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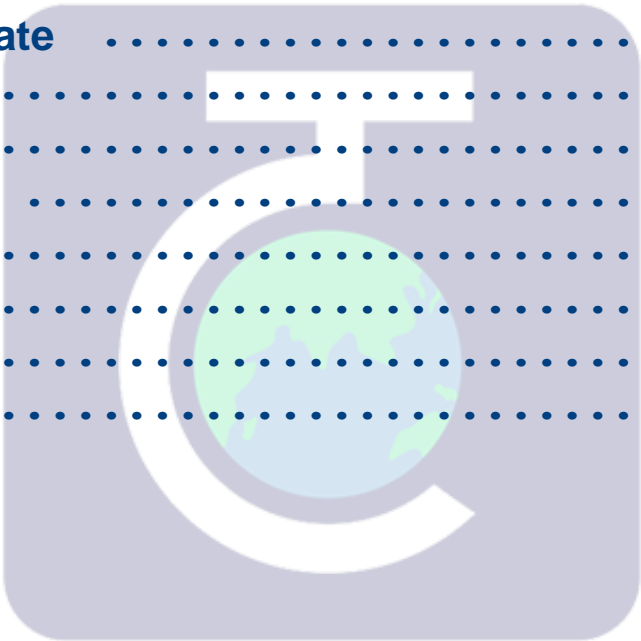
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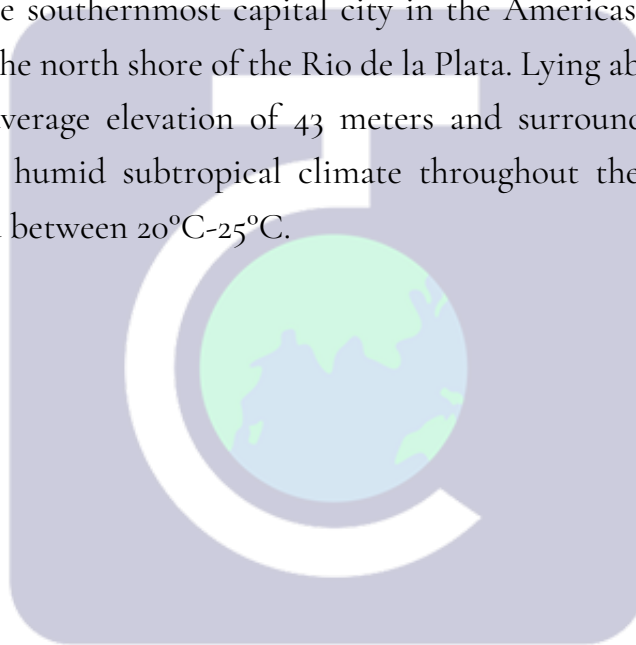
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1. Geographical location

The largest city of Uruguay, Montevideo stands as the southernmost capital city in the Americas and lies in the southern coast of the country, on the north shore of the Rio de la Plata. Lying about 230Kms from Buenos Aires, the city has an average elevation of 43 meters and surrounds itself with the bay of Montevideo. Enjoying a humid subtropical climate throughout the year, the city's average temperature rolls around between 20°C-25°C. The largest city of Uruguay, Montevideo stands as the southernmost capital city in the Americas and lies in the southern coast of the country, on the north shore of the Rio de la Plata. Lying about 230Kms from Buenos Aires, the city has an average elevation of 43 meters and surrounds itself with the bay of Montevideo. Enjoying a humid subtropical climate throughout the year, the city's average temperature rolls around between 20°C-25°C.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Capital City Surrounds Itself To The Capitals San Jose De Mayo And Canelones Department At Respective 90kms And 46kms. Further Major Cities Include La Plata Lying At 162Km, Followed By Quilmes At 191kmst, Avellaneda At 202kms, 203 Km To Banfield And Lanus At 203kms.



3. Significance

The simple-yet pleasurable life: The capital Monte-video is a film stuck in the timeless backdrop of fin-de-siècle architecture, riverside promenades enclosed by sandy beaches and shady plazas - A city where laid-back lazy residents find themselves into life's smaller things and simple pleasure. Amid the city's many ,cafe's auction houses, banks and boutiques, visitors will find stately Beaux-Arts and Art Deco buildings, colonial churches and leafy squares taking you through the glorious past of the city. Montevideo is bustling with locals seen wandering, lounging, and exercising along the water. Home to half of the population of the country, the city has everything from worn-out skyscrapers to neoclassical buildings, along with exquisite old theatres and cosy tiny tango bars that surround the area. The food affair is rather a cheating one with traditional and International flavours findings its way to every corner of the street. Show off some sporty skills on the beach with volleyball and soccer games taking over the evenings. Standing on top boasting of the highest quality of any city in Latin America, Montevideo should definitely be on your radar.

4. History

Founded in the year 1726, by governor of Buenos Aires, Bruno Mauricio de Zabala, the city was a result of a counteract for the Portuguese to advance into the area from Brazil. The town in its early years was mostly a Spanish garrison town along with soldiers that settled in the year. However Montevideo was occupied by the British, Argentine, Brazilian, Portuguese and Spanish forces from the year 1807-1830. With the country struggling to independence this city was growing, the year 1828 saw Uruguay winning independence from Argentina and Brazilian which further led to Montevideo becoming the capital. However the independence did not bring much glory to the plate since a civil war rose soon followed by the city being sieged for 9 years. However the siege ended in the earlier 19th century and Montevideo set on a journey to expand and prosper through significant projects throughout the 19th century. The 20th century saw many Spanish and Italians immigrating to the city that led to the city's expansion in terms of new neighbourhoods and settlements that annexed to the region. Social changes, Economical and Commercial changes were brought in the city, however 2002 the country suffered one of the worst banking crises that affected all the sectors of the city, but that didn't stop the it from growing and with a speedy recovery the city was on its path to economic development with new and stronger commercial links! Today Montevideo stands as the largest capital and is home to many International and National business. The city is still growing and is ever-glorious. Modernization has not stolen the distinct local flavours of the cities and towns of the country because it is the people who keep the culture alive and not just the many historic sites and other n number of sites. Montevideo, remaining the country's commercial capital has not lost its small town candor and geniality, even though turning into a cosmopolitan.

