

# VISITING YOUR STUDENT IN BUENOS AIRES

To help you gain insight into your student's transformative experience abroad with Verto, Verto staff host a **Mid-Semester Family Circle**. This event includes helpful sessions on subjects like academic & career success, affording college, and finding purpose. We believe that participating in the **Mid-Semester Family Circle** is the best way for families to connect with their student's experience while **encouraging them to focus on their coursework, academic success**, and building their abroad community.

If you plan on visiting, **please adhere to the following guidelines.**

## Dropping Off Your Student

For family members who choose to drop-off their student in Buenos Aires, we welcome you! Please do keep in mind that this is **not required**, and students who travel independently will be received in great hands by Verto staff.

Please note that family members can only drop their student **outside** of their housing address. Only students are allowed inside of our housing, per our Housing Providers and Verto policies, and for the wellbeing of all students. For homestays, hosts may or may not invite visitors into their home – this is normal and is at the discretion of the host. Many hosts do not speak English, and keep in mind that homes may look different from what you're accustomed to.

## If You Plan to Visit Your Student While Abroad

Families are welcome to visit students, though we strongly recommend visiting **at the end** of the Verto abroad experience, rather than during. Students will be quite busy with their coursework and experiential learning activities, so any visitors may not be able to spend as much time with their Vertoan as they may have hoped. Additionally, participants whose families visited in the past have experienced more intense homesickness or fallen behind in their coursework as a result of the visit.

**Academic and attendance policies remain in place regardless of visitors.** Participants are strongly discouraged from missing classes to host family, friends, and other visitors. Should a participant plan to miss class, they should speak with their instructors and Care Team Leader in advance to understand the consequences for doing so.

# Tips for Your Visit to Argentina

## Verto Participant Schedule

If you choose to visit during the abroad experience, you'll want to keep in mind your student's class and activity schedule. Classes typically take place between 9am and 5:30pm Monday through Thursday. Every week, there are activities that may be optional or required as part of your student's coursework.

During Verto Discovery Week (your student's first week on-site), all participants will receive a semester calendar with their activity schedule. **We are not able to invite families to participate in student activities.** We encourage you to check with your student about their schedule before planning your visit.

## Lodging in Buenos Aires

The Verto Study Center is located in the neighborhood of Recoleta, and host families are located in Recoleta, Barrio Norte, Palermo, and Villa Crespo. For lodging near the study center, there are many hotels in the area ranging in price and quality from Hotel Le Cinque Lusso to Dazzler by Wyndham, which are both within 10 minutes walking distance to the center. Additionally, there are many Airbnb's in the area as well.

**NOTE: All students will receive their housing address closer to the start date of their abroad experience** along with details and arrival day logistics.

## Travel from the Airport

Taxis from the international airport (EZE) to the city center run between \$25-50, depending on time of day and traffic. Public transportation and taxis or Uber are very easily accessible and affordable once you are in the city center.

## Our team looks forward to meeting you in-person or virtually soon!