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1. Geographical location

Located on the right-hand shore of the Prana river, the city of Encarnacion is the third largest in the country and is situated at elevation 119 meters above sea level. Enjoying a humid subtropical climate, the summers in the city are hot humid while winters are pretty cool. The city enjoys an annual temperature of 21 °C throughout the year.



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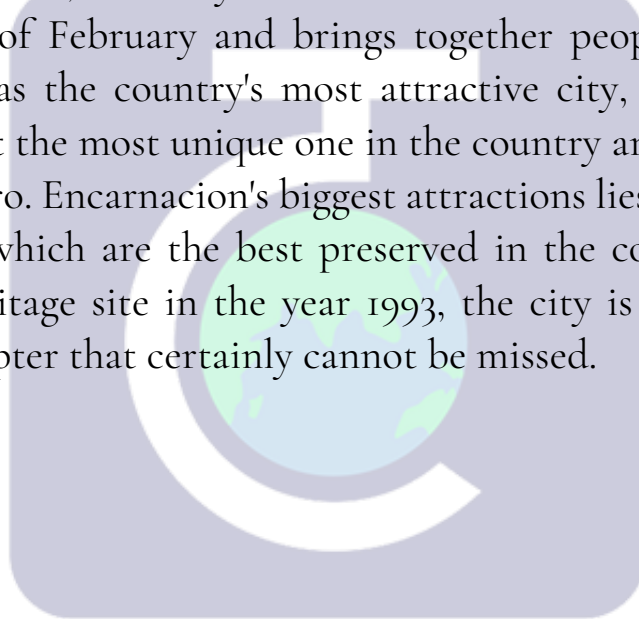
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The City Finds Itself Just 6kms Away From The Town Of Posadas Followed By Alvear At 207kms, 237kms To Foz Do Iguacu, 239kms To Ciudad Del Este, Formosa At 259kms And San Lorenzo At 275Kms. Paraguay Is Neighbours To Argentina.



3. Significance

Sitting on the north bank of the Rio Parana on Paraguay's southern border with Argentina lies the city of Encarnacion, which divides itself into two parts. The old city located down by the river finds itself surrounding with old buildings and much architectural gems whereas the new city finds itself with business buildings and multinational companies along with numerous restaurants and bars. Tagged as the Capital de Carnival, one truly cannot miss the carnival of the city that takes place in the month of February and brings together people from all over the world. Also known as the country's most attractive city, it houses a riverside promenade making it the most unique one in the country and giving it a name of the new Rio de Janeiro. Encarnacion's biggest attractions lies in the Jesuit ruins of Trinidad and Jesus which are the best preserved in the country. Declared as a UNESCO world heritage site in the year 1993, the city is dug deep down in a beautiful history chapter that certainly cannot be missed.



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4. History

The city, formerly Itapua city was founded in the year 1614 on the west banks of the upper Parana River, however the city remained aloof and unrecognized for a very long period but gained importance in the year 1894 with railway coming in. Since then the city set on a ride of commercialization. It was in the year 1957 that the city was made the seat of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Encarnación. The city was also declared a world heritage site by UNESCO in 1993.



5. Cultural identity

Paraguay's main culture is derived from its Spanish colonial roots and traditional Guaraní native customs. In the 1600s, most Spaniards who arrived from Europe inter-married with the native women. As a result, almost 90% of Paraguay's population is a mix of European and Guaraní background. This cultural blend is seen in Paraguay's forms of arts, crafts, music, festivals, literature, cinema, fashion, languages. The richness of the Paraguayan culture can be found also in the adapting of new technologies. Though, the latest techniques have been adopted, the roots have never been avoided by the Paraguay people. The eclectic mix of the old and new have contributed immensely to the rich production of the arts and crafts of Paraguay. Paraguayan embroidery, lace making, and local music are representations of the cultural fusion. Food is an important part of the cultural ethos of any country, and in Paraguay, cornmeal, butter, milk, cottage cheese, eggs and fresh corn kernels are some of the major dishes. The culture of the city lies in its biggest carnival that showcases everything from local dances, music, customs and traditions. People from all over the region come together to celebrate this festival and locals are seen bustling the streets with traditional events and parades giving you a glimpse of the region's true identity! Paraguayan dances have a great history and heritage and are among the most popular cultural activities. There are various forms of dance in Paraguay, which have developed out of the influence of the Spanish dances, some of the most popular ones include Solito, Polka, El Chopi, La Palomita and Pericon. When it comes to Paraguayan music, it is overtly European in nature. Both the structure and the instrumentations employed in tradition Paraguayan music have clearly exhibit the strong European influences exerted on the indigenous culture of the land.

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6. Natural resources

The city isn't home to any National parks, however the country is known for Cerro Cora National Park, Nacunday National Park and Paraguay Ypoá National Park. The natural resources bustling on the soil of the country are iron ore, timber, limestone, manganese, hydropower, mica and natural gas.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Parque Acuatico y Ecológico El Dorado

Located just a few kilometers from the city, this park is your one-day fun trip with family and friends to enjoy the natural environment along with an extensive range of rides, swimming pools and slides that will evoke the adrenaline junkie in you. After some playing around, do grab a bite from fast food stalls and relax in the rejuvenating atmosphere.

Address : Encarnacion 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.22772879999999, -55.82288299999999

Contact : +595 995 369148

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/parque.acuatico.el.dorado/>

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus Station
(Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: Gs.60,000; Children from 5-12years: Gs.45,000; Free for Children under 4years.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 8

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná

Get into your history geek mode and explore the ruins of La Santisima Trinidad de Parana, a declared World Heritage Site in 1993 by UNESCO. This 17th century Jesuit encampment lets you roam around the vast complexes that have been well-preserved over the centuries. Enjoy the serene atmosphere of the large stone ruins and discover the undiscovered by yourself. You will also get to learn the role of Jesuit missions in the history and development of this part of the world. The entry fee includes the entry to the nearby Ruinas de Jesús and San Cosme y Damian ruins and is valid for 3 days. You cannot buy an individual ticket to La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná.