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5. Cultural identity

The country's culture is highly influenced by the gaucho (cowboy) tradition. With cattle ranching still being pervasive in the country, its natural traditions and roots still remain untouched and significant to the national identity. The city has old remains, fortresses of the colonial era and boast of rich architectural heritage with many traditions defining the city. The diverse and appealing culture is an example of excellent legacy of artistic and literary traditions with immigrants like Germans, Russians, Italians, Jews, Swiss and Armenians dominating and integrating with the local community. The country's people enjoy music such as folk, waltz and tango as well groove to some locals forms such as murga, condombe and milonga. The annual carnival of the country is to die for that serves many distinguishing activities for people to understand the culture of the country. Roman Catholicism is the main religion followed by Spanish being the most spoken on in the country. The country's cuisine will always have beef since the locals are the biggest consumers of meat, followed by chivito and pasta topping as the national dishes. Mate is one drink that has found its way in the heart of the city. Made from the result of the yerba made infusion, this drink will be found at everyone's home.

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6. Natural resources

The city is not home to any Natural/National parks however there are parks spread over in the whole country out of which Arequita National Park is the nearby park that is located 2 hours away from the city and protects a round mesa of volcanic rock. Other popular parks include Esteros de Farrapos National Park and the lagoons of Rocha, Castillos, Santa Teresa and Garzon. The country is rich in minerals like hydropower, petroleum, marble stone, bauxite and granite.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Museo de los Andes

Opened recently in 2013, Museo de los Andes or the 1972 Museum is a distinctive museum that takes you through the 1972 Andean plane crash, which led to the death of 29 Uruguayans. Using original objects and photographs from the crash site, get ready to travel back in time of the event as you listen to the stories of the 16 survivors who battled hard in horrified conditions for 72 days before returning home. The granite basement complemented by Corinthian pilasters and balconies made up of Carrara marbles adds to the aura of this museum of homage and introspection.

Address : Rincón 619, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9058421, -56.2029334999999

Contact : +598 2916 94 61

Website : <http://www.mandes.uy/esp/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Parada Plaza Independencia Bus Station

Entry Fee : The entry fee varies depending upon the time of visit. Hence, contact the museum before visiting. The usual rate is around UYU \$200

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, Saturday 10:00hrs-15:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Museo Naval

Perched on the waterfront in El Buceo neighborhood, the Naval Museum of Montevideo narrates the history of the sea in Uruguay. As you reach the gardens that overlook boulevard de Gaulle, your journey into the world of ships and boats will begin with Observatory of ships, which is a bridge of patrol boat installed with 2 telescopes and a massive historical cannon. Browse through the themed rooms to admire the models, photographs and memories of the different ships that served for the Uruguayan Navy. Get up close and personal with indigenous

Charrua's canoe culture, the sinking of German Graf Spee - the most important ship to the city and the Pedro Camp-bell barreminas- the first Antarctic vessel.

Address : Rambla Charles de Gaulle s/n, esq. Luis Alberto de Herrera, Av. Dr. Luis Alberto de Herrera, Montevideo 11300, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11300

Location : -34.9107163, -56.135981

Contact : +598 222 1084

Website : <http://www.descubrimontevideo.uy/en/museo-naval>

Nearest Public Transport : Av. Dr. Luis Alberto de Herrera Bus Station

Entry Fee : General Admission: UYU \$60

Open & Close Timing : Friday-Wednesday 08:00hrs-12:00hrs & 14:00hrs-18:00hrs, Thursday closed.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Museo Gurvich

Get a glimpse into the life of the artistic legacy of Uruguay, José Gurvich at Museo Gurvich, a museum established in 2005 by the Gurvich family. The museum reflects his versatility through excellent paintings, murals, ceramics and other artifacts that were treasured for over 30 years by the family of the artist that are displayed on 3 floors. The prestigious collection of about 200 artifacts gives you an insight into the life and development of the artists right from the birth till his death. Since its opening, the museum is also dedicated to the education and training of young arts students through programs, activities, seminars, guided visits and more.

Address : Sarandí 522, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9074919, -56.2044499999999

Contact : +598 2915 7826

Website : <http://www2.museogurvich.org/museo/>

Nearest Public Transport : Buenos Aires Bus Station

Entry Fee : General: UYU \$150, Free for children under 12 years, Free admission to all on Tuesdays.

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs, Saturday 11:00hrs-15:00hrs.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Museo de Arte Precolombino e Indígena(MAPI)

Opened in 2004, Museo de Arte Precolombino e Indígena (The MAPI - Museum of Pre-Columbian and Indigenous Art) is home to an extensive permanent collection of information about the country's former inhabitants. Featuring a collection of archaeological and ethnographic pieces dating back to 3,000 years in 2 permanent halls along with rotating exhibits that talk about the cultures of indigenous people of the American continent, MAPI was designated as a historic landmark in 1986.

Address : 25 de Mayo 279, Montevideo 11000, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9072173, -56.2101102

Contact : +598 2916 9360

Website : <http://www.mapi.org.uy/>

Nearest Public Transport : 25 de Mayo Bus Station

Entry Fee : General: UYU \$ 100 Uruguayans: UYU \$ 50 Students: UYU \$ 25 Free for retired, Accredited journalists and children under 12 years, Free admission to all on Tuesdays, Combination Ticket (includes entry to the Torres Garcia Museum, Gurvich Museum And Carnival Museum & MAPI): UYU \$200.

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 10:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Museo del Fútbol

This one's for all the football fanatics out there, come here to celebrate the strong soccer culture with the Uruguayans. Stroll through the museum and gaze at the wide range of collection of historical memorabilia of the most celebrated sports in the world including signed jerseys, trophies, original match tickets, photographs and more. However, the spotlight of the museum is the football

from the first world cup final in 1930 and a Jersey autographed by the Brazilian soccer legend Pelé. Take a tour to learn more about the accomplishments of the National Soccer team of Uruguay and its history or pick up some really cool souvenirs from the on-site store. After an informative history lesson, visit the stadium tower to relax and enjoy spectacular views of the city.

Address : Av. Dr. Américo Ricaldoni 1801-1849, 11600 Montevideo, Departamento de Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11600

Location : -34.8947285, -56.1513717999999

Contact : +598 2487 2059

Website : <http://www.estadiocentenario.com.uy/>

Nearest Public Transport : Tres Cruces Bus Station

Entry Fee : General Admission: UYU \$150.

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Museo Torres García

An Artist's retreat, Museo Torres García proudly takes you through the works of the 20th century Uruguayan pioneering painter Joaquín Torres García. Preserving the significant treasure of artistic and documentary works of precursor of the modern art of Uruguay and America, the museum entices you with its quirky, abstract and cubist portraits of key historical personalities like Da Vinci, Beethoven and more that were designed by the artist himself. Adore the artwork and unfold the meaning behind the thoughts scripted below every painting or learn more about the artist through newspaper clippings and photos or just participate in one of the workshops, the museum lives up the name of being an art lover's paradise. The museum is also home to a library and a theater.

