

# USING YOUR PHONE IN ARGENTINA

## Important Phone Decisions to Make Before Departure

During your time in Buenos Aires, you will be **required to have an operating smartphone that can make/receive calls, send/receive text messages, and that has a data plan**. This is important so that Verto is able to contact you in the event of an emergency. This is mandatory – as outlined in the [Cell Phone Requirements Policy](#) – and is in the interest of your safety and well-being while abroad.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**If you plan on using your current phone, your phone MUST be unlocked by your current cell phone provider prior to arriving abroad**. You can't unlock your phone in Argentina, so **this must be done in advance of your departure**. *If you do not unlock your phone prior to arrival, you will be required to purchase a second smartphone for use abroad.* Here are your phone plan options for Buenos Aires:

## Option 1:

### **International Phone Plan with Home Carrier**

You may choose to purchase an international phone plan with your current at-home phone provider prior to your departure to Argentina. This option allows you to keep your current phone number. You must ensure that your plan will have both data and calls/texts available internationally.

## Option 2:

### **Purchase an Argentinian Smartphone On-site**

If you'd prefer to avoid the risk of losing or damaging your phone from home, you may purchase a smartphone and SIM card in Buenos Aires. The least expensive options in Argentina are usually around \$120 to \$200 USD. This plan must include data so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency. *Verto staff are not responsible for accompanying you to purchase a local smartphone, so if you choose this option, be prepared to go independently.*

**IMPORTANT:** It is wise to make sure you have comprehensive insurance for your phone in case it gets broken, lost or stolen. Keep in mind that phones and electronics in general cost more in Argentina than in the U.S. so any headphones and phone accessories are best brought from home and kept safe.

**You must give your cell number to Verto staff during the first few days in Buenos Aires and always keep your data switched on so that you can be contacted in an emergency.**

**Add Verto Buenos Aires' phone number to your contacts so that we can reach you during an emergency.**