

Statistics (Totals/Locations)

Miles: about 2006.4 miles

Days: about 29 days

Countries: Argentina and Chile

Total Expenses: ~= \$2057.95 (only recorded expenses - a lot was missed)

Day 0, Saturday, December 6, 1997

Daily Miles: 0 miles; Total miles 0 miles

Location: Detroit, Michigan to Dallas, Texas to Buenos Aries, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Found out it was a lot further than I thought between Ushuaia and Buenos Aries
2. Tried learning Spanish.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Slept on plane

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 1, Sunday, December 7, 1997

Daily Miles: 40.2 miles; Total miles 40.2 miles

Location: Buenos Aries, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Practice my Spanish on the taxi ride to town.
2. Had to carry my bike down/ up 9 flights of stairs to get in and out of motel room.
3. Got lost biking around town and did not get back to the motel until 7:45 PM.
4. Repacked my bike and went back to town around 11:00 PM, there were a lot of people in town.

Expenses: \$142.00 Pesos (rest unknown) - lodging and transportation

Accommodations: Stayed at the Best Western motel in Buenos Aries, Argentina

Altitude profile: Flat

Day 2, Monday, December 8, 1997

Daily Miles: 11.4 miles; Total miles 51.6 miles

Location: Buenos Aries, Argentina to near Ushuaia, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Took cold shower, I think I was supposed to light the hot water heater to get hot water.
2. Flew to Ushuaia

Expenses: \$23.00 Pesos (rest unknown) - food and transportation

Accommodations: Camped in woods near Tierra Del Fuego National Park

Altitude profile: flat

Day 3, Tuesday, December 9, 1997

Daily Miles: 93.09 miles; Total miles 144.69 miles

Location: Near Ushuaia, Argentina to about 10 miles north of Tolhuin, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. I cycled to Beagle channel and took a photo.
2. I had trouble communicating with people and finding a grocery store.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped in a ditch about 10 miles north of Tolhuin

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 4, Wednesday, December 10, 1997

Daily Miles: 124.96 miles; Total miles 269.65 miles

Location: About 10 miles north of Tolhuin, Argentina to 12 miles north of the Chili boarder.

Points of interest:

1. I saw a fox, some cool birds and a couple of llamas.
2. Crossed into Chili, tough time at boarder.
3. Nice night with a full moon.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped in a ditch about 12 miles north of the Chili boarder.

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 5, Thursday, December 11, 1997

Daily Miles: 90.52 miles; Total miles 360.2 miles; average speed 6.7

Location: 12 miles north of the Chili boarder to a little north of the Straights of Magellan, Chile

Points of interest:

1. Was introduced to Yerba mate.
2. Crossed the Straights of Magellan where I saw black and white dolphins following the boat.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped a few miles north of the Straights of Magellan

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 6, Friday, December 12, 1997

Daily Miles: 87.47 miles; Total miles 447.69 miles; ride time 10.31 hours

Location: Slightly north of the Straights of Magellan, Chile to bus going to Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina.

Points of interest:

1. Saw what looked like Ostridge
2. One lane highway with vehicle going both ways on the same lane. Dangerous looking!

3. Took a bus from Rio Gallegos, Argentina to Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina

Expenses: \$32.00 - Transportation - rest unknown

Accommodations: Slept on the bus to Comodoro Rivadavia

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 7, Saturday, December 13, 1997

Daily Miles: 23.98 miles; Total miles 471.69 miles

Location: Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina to near Esquel, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Tough riding head winds, hills and some parts of the road were not paved.
2. Took rides to get out of the Patagonia desert. One of the rides was with a man that blindly passing cars and was drinking beer.
3. A trucker tied my bike on the back of his truck and gave me a long ride.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped near highway at the turn off to Esquel.

Altitude profile: Step hills.