Address : Sarandí 683, Montevideo 11000, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9064415, -56.201386

Contact : +598 2915 6544

Website : <http://www.torresgarcia.org.uy/>

Nearest Public Transport : Parada Plaza Independencia Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults- UYU \$120, Residents with Identification Proof- UYU \$60, Students and Senior Citizens- UYU \$40. Free admission for residents every Wednesday.

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Palacio Legislativo

Built in 1925, Palacio Legislativo houses the seat of the national parliament and general assembly. Marvel at the neoclassical exteriors featuring over 50 types of marbles that are complemented by intricate carvings and columns and influenced by greek architectonic style or find yourself in a guided tour taking you through the political history of the Legislative power and the region. The palace treasures some of the luxury items such as Carrara marbles, ornamental wood objects, murals, porphyry and bronze that are enhanced by exquisitely laminated gold ornamental, stained glass and statues. Explore the palace and come across the Hall of Lost Steps, one of the main attraction of the building that boasts of a spectacular dome and panoramic skyline completed by stained glass windows. Note: Foreigners are charged a small amount of admission fee.

Address : Av. de las Leyes 11800 Montevideo, Departamento de Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11800

Location : -34.891251999999, -56.187222099999

Website : <https://parlamento.gub.uy/sobreelparlamento/palacio/visitas>

Nearest Public Transport : Av. de las Leyes Bus Station

Entry Fee : Guided visits: UYU \$ 85.

Open & Close Timing : Palace Timings- Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs;

Guided Tour Timings- Monday-Friday 10:30hrs and 15:00hrs.

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Teatro Solís

Indulge in a true cultural experience at the oldest theater in the country.

Dominating Plaza Independencia, Theatre Solis is an important icon of the city that was built in 1856 and underwent major changes that was designed by Philippe Starck around 1998-2005. Immerse yourself in old-world splendor and opulence at this restored theater that will captivate you with its spectacular exteriors as well as interiors. Wander through different rooms and halls with your guide to bask in the cultural essence or go behind the scenes to interact with the performers and if you are lucky, you may even catch them performing live. Local art shows, operas and folkloric performances find their way to this theater.

Address : S/N,, Buenos Aires, 11000 Montevideo, Departamento de Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9076753, -56.2011147

Contact : +598 2950 3325

Website : http://www.teatrosolis.org.uy/categoria_146_1.html

Nearest Public Transport : Buenos Aires Bus Station

Entry Fee : Guided Tour Prices- General Admission: UYU \$90, Submitting a Uruguayan Identity Card: UYU \$60 Free guided tours for educational institutions, sport institutions and NGO's, Free guided tours for all on Wednesdays.

Open & Close Timing : Theater Timings- Monday-Friday 11:00hrs-19:00hrs; Guided Tour Timings- Wednesday, Friday & Sunday 11:00hrs, 12:00hrs & 16:00hrs, Tuesday, Thursday 16:00hrs, Saturday 11:00hrs, 12:00hrs, 13:00hrs & 16:00hrs.

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.9. Carnival Museum

Known to be a gateway to the spirit of the country, Museo del Carnaval is the place where you can enjoy the infamous carnival of Uruguay that blends numerous cultures in its forge all year. Come and dive deep down in the colorful environment of one of the longest celebrated fiesta in the world to learn more about the immigrants that founded the city and their customs, fashions and beliefs. Showcasing instruments, colorful costumes, models, masks, photos and recordings used in the past carnivals in a chronological order from colonial times

to modern day, the museum was the first in its kind with a real cobbled stone street built inside it. Take a break from the tour to visit the cafe located right behind the museum or relax at the courtyard to see some entertaining performances.

Address : Rambla 25 de Agosto de 1825 218, 11000 Montevideo, Departamento de Montevideo Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.905728, -56.212174

Contact : +598 2916 5493

Website : <http://museodelcarnaval.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Calle Cerrito Bus Station

Entry Fee : General: UYU \$100, Mercosur Partner Countries & Uruguayans: UYU \$60, Children under 12 years: Free entry.

Open & Close Timing : April-November: Thursday-Sunday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs; December-March- Daily 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.10. Zoológico Parque Lecocq

The Zoo Park Lecocq is a conservation center of flora and fauna with more than 500 animals of 33 species from around the world, with an area of 120 hectares, bordering Santa Lucia's wetlands. The lands where the Park currently stands belonged to Don Francisco Lecocq (1790-1882), Uruguayan businessman and politician. They have an extension that reaches the 120 hectares, with areas of prairie, forest and surfaces of water. The Lecocq Park joins conservation efforts by carrying out conservation plans for endangered species in the zoo itself, as well as protecting the habitat of more than 150 species of vertebrates (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals) and one Number of invertebrates that live there in the wild. Stroll through Parque Lecocq a 120 hectare (300 acre) park where animals live relatively freely. Dedicated to the conservation of native wildlife, the park houses 33 species of animals, some local and some from other parts of the world. See the large community of endangered addax antelopes from northern Africa, or the coendu porcupines. Hike on a trail passing through the St Lucia wetlands and see the indigenous plants, or stop by the bird viewpoint

where you can admire local bird species.

Address : 12600 Montevideo, Montevideo Department, Uruguay

Zipcode : 12600

Location : -34.7949708, -56.3325125

Contact : +598 2312 0013

Website : <http://www.montevideo.gub.uy/ciudad-y-cultura/parques-plazas-espacios-publicos-y-zoologicos/zoo-parque-lecocq>

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal Barra Santa Lucía Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: UYU \$20, Motorcycle: UYU \$40 (Passenger other than the driver has to pay UYU \$20), Vehicle: UYU \$80 (Passengers other than the driver has to pay UYU \$20 per person), Bus (more than 8 seats): UYU \$120 (Passengers other than the driver has to pay UYU \$20 per person), Free for children under 12 years, people with disabilities, seniors over 70 years and Montevideo free card holders.

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.11. Bodega Bouza

Address : Camino La Redencion 7658, 12500 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 12500

Location : -34.791217999999, -56.276567

Contact : +(598) 2323 7491

Website : <http://www.bodegabouza.com/#>

Nearest Public Transport : Cno. Melilla Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Complete Experience (Guided Tour + Tasting + A three-course lunch in the afternoon + Transportation from city): UYU \$3000.

Open & Close Timing : Open from Monday to Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Guided tours: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : Yes



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Castillo Pittamiglio

Get a glimpse into the life of infamous architect Humberto Pittamiglio at the castle he called home. Quaintly snuggled between Pocitos and Punta Carretas on Rambla, Castillo Pittamiglio is an eccentric structure that will not only enchant you with its quirky facade but also leave you intrigued about the region's history through its displays. Take a guided tour of this open book of alchemy and unfold the hidden message behind the work of architect related to alchemy, the stories and meaning of the stairs, patios, corridors, towers, halls and statues that make up the building. Note: The guided tour cost around UYU \$130.