Address : Trinidad, Encarnacion 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.1323366, -55.70202470000004

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jesuit-Missions-of-La-Sant%C3%ADsima-Trinidad-de-Paran%C3%A1-and-Jes%C3%BAs-de-Tavarangue/103751022997436>

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus Station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Gs.25,000

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Wednesday 07:00hrs-20:00hrs, Thursday-Sunday 07:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Ruinas de Jesús

Formerly home to a 17th century Jesuit mission, Ruinas de Jesus were built by the Spanish padres and today stand as a world heritage site. Located about 45 minutes from the city of Encarnacion, the ruins can be easily recognized by the red brick walls and columns. The ruins include a school, a church, a major square and lodgings for orphans and widows. It was one of the last ruins out of the 30 Jesuit missions built in Paraguay, Brazil and Argentina in the 17th century. Visit the in-house museum to learn more about the history of the place. The entry fee includes the entry to the nearby La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná ruins and San Cosme y Damian ruins and is valid for 3 days. You cannot buy an individual ticket to Ruinas de Jesús.

Address : Doctor Luís Terwindt, Jesús de Tavarangüe, Encarnacion 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.0562946, -55.75297760000001

Contact : +595 975 656578

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus station (not recommended)

Entry Fee : Gs.25,000

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. San Cosme y Damián

This small township located in the district of Paraguay covers only about 800 squares kilometers and is referred to as the seaside town landlocked in the country. Impressive sand dunes along the banks of Parana river find their way here along with the Jesuit ruins that take you back in time. For people who want to explore more about the history of the ruins between Asuncion and Encarnacion, this town is a must-stop. The entry fee includes the entry to the nearby La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná ruins and Ruinas de Jesús ruins and is valid for 3 days. You cannot buy an individual ticket to San Cosme y Damian.

Address : Alberdi y San Cosme, San Cosme y Damián, Paraguay

Location : -27.3169983, -56.33102869999999

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus station
(not recommended)

Entry Fee : Gs.25,000

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Mirador San Jose

This long waterfront avenue following River Parana is your place to be to wander around and relax in the lap of nature. Opened in 2012, the riverbank avenue is not only a popular tourist attraction but also a meeting point for the locals. Walk on the beach or sip on a drink at the riverfront bar; Mirador San Jose is a great place to unwind. The promenade makes for a delightful place to jog, bike or walk while taking in the fresh air. If your stomach starts to growl, grab a bite from the array of restaurants that are ready to serve your taste-buds with a variety of cuisines.

Address : Costanera de la Ciudad de Encarnacion, Encarnacion 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.3343852, -55.87604240000002

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus Station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. San Jose Beach

Come to this wide strip of beach that overlooks the Parana river and just laze around on the charming golden sand complemented by a lively atmosphere that comes alive when the sun goes down. Sit on the comfortable lounge chair and gaze at the clear waters and urban backdrop while you sip your drink on this vibrant artificial beach.

Address : Encarnacion 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.3364782, -55.8735815

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Plaza de Armas

The illuminated plaza in the heart of Encarnación narrates historic tales of the city, making visitors stop here for a while from their sightseeing. This public square surrounds itself with green spaces and manicured gardens perfect for a picnic under shade trees. A small Japanese garden with a pond of its own kind forms the highlight of the plaza. Various food sellers find their home here along with restaurants and bars that surround the area. The area is massive, so jog, run, walk or play soccer, it's all upon you.

Address : Encarnacion 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.3324266, -55.8659303

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus station (not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Catedral de Encarnación

Also known as Parroquia Catedral Nuestra Senora, this is the city's main church and holds much historical significance. An architecture that accompanied the development of the city, the construction of the present cathedral began in the year 1928 when its bricks were brought from Areguá. This church is known to be the main axis of the Christian parishioners in the city.

Address : Encarnacion 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.3390159, -55.866712799999996

Contact : +595 207 021

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Iglesia Ortodoxa San Jorge

Nestled in a corner of Plaza the Armas, St. George Orthodox Cathedral was constructed by Russian and Ukrainian immigrants who settled here. As the name

suggests, this is an orthodox church where masses are given in other languages. The exteriors boast of peculiar medieval and Slavic architecture of Russia and the interiors are complemented by illustrations of saints and various religious paintings. This church is interesting for those who want to snoop into different cultures and religion and unite in the city.

Address : Carlos A. López, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.331744, -55.86466110000003

Contact : +595 975 656743

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus Station (not recommended)

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Former House of Stroessner

Once upon a time, this marvelous piece of architecture was home to the dictator Alfredo Stroessner; today it serves as a university. Explore the surroundings of the university to see the period furniture, antiques and other objects that are still kept intact and shine as new. Get into the history of the region and Alfredo Stroessner, an important personality of the country.

Address : cnr Memmel & Carlos Antonio Lopez, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.34091, -55.863661

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Centro Cívico Sambódromo

The main parade ground for the Carnival, Sambadromo finds itself along Avenue Costanera which is the main hub for parties and the city's nightlife. The playground comes to life during carnivals, however, the other times it serves as a waterfront to the locals to relax in an enormous space and gaze at the riveting landscapes. The ground with its serene atmosphere makes for a perfect family outing spot.

Address : Avenida Costanera, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.3288058, -55.874587799999997

Contact : +595 71 204 800

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación (not recommended)

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Casa de la Cultura

Opened in 1992, this house of culture boasting of neoclassical architecture was the former home of Oro Yunis. When you enter the grounds of this building, an air of the city's history will blow you away with its depth. Take a walk around the rooms to not only explore the life of Oro Yunis, but also the cultural expressions of the region.

Address : Gral Artigas, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.3389988, -55.868938599999998

Contact : +595 71 204 564

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus station (not recommended)

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Iglesia Nuestra Senora de la Inmaculada Concepcion

One of the most beautiful churches in Encarnación, Iglesia Nuestra Senora is not only very spacious but also one of the important historic landmarks of the city. The exteriors feature excellent architecture complemented by beautiful interiors that are filled with religious paintings and a gorgeous altar.