Day 8, Sunday, December 14, 1997

Daily Miles: 58.04 miles; Total miles 529.66 miles

Location: Near Esquel, Argentina to north Arrayenes campground, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. The main highway was part paved and part dirt road.
2. Cleaned my hair in a waterfall, first hair cleaning since I left Buenos Aires.
3. Nice day with waterfalls and wilderness.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped at north of Arrayenes campground

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 9, Monday, December 15, 1997

Daily Miles: 81.58 miles; Total miles 611.28 miles; Max. speed 28.9

Location: North of Arrayenes campground, Argentina to El Bolson, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Very scenic ride with mountains, big trees, big lake and low traffic.
2. I found a nice quiet place to eat lunch and then a family of 6 pulled up to eat lunch. They shared some Yerba Mate as we communicated.
3. I took my first hot shower since my arrival in South America.

Expenses: \$5 Pesos for camping, the rest is unknown

Accommodations: Camped at "camping La Chacra" in El Bolson.

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 10, Tuesday, December 16, 1997

Daily Miles: 87.56 miles; Total miles 698.9 miles; Daily maximum. speed 29.2

Location: El Bolson, Argentina to Bariloche, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Shared Yerba mate with Opticians from Argentina.
2. I met about 50 students from Cordoba that wanted to take photos with me.
3. Dogs took my food that night, I left the food outside my tent.

Expenses: \$5 Pesos for camping, the rest is unknown

Accommodations: Camped at campground in Bariloche

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 11, Wednesday, December 17, 1997

Daily Miles: 69.54 miles; Total miles 768.5 miles

Location: Bariloche, Argentina to north of La Angostura, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. My gears were skipping, bike needed repairs.
2. Met 3 bikers from Buenos Aires.
3. More tall trees and vegetation.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped near the road and built a fire. - north of La Angostura

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 12, Thursday, December 18, 1997

Daily Miles: 65.29 miles; Total miles 833.8 miles; Daily maximum speed 28.5

Location: North of La Angostura, Argentina to San Martin, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Nice riding with big lakes, rivers, waterfalls and nice mountains.
2. I broke my chain 2 times and tried getting another one at a bike shop. Could not explain that I needed a chain and the bike shop gave me chain links for free.
3. A dog took my food while I was in the shower.

Expenses: \$7.00 Groceries and camping - rest unknown

Accommodations: Camped at ACA campground in San Martin

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 13, Friday, December 19, 1997

Daily Miles: 113.04 miles; Total miles 946.8 miles; Daily maximum speed 35.6

Location: San Martin, Argentina to 4.8 miles south of Agua Del Overo, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Hilly day with a Volcano in the horizon.
2. Met a biker from Holland and one from Argentina.
3. Followed a kid on a bike to a church where I was able to sleep.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Slept in a church like building 4.8 miles south of Agua Del Overo

Altitude profile: Hilly, part of the day and then flatter

Day 14, Saturday, December 20, 1997

Daily Miles: 42.8 miles; Total miles 989.6 miles

Location: 4.8 miles south of Agua Del Overo, Argentina to Mendoza, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Ran out of water before Zapala.
2. Took a bus from Zapala to Mendoza.
3. Sat next to Carlos Antonio Rodriguez on the bus and he invited me to his house for Christmas.

Expenses: \$60 Pesos -me and my bike on the bus - rest unknown

Accommodations: Not sure if I slept, might have slept on bus.

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 15, Sunday, December 21, 1997

Daily Miles: 44.23 miles; Total miles 1033.8 miles

Location: Mendoza, Argentina to Uspallata, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. I took a very crowded bus with standing room only.
2. The bus let me off in the rain near a campground with nearby bike race in progress.
3. Once it cleared up I could see Mt. Aconcagua, highest point in the Western Hemisphere.

Expenses: \$17.00 Pesos - camping and buss - rest unknown

Accommodations: Camped near Mt. Aconcagua in the town of Uspallata

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 16, Monday, December 22, 1997

Daily Miles: 93.16 miles; Total miles 1127 miles; Daily maximum speed 30.8

Location: Uspallata, Argentina to near Tamberias, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Nice ride on dirt road with light traffic.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped in an arroyo about 1.5 miles from Tamberias

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 17, Tuesday, December 23, 1997

Daily Miles: 84.28 miles; Total miles 1211.3 miles; daily maximum speed 24.2

Location: Near Tamberias, Argentina to San Juan, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. The Police had a traffic block to San Juan. They only allowed downhill traffic after 3:00 PM.
2. Tried going another route, lots of uphill and after hours of traveling I realized I was better off going back.
3. Hitch hiked to San Juan.