Address : Rambla Mahatma Gandhi 633, 11300 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11300

Location : -34.9211177, -56.1498271

Contact : +598 2710 1089

Website : <http://www.castillopittamiglio.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : 21 de Setiembre Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 17:00hrs-18:00hrs, Saturday 19:00hrs-20:00hrs. Guided Tours: Tuesday-Sunday 17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Plaza Independencia

Enclosed by busy streets and numerous important buildings, one of the major plazas of the town, Plaza Independencia is the beating heart of Montevideo. The square is dominated by a 30-ton equestrian statue of Jose Artigas, the national hero who was one of the major contributors in the struggle of independence of the country and below the statue lies a mausoleum that is home the remains of revolutionary leaders of the country. The link between the old city and new city, the plaza marks the beginning of the main street of the city and is the natural seat of official public events.

Address : Plaza Independencia, Montevideo 11000, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.906592599999, -56.199209699999

Nearest Public Transport : Parada Plaza Independencia Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Rambla Francia

Wander around Rambla de Montevideo, a long winding avenue along Montevideo's beachfront. Extending its arm over 20 Kilometers, this touristy spot is your place to pose for that instagram picture. Walk, Cycle, Rollerblade, Jog or stroll and relax on the beach. The place is yours to rule.

Address : Montevideo 11000, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.911602999999, -56.2090877

Nearest Public Transport : Nicolás Piaggio Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Playa Pocitos

In this summer land, you will definitely want to cool down so find yourself on the sandy beach of Pocitos for a quick dip. Green foreshore and soft sand, the area is swamped by people during holidays. Beach football and volleyball are a common thing here, so feel free to join and show your skills. Get involved into one of the regular boat races or enjoy the scenery while munching on a bite at one of the many restaurants and cafe's that are lined at the beach.

Address : Rambla República del Perú 727, 11300 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11300

Location : -34.911679, -56.1448388

Nearest Public Transport : Parada de Omnibus Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Ciudad Vieja

Lying on the tip of a small peninsula projecting out of Montevideo, Ciudad Vieja stands as the historical center of the city and is sprawling with fascinating buildings. Boasting of both old and modern architecture, this center is your place to stand in and click some quirky photographs. After exploring the activity houses, head to the city's port, where several museums and a great open-air market welcomes you for spending some quality time. It is a great place for throwing the night away with bars bustling around and youngsters flocking on the streets.

Address : 11000 Montevideo, Montevideo Department

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9080259, -56.20633120000002

Nearest Public Transport : 25 de Mayo Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Palacio Salvo

A historical icon in the city, Palacio Salvo was originally supposed to be a hotel, but today is a mishmash of private apartments, commercial offices, music studios and radio stations. Situated at the intersection of Plaza Independencia and Avenue 18 de Julio, this Italian Gothic structure with influences of neo-romanticism and classic architecture was once the tallest building of the continent. Reach the top of the palace to enjoy spectacular panoramas of the city or learn more about the history of this excellent building from a tenant. You can even rent an apartment here.

Address : Palacio Salvo, Plaza Independencia 848, 11100 Montevideo, Departamento de Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11100

Location : -34.9068299, -56.198390399999

Contact : +598 95 952 233

Website : <http://palaciosalvo.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ciudad Vieja Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Museo del Gaucho and Currency - Palacio Heber Jackson

Nestled in the ornate Palacio Heber on the Central Avenue, Museo del Gaucho eloquently sets you on a journey to know about the gauchos, their animals and the land. A confluence of French and Italian style of architecture welcomes you to admire the striking collection of silver work, swords, tobacco-smoking equipment, horse gear, bombillas, broad gaucho belts and mates (national drink) in quaint designs, some of which date back to over a century. After learning about the ranching culture, proceed towards the mint museum that features artifacts and objects from the National bank of Uruguay like the counting machines, a decorated safe, hand-written journals and ledgers.

Address : Palacio Heber Jackson, Av. 18 de Julio 998, 11100 Montevideo, Departamento de Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11100

Location : -34.9063279, -56.1948666

Contact : +598 2900 8764

Website: <http://www.montevideo.gub.uy/ciudad-y-cultura/arquitectura-y-patrimonio/arquitectura-de-la-ciudadciudad-y-cultura/arquitectura-y-patrimonio/arquitectura-de-la-ciudad/espacios-10>

Nearest Public Transport : San José Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Mercado Del Puerto

Lying at the base of Perez Castellano, Mercado Del Puerto is a lively market in an old port building that give you a taste of the local flavor of the town. Munch on some mouth-watering delicacies in the outdoor-seating restaurants while being entertained by the local musicians or sample a fresh “asado” (a grilled meat on traditional open fire) from a kiosk while filling up your bags with crafts. Whether you want to learn more about the history of the city or just socialize with locals, this market has got it all. Stop by on a Saturday to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Address : Mercado del Puerto, Rambla 25 de Agosto de 1825 228, 11000

Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9060559, -56.2117088

Website : <http://www.mercadodelpuerto.com.uy/>

Nearest Public Transport : Colón Bus Station

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Casa de Fructuoso Rivera

Learn more about the history as well as the different cultures that developed here to shape the nation at this museum. Casa de Fructuoso Rivera was formerly the abode of Uruguay's first president and Colorado Party founder, Fructuoso Rivera and today, houses the National Historical Museum that aims to inform visitors about the process of forming an independent economy. Gawk at the neo-classical exteriors or walk through the interiors and marvel at the extensive collection of furniture, documents, artifacts and paintings of that take you through the journey of the country from the 19th century to independence.

Address : Rincón 437, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9069541, -56.206666199999

Contact : +598 2915 1051

Website : http://www.museohistorico.gub.uy/innovaportal/v/42193/33/mecweb/casa_de_fructuoso_rivera?contid=42192&3colid=16978

Nearest Public Transport : Terminal Ciudadela Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday-Sunday 11:00hrs-16:45hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. National Museum of Visual Arts

Visit this century old museum to discover the largest collection of works by Uruguayan artists in the country. Contributing to the cultural development of the country, witness the evolution of national and international art at the spacious rooms of Museo Nacional that features the artworks of well-known Uruguayans artists like Torres Garcia, José Cuneo, Pedro Figari, Pablo Serrano

and Juan Manuel Blanes along with paintings by renowned international artists such as Picasso, Klee, Miró, Chagall and Rodin. After a tiring art chapter, relax by the beautiful landscape garden.