Address : Mcal. Lopez y Eugenio A. Garay, Encarnacion 6000, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.329871, -55.872491500000002

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación Bus Station (not recommended)

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Shopping City

This departmental store is your answer to everything when staying in the city. From all the basic necessities to the over-the-top needs for your trip, shopping city is a place to be.

Address : Ruta internacional ,200 metros antes de aduana paraguaya ,Encarnacion, ,Paraguay, Encarnacion, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.36008, -55.85136

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Casa Manzanita

A mall located in the city which may be quite small but when it comes to shopping it does leave a huge impact.

Address : Calle San Cayetano al lado del Mercado Municipal, Encarnación, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.352029, -55.8579469

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Marijoa Tejidos

This shopping mall is a local favorite for its textiles work. Find everything from bed sheets to curtains to decorate your house at this fancy shopping center.

Address : Av Irrazábal, Encarnación, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.3417666, -55.85758709999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Circuito Comercial de Encarnación

A very small shopping center dealing with local goods.

Zipcode : 0

Location : -27.36209659999999, -55.85125270000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Ruben's El Centro del Buen Vestir

A mall bustling with local shops and local goods, Ruben's El Centro del Buen Vestir will definitely make your wallet cringe a little.

Address : Gral Cabañas, Encarnación, Paraguay

Zipcode : 6000

Location : -27.33965569999999, -55.86585430000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

The city follows soccer passionately, however isn't home to any professional clubs currently. Also, there are no sports stadium located in this city. People of Encarnacion are also passionate about beach football and has made it their city game followed by other sports like tennis, basketball etc.



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9. Spas and relaxation

The city is not home to many individual Spas, however there are certain hotels that offer the best of their services in order to make their customers feel delightful and happy. Following are some of the hotels offering great Spa services

- **Awa Resort Hotel:**

Address : Tajy, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Location : -27.2989497,-55.88856929999997

Contact No : +595 71 218 0000

- **Carnaval Hotel Casino:**

Address : Av. Irrazabal esquina Gral.Cabañas, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Location : -27.3381534,-55.8579522

Contact No : +595 71 203 863

Website : <http://www.casinosparaguayos.com.py/vi/>

- **Hotel De La Trinidad:**

Address : Mariscal Estigarribia s/n y Jorge Memmel, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Location : -27.3409744,-55.8656426

Contact No : +595 71 208 099

10. Events calendar

Month

Events

New Year's Day

Paraguay celebrates the New Year just as the rest of the world, with all-night celebrations, fireworks and music. Asuncion is the best spot to catch the action.

Encarnaceno Carnival

In February, almost solemn Incarnation becomes a bustling city overrun of colors and rhythms of Brazilian samba. It is for 8 days when traditional celebrations of carnival take over locals and visitors. Takes place in the first week of February, dates are flexible.

Holy Week Festival

In gearing up for the Easter celebrations, Paraguay holds an annual week-long festival to set the pious mood for the coming events. Takes place in the last week of the month, dates are flexible.

Cerro Cora

This national holiday

commemorates the death of former president Francisco Solano Lopez with a ceremony in the capital. It is observed on March 1.

Easter

As in most other South American countries, Easter is celebrated with all the religious fervour you'd expect from a predominantly Catholic population. Takes place on March 27.

Independence Day

All over the country, events are held to celebrate Paraguay's independence from Spain with parades, concerts and fireworks.

May 14th is the date of celebration in the country

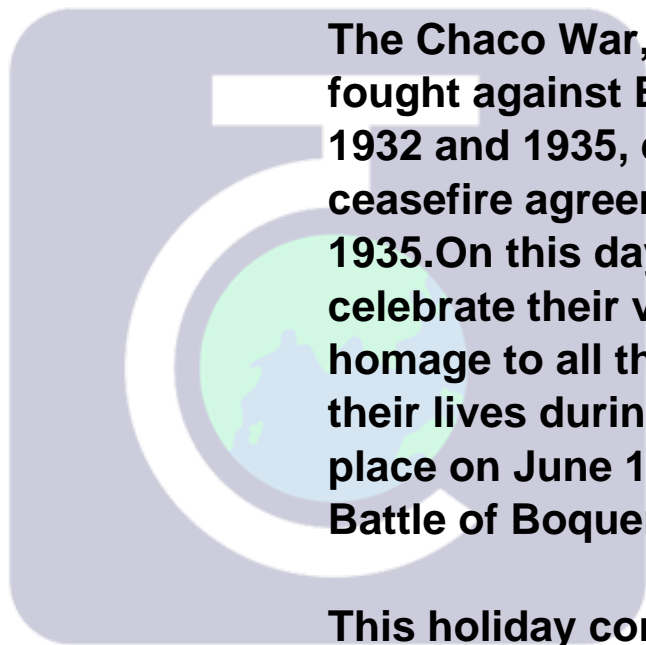
Labor Day

May 1 is celebrated as Labor Day, also known as May Day or Workers' Day (in Spanish, Día del Trabajador), in many parts of the world to commemorate the important role played by workers in building nations and societies.

Dia de San Juan

Another annual festival which

has been happening for decades takes a more light-hearted look at Saint John with music, food and games around the country. The festival takes place in the last week of June, dates remain flexible. Takes place on June 23 Chaco Armistice Day



The Chaco War, which Paraguay fought against Bolivia between 1932 and 1935, ended with a ceasefire agreement on June 12, 1935. On this day, Paraguayans celebrate their victory and pay homage to all those who lost their lives during the war. Takes place on June 12, Battle of Boquerón Day

This holiday commemorates the historic Battle of Boquerón and is observed on September 29 Christmas

Christmas is a day of great joy for Christians all over the world because it the day chosen by the Catholic Church to celebrate the birth of Jesus. In Paraguay Christmas is the most important religious festival. Since in Paraguay it falls during summer because the country is located in

**the Southern Hemisphere,
homes are decorated with
flowers that bloom in the region
at that time of year.**



Index**11. Key local guides and tours**

Unfortunately, there are no tour guides available in the area. However one may find a few guides in certain attractions. There are few tours available and these are – Karumbés: These yellow horse-drawn carriages that once upon a time served as the taxis in the city, are located near the bus terminal to give small tours. Rides are free on the weekends. Jesuit Ruins: Take a half day tour to these ruins and explore the history like never before. You have the ruins to yourself. For all the history lovers this is the place to be to learn more about the region and explore beyond!