Expenses: \$20 Pesos - Motel and transportation - rest unknown

Accommodations: Stayed in motel in San Juan

Altitude profile: Dirt road and hills, more downhill than uphill

Day 18, Wednesday, December 24, 1997

Daily Miles: 6.93 miles; Total miles 1218.23 miles

Location: San Juan, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Someone shot a bottle rocket at me.
2. A police officer pulled me over and took me to Carlos's house.
3. Spent the day eating and drinking at the Rodriguez's house. They let me spend that night at their place.
4. At midnight there were fireworks and every wished each other a Merry Christmas (Feliz Navidad)
5. Stayed up partying until 5:00 AM.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Slept at the Rodriguez's house.

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 19, Thursday, December 25, 1997

Daily Miles: 20.27 miles; Total miles 1238.5 miles

Location: San Juan, Argentina to Cordoba, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Woke up around noon.
2. Cycled to a lake in San Juan with Mauro
3. Took a bus to Cordoba

Expenses: \$33 - transportation - Rest unknown

Accommodations: Slept on bus to Cordoba.

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 20, Friday, December 26, 1997

Daily Miles: 92.67 miles; Total miles 1331.2 miles; daily Maximum speed 20.8

Location: Cordoba, Argentina to Laguna Mar Chiquita, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. A man in a small car gave me a ride, he strapped my bike on the roof of the car.
2. Young farmers shared steaks, cow intestines, Sidra (apple Champaign) and wine with me. We partied together until right before the downpour.
3. It rained very hard all night.

Expenses: \$5 - dinner - rest unknown

Accommodations: Camped at Laguna Mar Chiquita campground.

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 21, Saturday, December 27, 1997

Daily Miles: 96.14 miles; Total miles 1427.3 miles; Daily maximum speed 15.2 MPH

Location: Laguna Mar Chiquita, Argentina to near Sunchales, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Very nice-looking blond lady at the grocery store.
2. Saw lots of white butterflies.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped near highway 34.

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 22, Sunday, December 28, 1997

Daily Miles: 100.09 miles; Total miles 1527.4 miles; Daily maximum speed 20.3 MPH

Location: Near Sunchales, Argentina to Santa Fe, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Man gave me a calendar from his store.
2. Nice Park in Esperanza with playground, fountains, neat bridges and even a display of several old tractors.
3. Lots of people swimming in the fountain at Parque Juan De Garay in Santa Fe.

Expenses: \$10.00 - lodging - rest unknown

Accommodations: Stayed at the Apollo motel in Santa Fe

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 23, Monday, December 29, 1997

Daily Miles: 73.78 miles; Total miles 1601.2 miles; Daily maximum speed 21.6 MPH

Location: Santa Fe, Argentina to east of Parana, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Could not get a seat on the bus to Iguaza falls.
2. Was not allowed to bike through a tunnel and had to take a boat to Parana.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped near the road east of Parana.

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 24, Tuesday, December 30, 1997

Daily Miles: 117.14 miles; Total miles 1718.3 miles; Daily maximum speed 20.1 MPH

Location: East of Parana, Argentina to El Palmar National Park, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. I was off by a day, I thought it was Monday and it was actually Tuesday.
2. Started seeing palm trees and wild green parakeets.
3. Cycled 25 miles on dirt roads.
4. Lots of frogs and Vizcachas at the campground.

Expenses: \$6.00 camping - the rest unknown

Accommodations: Camped at El Palmar National Park

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 25, Wednesday, December 31, 1997

Daily Miles: 56.11 miles; Total miles 1774.4 miles; Daily maximum speed 17.5 MPH

Location: El Palmar National Park, Argentina to Balneario Parque Ruins del Viejo Molino, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Bird watching - saw scissors tailed birds, some which looked like wild chickens, woodpeckers and several green parakeets.
2. First non-fast-food restaurant, since arriving in South America
3. Was planning on going to the bar for New Years, but fell asleep and missed the festivities.

Expenses: \$10.00 Camping - rest unknown

Accommodations: Camped at campground at Balneario Parque Ruins del Viejo Molino.