Address : C/ Julio Herrera y Reissig esq. Tomás Giribaldi, s/n, 11300 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11300

Location : -34.9138711, -56.1646587999999

Contact : +598 2711 6054

Website : <http://mnnav.gub.uy/cms.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Parada 2118 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 14:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Plaza Matriz

Wander through the oldest plaza of the city and find yourself surrounded by the historical structures like old town hall, mother church and more. Commonly referred to as Plaza Constitution, Plaza Matriz is a lively square that was once the beating heart of the colonial city. Sit by the fountain and chill under the trees at this leafy square and see the local life pass by right in front of your eyes or let the locals captivate you with their artistic charisma and rhythm of the Candombe drums or just munch on some traditional food at one of the food kiosk near the plaza. If you pass by in the mornings, then the antiques fair with an array of stalls selling trinkets and souvenirs will definitely force your feet to stop by.

Address : 11000 Montevideo, Montevideo Department, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9065967, -56.2035273

Nearest Public Transport : Buenos Aires Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Museo de la Historia del Arte

Nestled within Palacio Municipal, Museo de la Historia del Arte spreads over 4

floors that takes you through the history of art. Showcasing Mesoamerican and South American works of art in specially dedicated rooms, this place is all for history buffs and art lovers who wish to learn more about indigenous cultures of the country and the continent. The museum also displays an extensive collection of Universal art including both original and reproductions of popular pieces from pre-Colombian epoch to Roman era of regions like Mesopotamia, Greece, Egypt and Rome. Note: Pre-booked guided tours are available.

Address : Ejido 1326, 11200 Montevideo, Departamento de Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11200

Location : -34.9061615, -56.1866959999999

Contact : +598 2 19502191

Website : <http://muhar.montevideo.gub.uy/>

Open & Close Timing : 13th December- 12th March: Tuesday-Sunday 12:00hrs-17:30hrs; 13th March-12th December: Tuesday-Sunday 13:30hrs-19:00hrs.

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Mausoleo a José Artigas

Right in the middle of Plaza Independencia stands the monument of the father of Uruguay which is 17 meters high. A tribute to the national hero who fought for the independence of the country with both words and sword, you will find a mausoleum just below the statue where the mortal remains of José Artigas rest. Descend the stairs to reach the tomb of Artigas that are guarded 24*7 and get a glimpse into the life of this extraordinary figure through portraits hanging from the wall.

Address : Plaza Independencia 750, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9065338, -56.1997496999999

Nearest Public Transport : Ciudad Vieja Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Museo de Artes Decorativas-Palacio Taranco

Snuggled within the manor that was the home of the family Ortiz de Taranco,

Museo de Artes Decorativas boasts of paintings by the famous European artists and ornate period furnishings that will swoon you away and would definitely encourage to get the replica of either of them in your house. The vast collection of the museum comprises of over 2,000 archaeological pieces made up of ceramics, terracotta and Greek bronzes and Phoenician glass. This 20th century iconic building treasures pieces of great historic and artistic value like Roman amphora and the Phoenician lamp dating back to 16th century BC.

Address : Museo de Artes Decorativas, 25 de Mayo 376, 11100 Montevideo, Uruguay

Location : -34.9069484, -56.208251000000002

Nearest Public Transport : Colón Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 12:30hrs-17:40hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Contemporary Art Space

Situated inside a restored wing of the 19th century ex-prison of Miguelete, this striking gallery-museum exhibits revolving exhibitions of contemporary art that will move you away. Inaugurated recently in 2010, the Contemporary Art Space or Espacio de Arte Contemporaneo is the cultural health of city's contemporary art scene. Be enamored by the 4 installations of Cuadratura, which utilize obsolete audiovisual media to project new images on canvases.

Address : Arenal Grande 1929, 11800 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11800

Location : -34.8945182, -56.180956499999998

Contact : +598 2929 2066

Website : <http://www.eac.gub.uy/>

Nearest Public Transport : Parada de Ómnibus Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday-Saturday 14:00hrs-20:00hrs, Sunday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Puerta de la Ciudadela

The link between the old city and downtown Montevideo, Puerta de la Ciudadela or the Citadel Gate is monumental landmark of the city. Finding itself on Plaza Independencia, this stone gateway is one of the well maintained remnants of the colonial citadel that was destroyed in 1833. This excellent piece of structure is a great exemplar of Spanish colonial architecture and the guided tours of this emblematic gate will take you to the history of the monument and the city.

Address : Sarandí 700, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9065376, -56.2007972

Nearest Public Transport : Parada Plaza Independencia Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Montevideo Metropolitan Cathedral

Also referred to as Iglesia Martiz, the Montevideo Metropolitan Cathedral is the seat of Roman catholic archdiocese of the city and one of the oldest structures in the city. Dominating Plaza Matriz, this striking church features the image of the patron-saint of Uruguay and is one of the main religious destination for the devotees. Designated as a National historic landmark, this church is also known to be the mother cathedral of countries of southern South America.

Address : Ituzaingó 1373, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9070684, -56.204498599999

Contact : +598 2915 7018

Website : <http://icm.org.uy/>

Nearest Public Transport : Buenos Aires Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Puertito Del Buceo

This small bay marina located in Buceo neighborhood, to the east of Pocitos beach is your answer for evening strolls, Sunday family hangout and to chill with the social circle. Puertito Del Buceo is a gorgeous scenic spot that is best known

for nautical sports activities apart from stunning views of the bay and being the headquarter of the yacht club of Uruguay. Lounge back and enjoy the alluring sundown or participate in one of the many adventure sports or savor a tasty fish and take back home some from the local fishmongers, this marina spoils you with choices.

Address : Edificio del Yacht Club, Rbla. Pte. Charles De Gaulle, 11300 Montevideo, Departamento de Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11300

Location : -34.910130399999, -56.1301894

Nearest Public Transport : Parada Rimac Sur Bus Station

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Juan Manuel Blanes Museum

Nestled within a 1870s stately mansion, the Juan Manuel Blanes Museum transports you to the world of the most famous artist of Uruguay- Juan Manuel Blanes. Explore the history of Uruguayan art and marvel at the artworks showcasing the development of styles and forms in the works of various popular artists or stroll through the neatly sculpted gardens and see the water features, and magnificent trees.

Address : Av Millán 4015, 11700 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11700

Location : -34.8532439, -56.1983032

Contact : +598 2336 2248

Website : <http://blanes.montevideo.gub.uy/>

Nearest Public Transport : Av Millán Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 13:00hrs-19:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 12:00hrs-18:00hrs.

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. Telecommunications Tower

For magnificent views and quirky photographs, take the elevator right to the top of Telecommunications Tower. The city's most dramatically-modern skyscraper

is your way to go for whacky poses.

