
 - Schedule an appointment with a local doctor familiar with REPROCANN.
 - They may evaluate your condition and, if appropriate, register you for legal use.

REPROCANN Contact Information

- Address: Av. 9 de Julio 1925, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires.
- Phone: (54-11) 4379-9000 (Argentina's Health Ministry)
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Practical Tips

- Bring only permitted medications with proper documentation (e.g. prescription, labels)
- Consult with customs or Argentinian embassy to verify if your medication is allowed.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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