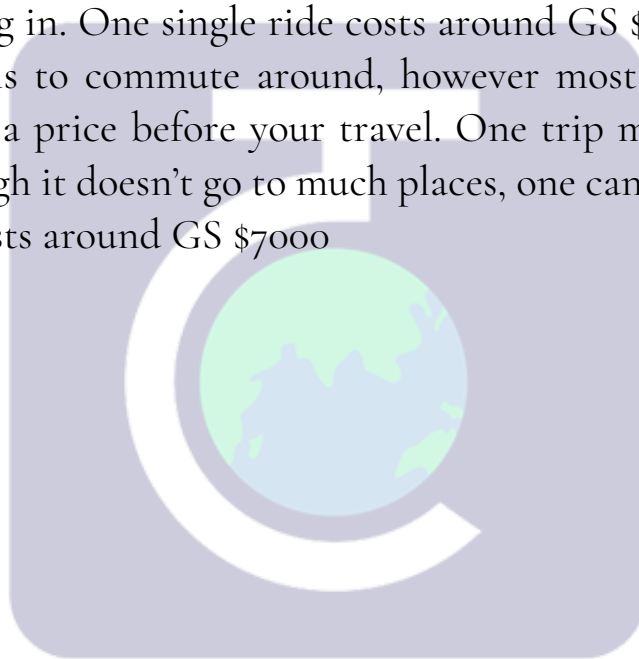
Index**12. Transportation hubs**

Teniente Amin Ayub Gonzalez Airport: This airport serves the city of Encarnación and receives seasonal flights from Asuncion. The airport is located around 30kms away from the city center. Terminal de Omnibus de Encarnación: The main terminal of the city that is located around 18.7kms away from the city. Encarnación Train Station: Located around 10Kms away from the city.



Index**13. Transportation cost**

Encarnación is a city that can be covered on foot very easily, hence one would not really require any public transport. However for those who still want the access to them can either travel by public buses which are relatively frequent or taxis. Buses: One can use the buses, however the major catch is these buses don't go the destinations most travellers would want to see. Hence make sure to check the bus route before boarding in. One single ride costs around GS \$2400. Taxis: One can also take several taxis to commute around, however most taxis do not run on meters hence decide a price before your travel. One trip might cost around GS \$5000. Train: Although it doesn't go to much places, one can still travel by train if feel like. One trip costs around GS \$7000



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

One can carry heavy amount of luggage into the city when travelling from the nearby cities in buses, also carrying heavy baggage's in taxis is also a fine option, however make sure not to carry heavy bags in the locals buses. Also, just roam around with light backpacks or money belt when exploring the city to avoid any inconvenience.

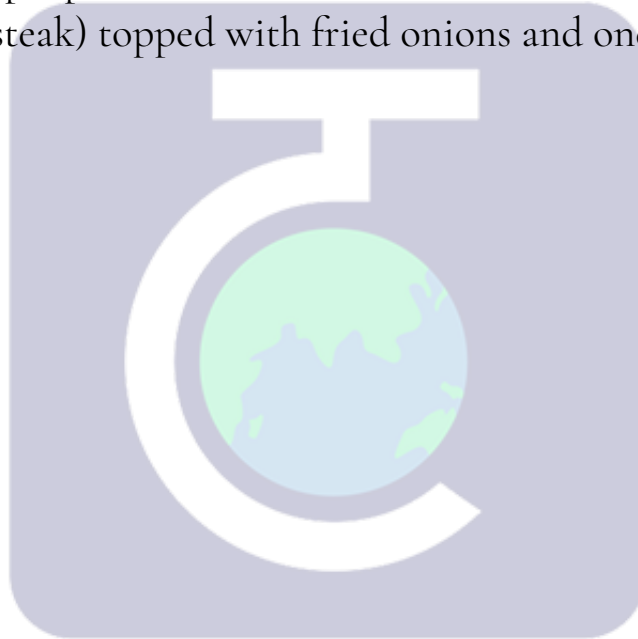


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15. Must try food and local savouries

When it comes to traditional meals of the country, this list doesn't end. Just say the meal you want and the dish will be there. From main course, drinks, desserts to starters, the regional flavour lies in each and every dish in this country. Some of the traditional meals that cannot be missed in this bilingual country includes – Tereré: A traditional beverage that has been a part of the country's culture as long as people have lived here. It consists of a mixture of herbs called yerba and it is usually the first drink that the locals have it in the morning. Guiso popó - A very traditional dish, similar to a stew that contains chicken and rice, pickled with sweet pepper and garlic. It also has some variations where the rice is replaced by pasta or potatoes. Mandioca - (also known as Yuka, Yuca or Cassava) which are similar to potatoes, are eaten with almost every meal as they are a native crop of Paraguay. In fact, it is so common there is a local expression, Más Paraguayo que la mandioca (More Paraguayan than the Mandioca). Arró Quesú - Paraguayan style rice, is similar to a cheese and milk risotto but it has to be made only with white rice and Quesú Paraguai ((Paraguayan cheese) Asado - Literally barbecue though the Paraguayan Asado is often accompanied with Sopa Paraguaya or Chipá Guazu. Note, an asado has many types of meat, and LOTS of it! No scrawny hamburger patties here. Dulce de Guayaba – A sweet jam made from guava, served alone or eaten with bread. Dulce de Mamón - a dessert made from Papaya (papaw) and served with caramel. Kaguyjy - Also known as mazamorra, it is one of the most traditional desserts of Paraguay. It is made from corn and sugar and sometimes honey or milk is added. Ka'i ladrillo – A candy made with peanuts and molasses, cut into small cubes that look like small bricks. In fact ladrillo is Spanish for brick. The full name actually means “the brick of the monkey”. Bori Bori - a thick soup to which dumplings (or small balls) of cornmeal and cheese and sometimes chicken are added. Milanesa - Even though this is not originally from Paraguay, the milanesa has become a staple part of Paraguayan cuisine. Milanesas are crumbed meat filets. Chipa Guazú - basically a corn cake, made with cheese, fresh corn, eggs, oil and milk, and cooked in the Tatakua (a clay oven). It is similar to the Sopa Paraguaya which has corn flour instead of grains of corn. Puchero - A traditional stew made with meat, vegetables (like carrot,