Address : 11800 Montevideo, Departamento de Montevideo Uruguay

Zipcode : 11800

Location : -34.891944, -56.194722

Nearest Public Transport : Paraguay Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.21. Estévez Palace

Located near Ciudad Vaja, this 28th century landmark located on the south side of the Plaza Independencia was once the government house. Come here to not only get into the political but also historical chapters of the region.

Address : Plaza Independencia 776, 11000 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11000

Location : -34.9071834, -56.1993939

Nearest Public Transport : Ciudad Vieja Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.22. Jardín Japonés de Montevideo

Located in the center of the city, this Japanese park was donated by Japan as a memorial to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between both countries. Erected in the year 2001, this is rather a quiet garden and is a place for those who want to just relax the day with their favourite books or gazing at the beautiful natural environment.

Address : Av Millán 4015, 11700 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11700

Location : -34.8533592, -56.198914

Nearest Public Transport : Tres Cruces Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 12:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.23. Montevideo Botanical Garden

Address : 19 De Abril 1181, 11700 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11700

Location : -34.8589886, -56.200048299999

Contact : +598 2336 4005

Website : <http://jardinbotanico.montevideo.gub.uy/>

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.24. Plaza Fabini

Address : Julio Herrera y Obes, 11100 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11100

Location : -34.9056248, -56.194195299999

Nearest Public Transport : Av. 18 de Julio Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.25. Batlle Park

Address : Av. Dr. Américo Ricaldoni, 11600 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11600

Location : -34.8954557, -56.154684799999

Contact : +598 19502003

Nearest Public Transport : Av. Dr. Américo Ricaldoni Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.26. Locks Fountain

On our first day walking around we came across its special fountain dedicated especially for love padlocks. Situated in a somewhat unromantic location on the busiest commercial street, Avenida 18 de Julio, the fountain is decorated with

hundreds of locks painted with lovers' initials. The plaque on the fountain reads, "The legend of this young fountain tells us that if a lock with the initials of two people in love is placed in it, they will return together to the fountain and their love will be forever locked." This is actually the first time we've seen love padlocks despite their being a worldwide phenomenon. Where is your favourite love monument in the world With its rusted iron fence and tiny plaque, the fountain is crammed with locks of couples wanting to commemorate their love with an eternal tribute.

Address : Av. 18 de Julio 1249, 11100 Montevideo, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11100

Location : -34.905753999999, -56.189109199999

Contact : +598 2908 7741

Nearest Public Transport : Av. 18 de Julio Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.27. Plaza Virgilio

Address : 11400 Montevideo, Montevideo Department, Uruguay

Zipcode : 11400

Location : -34.8990454, -56.0812779

Nearest Public Transport : Caramaru and Ave. Gral. Jose Maria Paz Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the dominating sport in the country and in the city of Montevideo. A wide majority of teams playing in the Uruguayan Premier League comes from the city that includes Cerrito, Danubio, Nacional, Central Espanol, Penarol, Liverpool, Racing River plate and Wanderers etc.



9. Events calendar

Month

Events

New Years Day

The city celebrates New Year with as much enthusiasm and passion as anywhere else in the world. Firework displays, live concerts and fun events light up the New Years, continuing well past midnight.

Epiphany (Epifanía)

While everybody is getting to their normal routine after Christmas and new years, Uruguay starts preparing for their next big festival, Epifania. Taking place on January 6 every year, this is a big family event with large number of meals being prepared and presents are exchanged. The festival also marks the beginning of the country's carnival season.

Carnaval

This is the most spectacular festival of Latin America and is one of the best time to visit the country. Parties take place in full-swing with celebrations specially

occurring in Montevideo where everyone is out on the streets portraying fancy costumes, dancing and drinking away to glory. Fireworks, parades and debauchery goes on for the days! The dates of the festival are flexible, however this 40days Carnival likely to take place from around 21st of January this year and lasts upto 1st March i.e. the day of Ash Wednesday.

Candlemas (Día de la Candelaria)

A religious holiday celebrating Jesus' presentation to the temple after 40 days, the festival is celebrated on February 2 every year with many households holdings parties and colourful processions at Caldemals. Live music and Dancing are a mandatory with events taking place throughout the day.

Carnaval and Las Llamadas

This is the most spectacular festival of Latin America and is one of the best time to visit the country. Parties take place in full-swing with celebrations specially occurring in Montevideo where everyone is out on the streets portraying fancy costumes,

dancing and drinking away to glory. Fireworks, parades and debauchery goes on for the days! Another festival celebrated in the same week is Las Llamadas which is exclusively for the black community. The dates of the festival are flexible, however this 40days Carnival likely to take place from around 21st of January this year and lasts upto 1st March i.e. the day of Ash Wednesday. However, The Las Llamadas Parade will take place on 4th and 5th February.

Holy Week (Semana Santa)

Religious event starting on the Easter weekend, it is one of the vacation-type-holiday for the country. Celebrated grandly in Montevideo, parades, live music and dancing go on streets in this significant festival. Dates are dependent on the Easter. This week will be celebrated from 9th -16th April in 2017.

La Semana Criolla

An event that takes place in the city to celebrate the Gaucho lifestyle of the country's rural population who descend to

Montevideo to show the interior culture to the urban population. The main highlight of the event is the cowboy displays of horse-riding to show their skills that helps them survive in their range. The Creole week will be celebrated with the holy week from 9th -16th April in 2017

Labour Day

Celebrated on May 1, Labour Day is a very big deal in the country. A national holiday, hence don't be surprised to see the streets and attractions crowded.

Divercine

An International Festival of Children's Cinema that is celebrated in the city through various screenings and activities at various different places.


La Noche de la Nostalgia

Celebrated a day before the Independence day on 24th August every year, this event is known as the Nostalgia Night. It is the largest night-out gathering event in the country where many parties are organized in most of the bars and nightclubs.

Independence Day

Most important day for the country and also a national holiday, with activities like bullfighting, cockfighting and horse exhibitions in the city. The festival takes place on August 25.

Día de los Todos Santos (All Saints' Day) and Día de los Muertos (All Souls' Day)



Commemorating the dead, one will see the locals lighting candles at the cemeteries and masses being held across the city. Traditional breads are cooked in the shape of dolls and many ceremonies are brought to the cemeteries. The festival takes place on November 2.

Christmas

Christmas is celebrated with very high spirits, the city is decorated with beautiful lights which attract the tourist to the city especially during the time of Christmas.

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10. Key local guides and tours

Michelle V: She is your go to person in case looking for a personal guide to show you around. Born and brought up in the town itself, Michelle knows the town in and out. From the natural and historic wonders to white sandy beaches and lush green areas, she will show you. An official tourist guide she is good at what she does, classic tours or tailor made ones? Choose any and you won't be disappointed. Spanish, English and Portuguese being her forte, you won't have any problem linguistically. 5 years of experience combined with wonderful knowledge, just what you need. Tours that might interest can include—

Falklands, South Georgia & Antarctic Islands: Take these tours to discover the hardy locals and unique wildlife in the Falkland islands. this 22-days adventure trip will take you cruising all around the islands of Falkland, South Georgia, South Shetland and Ushuaia.

