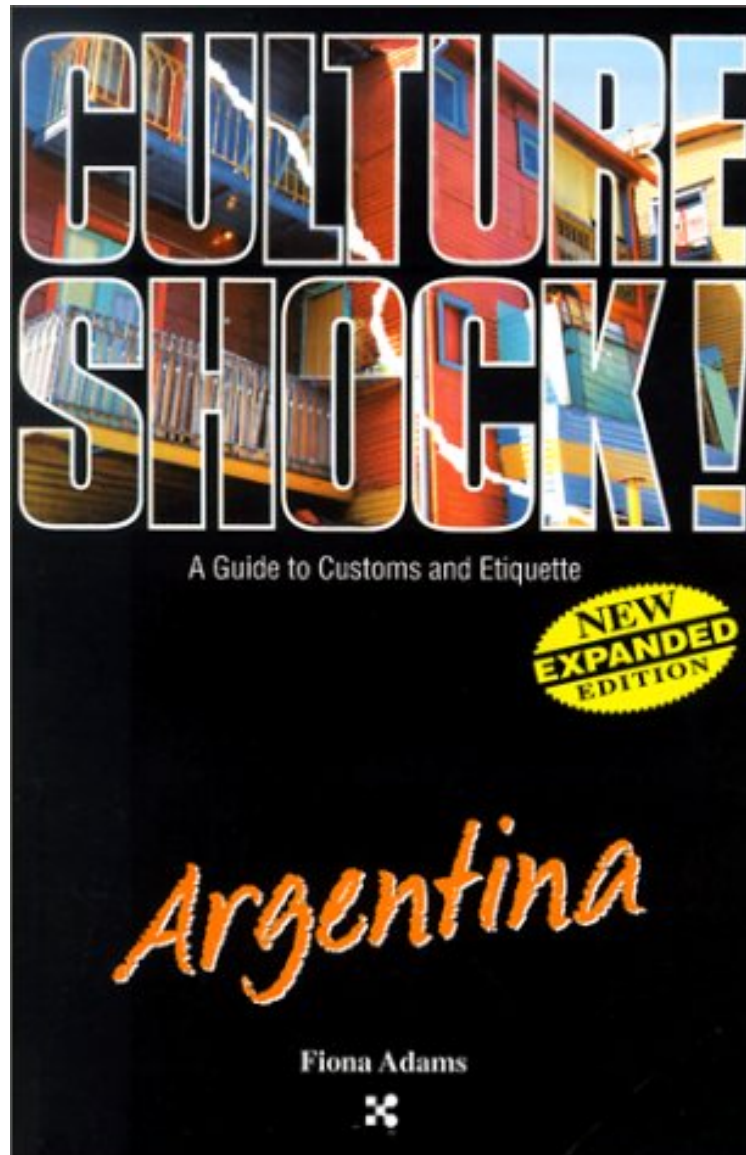


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Culture Shock!
Argentina (Cultureshock Argentina: A Survival Guide to Customs Etiquette):

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By Greeny
This book helped me get started observing and questioning phenomena on my visits to Argentina. The coverage is introductory and the information just the very tip of the iceberg. There's a lot more to know, and while I have spent significant time there, it remains difficult for me to describe Argentina to others. Other than going to the country, I'd recommend watching every Argentine movie available. This book will help you to recognize what you're seeing, and the movies certainly give visual context and rich characters. Argentina is a long flight from the States, but a vacationer's dream in many respects. I couldn't help but fantasize myself living there.
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By Kubelsky
Very helpful crash course in Argentinean culture before a vacation there. A lot of the information centers on Buenos Aires, but that's where most readers would probably be. We were in the wine country (Mendoza area) and it was somewhat less applicable (not much tango, people look more ordinary than the conveyed endless stream of preternatural and surgically enhanced beauties dressed in the latest haute couture), but still a lot of fantastic tips on what to expect.
17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Though the guide is dated, it is still has significant value
By fdoamerica
Culture Shock! Argentina by Fiona Adams 2000
To say that Fiona Adams is enthusiastic about Argentina would be a gross understatement. Her book, often reads like she is a publicist for the country. Her unbridled accolades about Argentina clashed radically with the pessimistic, often despairing citizen that I often talked with. Yes, as Fiona Adams writes, Argentina has: the tango, beautiful people, cosmopolitan centers, chic boutiques, great steaks and cheap (good) wines, but these alone do not capture the ethos (or culture) of Argentina, any more than cloths make the person. Though Fiona Adams mentions the dark recent history called the "dirty war" (1976-1983) where 30,000 "disappeared" and the military government oppressed its own populous she does not elucidate how this culture could foster such a government, or how this has affected the culture of today. She fails to say how the culture allowed years of massive ineptitude among corrupt government officials. Though the book is tagged "New, Expanded Edition" it is really a pre-2000 work, thus it doesn't consider how the economy sunk in the economic morass it is in today, nor does it talk about the effect on the society when the majority of all the people lost life savings in the financial collapse of 2001 (FYI: in 2002 the GDP was minus 11%, Inflation was 41% and more than 37% of the population lived below the poverty line). Though the guide is now dated, it is still has significant value and is a worthwhile primer on the culture. Fiona Adams does give you insight into the social customs, business etiquette, foods, football, and unique characteristics that you will find in Argentina. So should you buy it? Well, a good travel guide will also give you cultural insights (though not nearly as completely) and because of the date and what has happened in Argentina I would wait until Adams both revisits, and rewrites "Culture Shock!". Conditionally recommended.

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