pumpkin/squash and onions). Quesú Paraguái - Also know as Queso Paraguayo, this is typical cheese made by rural artisans. Sopa Paraguaya / Sopá Paraguái - (Literally Paraguayan Soup). This is probably the world's only "solid" soup. More than a soup, it is actually more like an open pie made of ground corn, cheese, eggs and milk. Empanadas - Pastries filled with different combinations, including, egg, meat, chicken, corn, cheese and ham. Paraguayan Empanadas are normally fried and not often made in the oven like the Chilean or Argentinean ones. Also Paraguayan empanadas are sometimes eaten between two pieces of bread like a sandwich, something people from other countries tend to notice when they see it. Bife Koygua - Meat (steak) topped with fried onions and one or two fried eggs on top.



16. Restaurant & Nightlife

The city's restaurant life lies in the area of 25 de Mayo and Ruta International. Encarnacion may look like a city with a few restaurants spread here and there serving traditional meals, but when you step your foot onto the grounds of this land will you realize, it has more to offer. Serving everything from International cuisines, traditional meals to grilled meals, the city makes up for one of the best gastronomic scenes in the city. Here are some of our top favourites –

Food -

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- **Doña Reina:**

Address : Constitución Nacional, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Location : -27.3276157,-55.864434800000026

Contact No : +595 984 571855

Website

<https://www.facebook.com/donareina.enc/?rf=1065461476876479>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 07:30hrs-01:00hrs, Sunday 07:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **América Grill Churrasquería:**

Address : Avenida San Roque Gonzalez de Santa Cruz, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Location : -27.356242,-55.85511700000001

Contact No : +595 71 204 829

Website : <http://www.americagrill.com.py/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 10:30hrs-14:30hrs & 20:00hrs-23:00hrs, Sunday 10:30hrs-15:00hrs

- **Karumbe Restaurant-Café:**

Address : Mcal. Estigarribia esq. Tomas Romero Pereira, Encarnacion 6600, Paraguay

Location : -27.32518869999999,-55.87298069999997

Contact No : +595-71-201147

Open / Close Time : Open 24Hours

- **Portobello Pasta & Birra:**

Address : Mñor. Wiessen, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Location : -27.3358207,-55.87117549999999

Contact No : +595 71 205 651

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-14:00hrs & 19:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Milord:**

Address : Av. Dr. Jose Gaspar Rodriguez de Francia, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Location : -27.3300061,-55.87249459999998

Contact No : +595 71 206 235

Website : <http://www.milord.com.py/v2/>

- **Hiroshima:**

Address : 25 de Mayo, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Location : -27.3287225,-55.8633006

Contact No : +595 71 206 288

Website : <http://hiroshima.com.py/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Sunday 11:00hrs-14:00hrs & 19:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **Churrasquería Novo Rodeio:**

Address : Galeria San Roque, Ruta Internacional, Encarnación 6000, Paraguay

Location : -27.356642,-55.85403489999999

Contact No : +595 71 204 665

Website : <http://www.novorodeio.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 11:30hrs-15:00hrs & 19:00hrs-23:00hrs, Sunday 11:30hrs-16:00hrs

Index**17. Average meal cost**

Economical Meal: PYG \$25,000 Mid – Segment Restaurant: PYG \$110,000 Luxury Dining: PYG \$200,000 Average cost of beer: PYG \$5,500



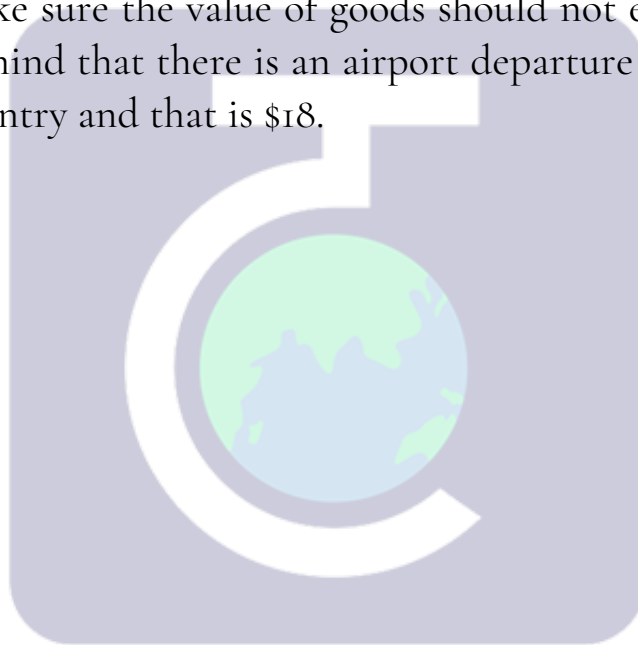
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18. Shopping

Encarnación would be a good spot to pick up consumer goods, especially electronics. Lower taxes and consequently lower prices than Argentina, the city is home to a few bustling shopping centers and local shops strolling around the plazas and the streets. Do find your way into the following centers for some fun shopping experience – Shopping City: This departmental store is your answer to everything when staying in the city. From all the basic necessities to everything you need for a trip, shopping city is a place to be. Shopping: Being very clear with its name itself, this is your shopping mall in the city. Come here to shop everything from clothes, jewellery to footwear and accessories etc. CASA MANZANITA: Another mall located in the city, this shopping mall is quite small but when it comes to shopping it does leave a huge impact. Marijoa Tejidos: This shopping mall is rather a local's favourite for its textiles work. Find everything from bed sheets to curtains to decorate your house at this top most shopping center. Circuito Comercial de Encarnación: A very small shopping center dealing with local goods. Ruben's El Centro del Buen Vestir: Another mall bustling with local shops and local goods that will definitely make your wallet cringe a little.