Uruguay Pass - This sightseeing tours allows you to get access to the country's best restaurants, activities, hotels and shopping in the cities of Montevideo, Punta del Este and Colonia.

Montevideo Football Stadiums Tour: Take this tour if your breath Football. Know the world's football history and get to know the many stadiums of the city.

Montevideo City Tour: Discover the capital city of the country with this 3 Hour tour that will take you to the most popular attractions and neighbourhoods of the city.

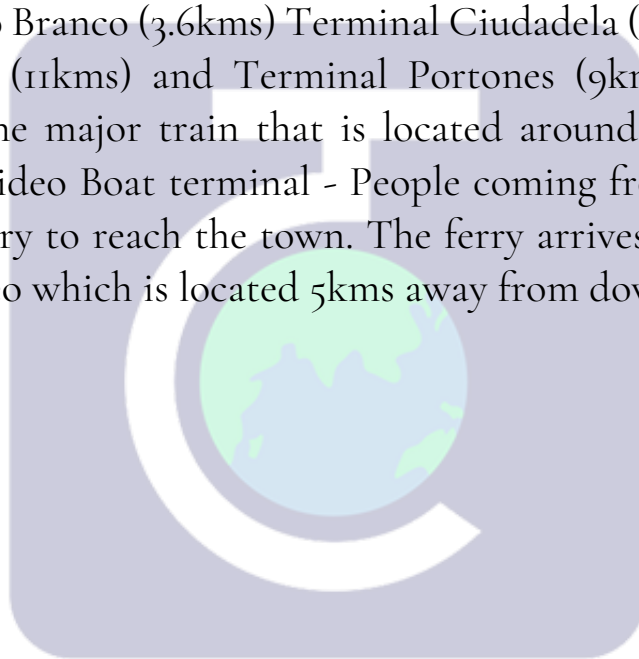
Private Tour: Wine-Tasting Tour from Montevideo: Take this tour in the country known for its red wine. Sample the wines at two different wineries with 10 tastings and learn about the history and significance of wine in the country.

The Tannat Wine Experience from Montevideo: Take this tour to visit the famous family that resides outside the city. This 21 hectare winery is the place where you will get to taste a wide variety of wines along with some historical knowledge about this 106 years old winery. Do take some samples!

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11. Transportation hubs

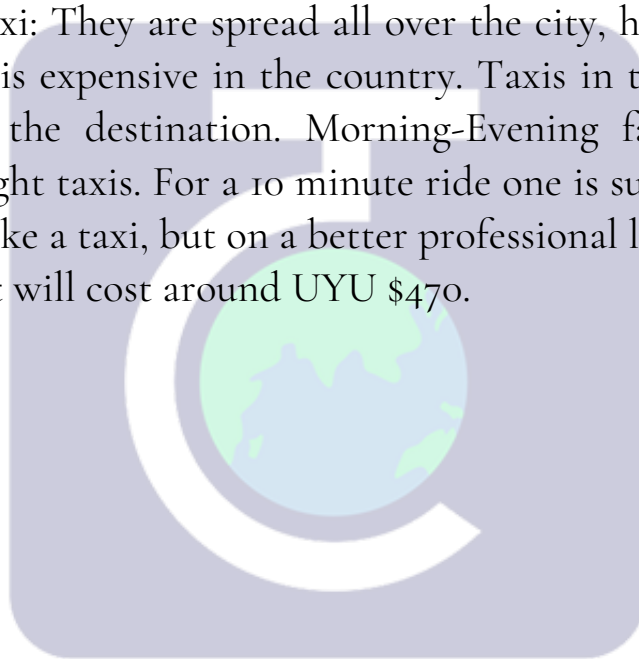
Airport: Carrasco International Airport: This international airport boasting of being the country's largest and one of the most traveller-friendly and efficient airports in the world is located around 18kms away from the city. **Bus Terminal:** Tres Cruces: The main bus terminal of the city that receives buses from all over the region is located only 1km away from the city center. Other minor terminals include Terminal Río Branco (3.6kms) Terminal Ciudadela (4.3Kms), Terminal de Ómnibus del Cerro (11kms) and Terminal Portones (9kms). **Train Terminal:** Estación Central- The major train that is located around 4Kms from the city center. **Port:** Montevideo Boat terminal - People coming from Buenos Aires can take a high-speed ferry to reach the town. The ferry arrives in the Ciudad Vieja district of Montevideo which is located 5kms away from downtown.



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12. Transportation cost

The city offer basic public transport like buses and taxis that will commute to each and every corner of the city. Buses being very efficient and convenient rule the city streets. Following are the costs of respective transport systems – Bus: Being not a very large city that city offers some efficient public transportation. One ride by the local bus costs only UYU \$28. One can pay the drive upon boarding the bus. Taxi: They are spread all over the city, however they aren't as cheap since gasoline is expensive in the country. Taxis in the city show you the fare upon reaching the destination. Morning-Evening fare is comparatively cheaper than Late night taxis. For a 10 minute ride one is surly to pay UYU \$100. Remise: Something like a taxi, but on a better professional level, one can rent the car for an hour and it will cost around UYU \$470.



Index**13. Baggage allowance**

Carrying heavy amount of baggage in buses is not recommended at all, since it can cause inconvenience to self and those around you. One should carry around a backpack or a small bag just to commute around the city, however if travelling around by a taxi or remise feel free to carry heavy baggage.



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14. Must try food and local savouries

A land with more cows than people (yes, 1 person for every 4 cows), Uruguay has more than beef to offer gastronomic travelers. Even being South America's smallest country, the cuisine is diverse and has been influenced by the traditions of the indigenous people and European immigrants. Uruguayan food is very similar to Argentine cuisine; both countries are fiercely carnivorous, and share a common love for meat & beef. Some of the following dishes can definitely not be missed on your plates while exploring the traditional flavours of the country –

Torta frita: A pan-fried cake popular in Montevideo and throughout the country. It is generally circular, with a small cut in the centre for cooking, and is made from yeast, sugar, water, wheat flour and sugar or salt.

Asado - One of the most popular meals in Uruguay is the Asado or Barbecue. Note, this will most likely not be like the bbq that you see back home. Here you will be offered a much larger assortment of meat (all types of cuts) and often organ parts are grilled too. The asado is prepared on a special (large) grill called a parrilla and charcoal is used more than wood or gas. The uruguayan asado is truly heaven for all you carnivores out there.

