Government and Commerce
The Argentine Consulate General in Atlanta is the official representation of the Argentine government in the Southeastern United States. In addition to performing consular services, the office also promotes economic development, trade, investment, tourism, academic and cultural relationships. Argentina has maintained a consular presence in Georgia since 1899. Jorge López Menardi has served as Consul General since May 2016.

Atlanta is also home to the Argentine American Chamber of Commerce of the South East, which promotes the exchange and development of commercial, industrial and tourism activities between Argentina and the southeastern business community.

In November 2016 the Georgia National Guard announced its selection as Argentina’s U.S. partner for the Department of Defense State Partnership Program (SPP). With this partnership, Georgia and Argentina share expertise in emergency and disaster response, enhancing border security and strengthening cooperation in peacekeeping operations and readiness.

Both the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia are also based in Atlanta. These organizations work to promote and support Argentine businesses and individuals, and to foster international business relationships between Georgia, the Southeastern United States and Latin America.

Former Governor Sonny Perdue visited Uruguay and Argentina in 2010 to encourage research and development exchanges aimed at solidifying commercial and diplomatic relationships.

Academics
The University System of Georgia (USG) offers at least eight study abroad programs to Argentina in a variety of disciplines. During the 2015-16 school year, 116 USG students studied in Argentina. As of Fall 2017, 63 Argentine students were enrolled in USG schools. USG institutions hosted 21 visiting scholars from Argentine universities during 2016.

Emory University offers a faculty-led study abroad program to Argentina focused on Argentine language, culture and history.

The Georgia Institute of Technology also offers a faculty-led study abroad program to Argentina focused on international affairs and business, and university exchange programs with Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina and the Buenos Aires Institute of Technology.

The Tarleton Laboratory and Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases at UGA work with multiple institutions in Argentina on the treatment of Chagas disease.

Arts, Culture and Tourism
In 2017, 10,700 Argentines visited Georgia spending $18.7 million.

Argentine pianist Ingrid Fileter performed with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in April 2017.
Opera singer Santiago Ballerini, a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina and participant in the Opera Studio of Teatro Argentino, has been a featured artist at the distinguished VOICExperience program at Savannah VOICE Festival for the past four years.

The inaugural head coach of Atlanta’s Major League Soccer team Atlanta United FC is an Argentina native. The team currently has four players from Argentina: Ezequiel Barco (Midfielder), Franco Escobar (Defender), Leandro González Pirez (Defender) and Hector Villalba (Forward).

In October 2018, the third annual Argentina Food, Wine and Culture Festival will take place in Atlanta. The weeklong festival will include musical performances, cultural events and cuisine from different regions of Argentina and is organized by the Argentine American Chamber of Commerce of the South East.

**International Trade**

**EXPORTS:** In 2017, Georgia exports to Argentina totaled $177.0 million, a 3% increase over 2016. Argentina is currently the 40th largest export market for Georgia.

Leading exports from Georgia to Argentina include: communication devices, insecticides and herbicides, motorcycles, civilian aircraft and miscellaneous chemical products.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Argentina: motorcycles, carpets and other textile floor coverings, and newsprint.

**IMPORTS** In 2017, Georgia imports from Argentina totaled $242.0 million. Argentina currently ranks 39th among Georgia’s importer nations.

Georgia’s top imported products from Argentina include: biodiesel, aluminum wire, peanut oil, cane sugar and fish.

**Capital Investment**

At least 23 Georgia companies have operations in Argentina, including but not limited to:
- AGCO Corporation
- AJC International
- Crawford and Company
- Delta Air Lines
- Equifax, Inc.
- Georgia-Pacific
- NCR Corporation
- The Coca-Cola Company
- Travelport
- Turner Broadcasting System Inc.
- UPS

**Transportation**

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport offers daily direct flights between Atlanta and Buenos Aires.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Savannah has an established relationship with Argentina offering one regular shipping service to Buenos Aires. GPA’s Brunswick Port also offers shipping service to Zarate. GPA has an office located in Bueno Aires, Argentina managed by Captain Ariel G. Canzani, Latin America & Caribbean Trade Representative.

**About GDEcD**

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) is the state’s sales and marketing arm, the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, aligning workforce education and training with in-demand jobs, locating new markets for Georgia products, attracting tourists to Georgia, and promoting the state as a destination for arts and location for film, music and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development.

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