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 26, Thursday, January 1, 1998

Daily Miles: 89.63 miles; Total miles 1864.1 miles; Daily maximum speed 15.6 MPH

Location: Balneario Parque Ruins del Viejo Molino, Argentina to Zarate, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Lots of traffic, but a good shoulder.
2. Got a ride to a truck stop.

Expenses: Unknown Pesos

Accommodations: Camped near parking lot at a truck stop in Zarate

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 27, Friday, January 2, 1998

Daily Miles: 46.88 miles; Total miles 1911 miles; Daily maximum speed 18.9 MPH

Location: Zarate, Argentina to Moron, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Lost one of the gears on my derailleur, had to walk the bike about a mile and found a bike shop that fixed my bike.
2. Had my first flat tire of this trip.
3. Several motels would not rent me a room, they only had rooms for couples.

Expenses: \$30.95 - Motel, transportation, bike repairs and food - rest unknown

Accommodations: Stayed at a motel in Moron

Altitude profile: Unknown

Day 28, Saturday, January 3, 1998

Daily Miles: 72.83 miles; Total miles 1983.8 miles; Daily maximum speed 20.2 MPH

Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina and Moron, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Cycled to airport to confirm flight home.
2. The highway had a no cycling sign and I biked past a police officer and he just glanced at me and did nothing.
3. My bike gears were worn out and the chain was slipping. Put on a new chain and it helped a very small amount.
4. Was stopped by the police and frisked.

Expenses: \$40.00 - Motel and 2 duffle bags - rests unknown

Accommodations: Stayed at a motel in Moron

Altitude profile: Flat

Day 29, Sunday, January 4, 1998

Daily Miles: 22.58 miles; Total miles 2006.4 miles; Daily maximum speed 19.1 MPH

Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina and Moron, Argentina

Points of interest:

1. Went to Wall-mart to buy tin foil.
2. Had my bike saran wrapped for the flight home.

Expenses: \$12.00 - Bike wrapped for flight home - rest unknown

Accommodations: Slept on plane

Altitude profile: Unknown

Total Expenses

Prices

Total US Dollars US\$1765.00 (only the small portion I recorded)

Total Argentina Pesos 292.95 Pesos (did not record prices on several meals, transportation, etc. - this might only be about 1/2 the actual)

\$1 US \approx 1 Argentina Peso (ARS)

292.95 Peso * (1 US/ 1 Peso) \approx \$292.95 US

Total Chili Pesos 0 Pesos (did not record any of money spent in Chili - might not have spent any money in Chili)

\$472 US \approx 1 Chili Peso (CLP)

0 Peso* (1 US/ 471) \approx \$0 US

Total spent in US dollars:

\$1765.00 + \$292.95 = \$2057.95

Day 0, Saturday, December 6, 1997 and prior

Cost => Description => location

\$1600.00 => Air fare - round trip from Detroit, MI to Buenos Aries (not exact price)
=> Detroit, MI
\$not sure=> One way airlines flight Buenos Aries, Argentina to Ushuaia, Argentina
=> Detroit, MI
Total \$1600.00

Day 1, Sunday, December 7, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$45.00 => Taxi from international airport to city => Buenos Aries, Argentina
\$97.00 => motel - Best Western => Buenos Aries, Argentina
Daily Total \$142.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 2, Monday, December 8, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$12.00 => Taxi from city to domestic airport=> Buenos Aries, Argentina
\$11.00 => Sandwich, candies and soda => Ushuaia, Argentina
Daily Total \$23.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 3, Tuesday, December 9, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$not sure=> Lots of groceries=> Ushuaia, Argentina
Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 4, Wednesday, December 10, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$not sure=> Groceries => Rio Grande, Argentina
Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 5, Thursday, December 11, 1997

Cost => Description => location
Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 6, Friday, December 12, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$32.00 => Bus ticket to Comodoro Rivadavia => Rio Gallegos, Argentina
Daily Total \$32.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 7, Saturday, December 13, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$not sure=> Groceries => Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina
Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 8, Sunday, December 14, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$not sure => Groceries (4 different stores)=> Esquel, Argentina

Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 9, Monday, December 15, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$not sure => Ice cream and 2 cokes => La Bosla (L. Rivadavia), Argentina

\$not sure => Groceries => Cholila, Argentina

\$5.00 => Camping => El Bolson, Argentina

Daily Total \$5.00 camping - Other expenses unknown

Day 10, Tuesday, December 16, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$not sure => Groceries => El Bolson, Argentina

\$not sure => Coke a cola => El Foyel, Argentina

\$not sure => Groceries => Bariloche , Argentina

\$5.00 => Camping => Bariloche, Argentina

Daily Total \$5.00 camping - Other expenses unknown

Day 11, Wednesday, December 17, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$not sure => Bag of cheese => Bariloche, Argentina

\$not sure => Ice cream, water, loaf of bread and coke => 10 miles north of Bariloche, Argentina

\$not sure => Groceries and a T-shirt => La Angostura, Argentina

Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 12, Thursday, December 18, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$2.00 => 2 cokes=> Hermosa, Argentina

\$5.00 => Camping => San Martin, Argentina

\$not sure => fruit = San Martin, Argentina

Daily Total \$7.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 13, Friday, December 19, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$not sure => Groceries and a T-shirt => San Martin, Argentina

Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 14, Saturday, December 20, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$60.00 => Bus to Mandoza with my bike => Zapala, Argentina
\$not sure => several Ice cream and cokes => Zapala, Argentina
\$not sure => Berger at fast food restaurant => Zapala, Argentina
Daily Total \$60.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 15, Sunday, December 21, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$12.00 => Bus to Uspallata => Mandoza, Argentina
\$5.00 => Camping => Uspallata, Argentina
Daily Total \$17.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 16, Monday, December 22, 1997

Cost => Description => location
Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 17, Tuesday, December 23, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$not sure => Gallon of Water => Punchuzun, Argentina
\$5 => Ride to San Juan => near Calingasta, Argentina
\$15 => Motel => San Juan, Argentina
Daily Total \$20.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 18, Wednesday, December 24, 1997

Cost => Description => location
Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 19, Thursday, December 25, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$33 => Me and my bike on the bus from San Juan to Cordoba => San Juan, Argentina
Daily Total \$33.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 20, Friday, December 26, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$5.00 => Beef dinner, 5 ribs 2 salads and 5 dinner rolls => Laguna Mar Chiquita,
Argentina
Daily Total \$5.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 21, Saturday, December 27, 1997

Cost => Description => location
\$not sure => groceries => Near Laguna Mar Chiquita, Argentina
Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 22, Sunday, December 28, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$not sure => ice cream and pop => about 12 miles from Esperanza, Argentina

\$10.00 => Apollo Motel => Santa Fe, Argentina

Daily Total \$10.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 23, Monday, December 29, 1997

Cost => Description => location

Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 24, Tuesday, December 30, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$6.00 => Camping => El Palmar National park, Argentina

Daily Total \$6.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 25, Wednesday, December 31, 1997

Cost => Description => location

\$not sure => T-shirt and post cards => El Palmar National Park, Argentina

\$10.00 => camping => Balneario Parque Ruins del Viejo Molino, Argentina

Daily Total \$10.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 26, Thursday, January 1, 1998

Cost => Description => location

Daily Total No prices recorded

Day 27, Friday, January 2, 1998

\$1.00 => Fix my bike and bike part => Zarate, Argentina

\$1.95 => Train for me and my bike to Buenos Aries => Zarate, Argentina

\$25.00 => Motel => Moron, Argentina

\$3.00 => Cheese Pizza => Moron, Argentina

Daily Total \$30.95 - Other expenses unknown

Day 28, Saturday, January 3, 1998

Cost => Description => location

\$not sure => Post card stamps and telephone call => Buenos Aries, Argentina

\$25.00 => Motel => Moron, Argentina

\$15.00 => 2 duffle bag => Moron, Argentina

Daily Total \$40.00 - Other expenses unknown

Day 29, Sunday, January 4, 1998

Cost => Description => location

\$12.00 => saran wrapped bike for flight home => Buenos Aries, Argentina
Daily Total \$12.00 - Other expenses unknown