Index**19. Tourist benefits**

The Value added tax charged in the country is 10% which is quite low compared to the other countries of the continent. When it comes to duty free shopping, one will spot quite a few shops in the city, otherwise Airport stands as the safest option where one will find anything and everything to shop. When travelling to the country visitors may bring certain amounts of tobacco products, perfume and alcohol, however make sure the value of goods should not exceed USD 300. One should also keep in mind that there is an airport departure tax that is to be paid while leaving the country and that is \$18.



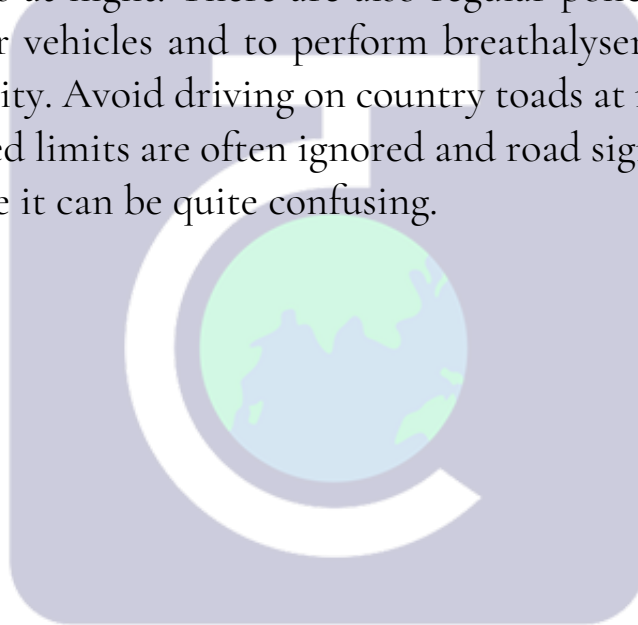
Index**20. Essential local apps**

Easy Spanish Language Learning: This application will definitely come in handy to learn a few basic Spanish words while on your way to the city, since English is not widely spoken or understood. Radio Asunción Paraguay: Enjoy the best of radio station of the city in this one place and groove to the tunes of local music.



21. Driving

You can use your UK driving licence or an International Driving Permit while in Paraguay if you are visiting as a tourist. You must have your driver's licence, passport and entrance stamp with you while driving. If you hire a car, take out adequate insurance. Driving standards are poor and traffic accidents, particularly involving motorcycles, are frequent. Many motorcyclists drive with no crash helmets and no lights at night. There are also regular police checks throughout, usually to check your vehicles and to perform breathalyser tests and take extra while driving in the city. Avoid driving on country toads at night, also Stop signs, traffic lights and speed limits are often ignored and road signs are not installed in all over the city hence it can be quite confusing.



Index**22. Travel essentials**

Following are the necessary things to keep in mind while travelling in the country – 1. Adapter/Plug – Electrical current is 220 - 240 volts, 50 Hz. European-style plugs with two round pins are standard. 2. It is always advised to carry sufficient prescribed medicines as OTCs may not be allowed. 3. Do not forget to carry mosquito repellents. 4. One needs to carry a money belt in order to avoid theft or pick pocketing.



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Index**24. Local currency**

The currency in Paraguay is called the Paraguayan Guaraní. 1.00 USD = 5,571.27 PYG



Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

The city isn't home to many ATMs. Most of the cards are accepted in the ATMs. Banks are likely to charge you with a foreign transaction fee in an ATM, hence make sure to confirm with your bank about the fee charges prior to your transaction. One can only take out a limited amount, so it is recommended to take out the maximum amount in one go. US dollars are widely accepted throughout the country, but visitors will also want to have a certain amount of local Guaranis for smaller purchases. Official bureaus de change are the best places to exchange your money, as fake banknotes are common from fraudulent money changers along the streets who usually offer better rates. The exchange commission charged might be 5-6% higher than usual hence make sure to confirm the price prior to buying the currency. The usual exchange rate being 1-2% Credit cards are accepted at most major hotels, restaurants and shops and ATMs are easily found, offering another convenient way to get local currency, however a fee is charged hence one should confirm the extra transaction fee from their bank prior to their travel

26. Staying connected

Major networks that dominate Paraguay are Tigo, Vox and Personal. However make sure to unlock your phone prior to your travel in order to use any SIM card in the country. If your stay is for a longer period of time, it is recommended that you buy a local SIM to stay connected. One can purchase a SIM card at the airport upon arrival. Buying a SIM card in the country is affordable and one is surly to get good network at almost all the areas. One will find shops all over the city to get a SIM card. For calls to landlines in the city you should dial 021 from mobile phones and places other than Asuncion. However to buy a SIM card, you will need a Xerox of your Passport for identification purposes. It is highly recommended that one buys a SIM of Tigo since it has the best connectivity in and around the town. When it comes to Wi-Fi connectivity one will not be disappointed since there are Internet café's located around the city along with Wi-Fi options at certain restaurants and Café's.

27. Time Zone

Paraguay Standard Time (PYT) is 4 hours behind the Coordinated Universal time (UTC -4h).



Index**28. Languages**

Linguistically speaking people of the country speak two languages Paraguayan Spanish which is very different from the normal Spanish and Guaraní. Other languages spoken are Jopara (A mix of Guarani and Spanish language) and English which is not very much spoken and understood.



Index**29. Political Scenario**

The country is a representative democratic republic, with a multi party system. The separation of powers are further divided into three branches - Executive power is solely exercised by the President, who is both the head of state and government. Legislative power is vested in the two chambers of National Congress and the judiciary is vested on tribunals and Courts of Civil law. Encarnación is the capital city of the Paraguayan department of Itapúa



Index**30. Economic Scenario**

In the Low City are located the post office, various houses of commerce, factories, hotels, a branch of the Bank of Paraguay, and a radio and television station that derives the economy of the city along with the agriculture – the city processes lumber, maté (tea), tobacco, cotton, corn (maize), rice, and cattle from the hinterland. Tourist industry also contributes to the economy of the city!



Index**31. Religious belief**

Catholicism dominates the country with 89% Catholics being devoted to the religion, followed by 8% of the population that identifies themselves as Protestants. The country is ethnically diverse, other religions include Buddhism, Judaism, Bahá'í Faith, Latter-day Saints and Islam.



Index**32. Visa requirements**

Citizens of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and nationals of all EU countries need to get a tourist visa before arrival which will be good for 3 months. For more information on Visa details, follow the link below – <https://paraguay.visahq.in/>



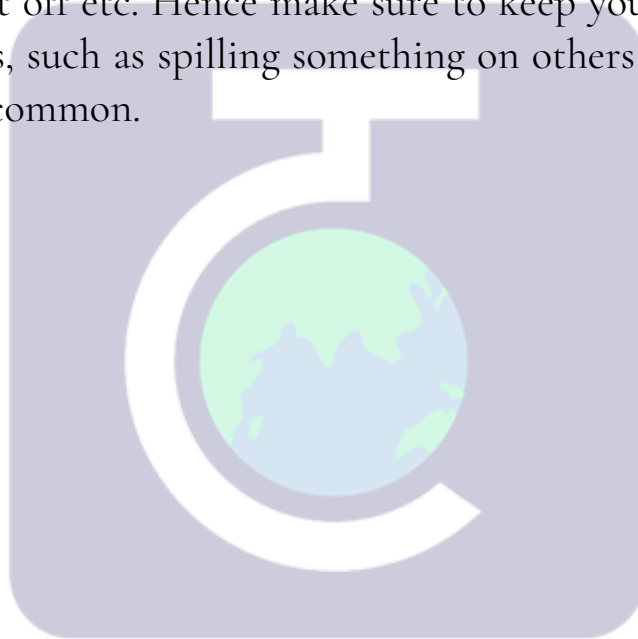
Index**33. Essential vaccination**

One needs to be any disease free before travelling in the country and during the visit in the country. Hence it is recommended that one should visit their General Doctor for a routine check-up. Also, when travelling to Paraguay, some basic vaccines are suggested – • Hepatitis A • Hepatitis B • Typhoid Fever • Malaria



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

The city comes under one of the safest ones in the country, however do stay within the city limits, where police patrolling is always on a roll and make sure not stroll around after dark since pick pocketing and mugging still occur especially in shady areas. There are several scams that have been pointed out in the city like dropping a baby and asking for help or spilling something on you and asking to clean it off etc. Hence make sure to keep your distance from such people. Several scams, such as spilling something on others to distract them and snatch valuables are common.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

Below is the list of embassies and consulates located in the country
<http://www.embassypages.com/paraguay>



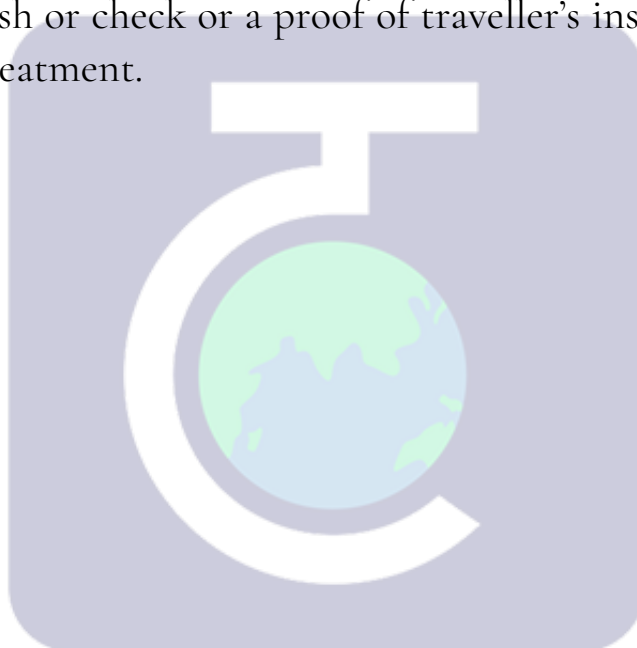
36. Accessibility

Encarnación is not the best place for people with reduced mobility, since only a handful of hotels and hospitals offers wheelchairs or assistance to the disables. The town is a disappointment as most of it is surrounded by the water which makes it difficult for the disables to travel around the city.



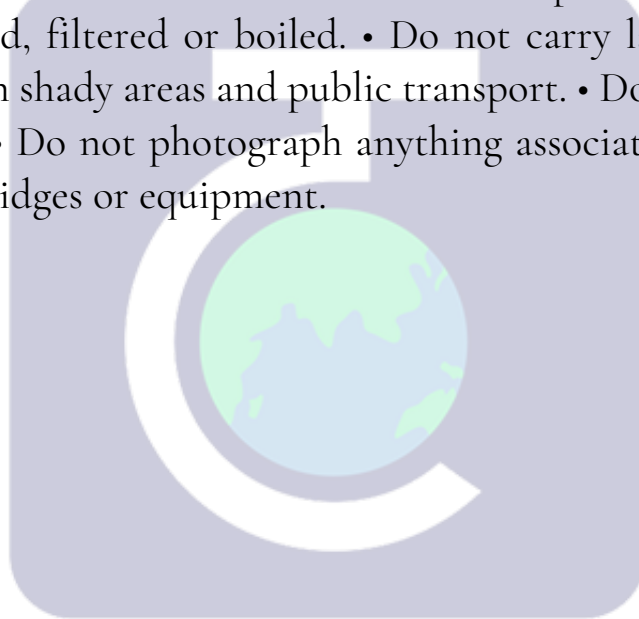
Index**37. Emergencies**

Following are the hospitals to go to in case of any emergency – Hospital Regional de Encarnación Address: Independencia Nacional, Encarnación 10135, Paraguay Phone: +595 71 202 271 Following are the emergency numbers in the country – Police – 912 Ambulance – 141 Fire – 132 Note: All the above hospitals accept traveller's health insurance, however if you fail to present a valid credit card, sufficient funds in cash or check or a proof of traveller's insurance coverage then you will be refused treatment.



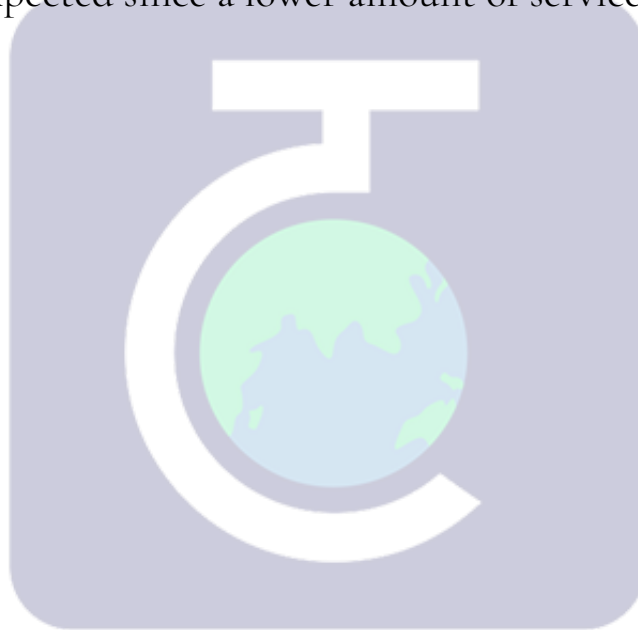
Index**38. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's • Do go with a malaria medication to the city. • Do be vaccinated for hepatitis A and hepatitis B. • Do pay respects to all the customs and traditions of the country since Paraguayans are a conservative people. • Do learn some basic Spanish and Guarani as English is not widely spoken. • Do be polite and soft-spoken since people do not appreciate shouting or rude behaviour. Exhibit patience in all of your actions. Don't • Don't drink tap water unless it has been chemically disinfected, filtered or boiled. • Do not carry large amount of cash, heavy jewellery etc. in shady areas and public transport. • Don't give your opinion about local politics. • Do not photograph anything associated with the military, including soldiers, bridges or equipment.



Index**39.Tipping basics**

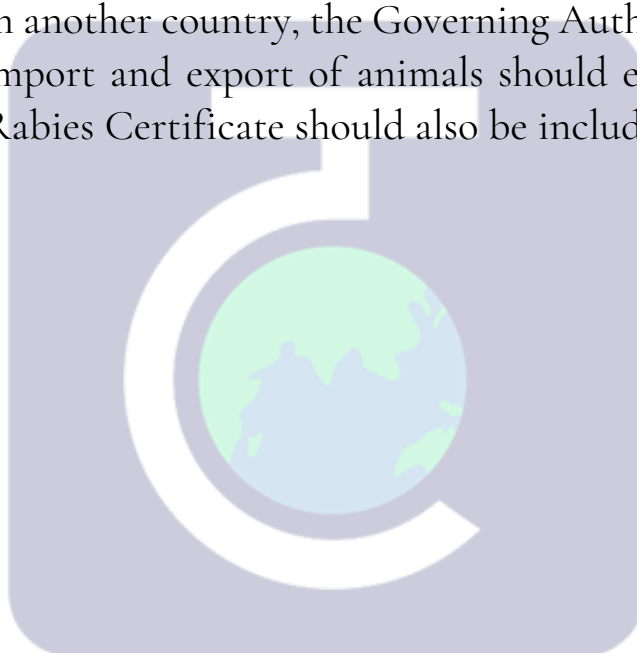
The tipping charge in Paraguay is around 10% which is pretty low compared to the rest of the world hence tipping is considered customary in the country. Taxis drivers need not be given any tip unless you have hired them on a full day basis, then a tip of 10% is expected to be given. In hotels it's upon you to give the tip to the maids or the bell boys which is around 1-2% whereas in restaurants a tip of 10-15% is definitely expected since a lower amount of service tax is charged.



Index**40.Pet info**

Paraguay does not quarantine healthy pets who meet the following requirements:

- Your pet be vaccinated for rabies and various other diseases between 30 days and 12 months of entry.
- Shortly before travel, a Veterinary Certificate for Paraguay must be completed by a USDA or CFIA licensed veterinarian and endorsed by the USDA or CFIA if traveling from the United States or Canada. If you are traveling from another country, the Governing Authority of your country responsible for the import and export of animals should endorse the forms for you.
- A copy of the Rabies Certificate should also be included for endorsement.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Encarnacion, known as the “Pearl of the South,” is a city in south-eastern Paraguay on the Parana River and is the capital of the Itapua region of Paraguay. Founded in the year 1614, the city has received the nickname "Pearl of the South' due to its mild climate, its thriving culture of food, dance and music and its trade status. The city is considered to be the second most commercialized in the country and divides itself into two parts, the high (old) city and the low (new) city. The high is home the church, the courts, municipal offices, a teachers college, commerce school and prominent principal residences whereas the low city is the place where the post office, various factories, hotels, radio and television station find their home. Linked by bridge to the Argentine town of Posadas, this town is somewhat a tedious border town that serves as a stopping point for many travellers. However recognized as a UNESCO world heritage site Encarnacion's Costanera is to look out for. This riverside promenade is your answer to everything and will not fail to attract you once, but even twice or thrice. Relax by the comforting beaches or explore the town on foot, but do not miss this one if you are planning a trip to Paraguay!

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