Asado con cuero - (Barbecue with skin/hide) This involves cooking the whole cow or sheep, “skin and all” (though not the inside parts). You will see the animal spread eagle on a cross near flames.

Chivito - A traditional country sandwich with sliced steak, , eggs, ham, mayonnaise and cheese ,Some chivitos also have bacon added to it.

Choripán - Grilled chorizo (a gourmet sausage) served inside a small baguette-style bread. Choripán is often eaten at the beginning of an asado.

Empanadas: Something you will definitely find in the streets. Fluffy fries cheese empanadas are sprinkled with sugar. These dough are made with cor and stuffed with minced meat or cheese and served! Other popular fillings include meat picadillo, cheese, shrimp and chicken. Do try the Empanadas Gallegas – A fish pie served with tuna, onions and bell peppers. Its name comes from the Galician immigrants who brought this food with them to Uruguay.

Fainá – A thin chickpea flour bread, often served with fugazza and “pizza by the meter”.

Milenesa - Beef (or chicken) that is fried and crumbed, this dish is similar to a wiener schnitzel.

Morcilla Dulce - a blood sausage with a slightly sweet taste due to raisins or walnuts being added to it.

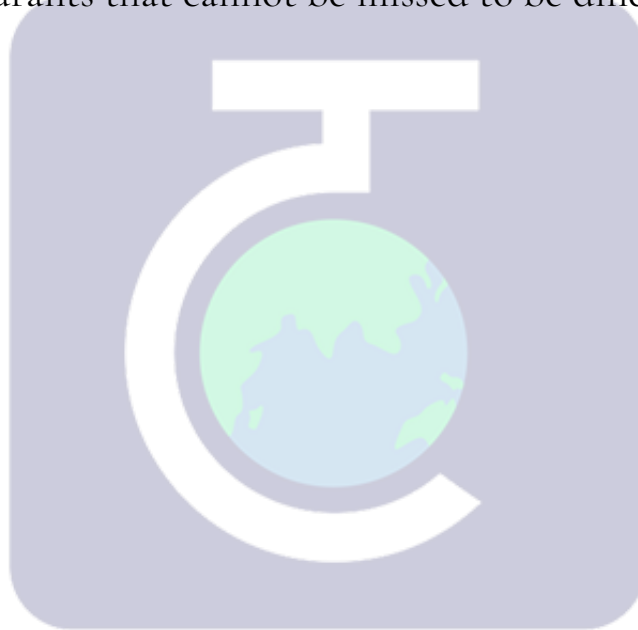
Ñoquis - The pasta known as

Gnocchi. There is a tradition of eating this dish on the 29th of each month and also to leave a coin or a bill underneath the plate to attract abundance and prosperity. Pancho - The Uruguayan “hot dog” of a frankfurter (sausage) in a bun (called Pan de Viena) which is then covered in ketchup, mayonnaise or sometimes mustard. Pastel de Carne – just like a shepherd’s pie, ground beef (mince), green peppers and eggs covered in mashed potatoes. Torta Frita - literally “fried cake” it is simply round flattened fried dough eaten by itself or with dulce de leche.



Index**15. Restaurant & Nightlife**

This culturally rich and diverse city leads its tourists from numerous cafe's to excellent restaurants that delivers the right Uruguayan flavor on your plates. In the city, you will come across varied cuisines and food options. While it may not have the international acclaim of its neighboring countries, the food is no less delectable. Experience Montevideo local food scene at Ciudad Vieja. Following are some of the restaurants that cannot be missed to be dined at –



Index**16. Average meal cost**

Economical Meal: UYU \$350 Mid – Segment Restaurant: UYU \$1200 Luxury Dining: UYU \$1500 and above Average cost of beer: UYU \$70



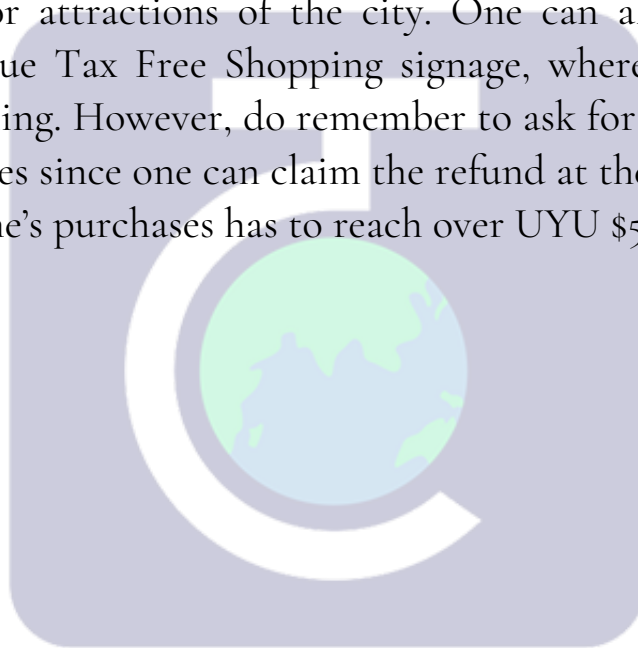
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17. Shopping

Enter the Shopping world of Street Markets and High end malls in this sprawling metropolis that will not leave without you spending a lot of cash and swiping that card on clothing, souvenirs, jewellery and what not. Do not forget to buy a new suitcase to stock up some stuff from the following shopping centers – Feria de Tristán Narvaja: This vibrant Sunday-morning market started by Italian immigrants where one will find everything from music, live animals, books, clothing, antiques, jewellery and souvenirs to choose from. La Pasionaria: This vibrant market dealing with clothing boutiques is the best place to replace your wardrobe. Imagine shopping with eating? A delight, right? so do find yourself at the attached cafe that serves tasty soups, daily specials and salads all day long. Mercado de los Artesanos: The most famous market of all, Mercado features an extensive variety of artisans that display their wares on the ground floor of Mercado de la Abundancia. Manos del Uruguay: Popular for its quality woollen goods along with a lot of fashion accessories. This is the perfect place for all the girls. Montevideo Shopping: Featuring everything from high-end brands to local affair, along with fine restaurants, movie theatre, this shopping mall is your getaway for a perfect afternoon. Saturday Flea Market: When in town, you do not want to miss this market that surrounds the Ciudad Vieja's central square, selling saddles, door knockers household good and everything you can possibly imagine. Pecarí: Come here to find yourself surrounded by leather goods that features handbags, jackets, accessories and shoes. Librería Linardi y Risso: If you want to know more about the city and the country, do visit Librería Linardi y Risso which is a good source of history and literature books along with great photo essays. Nuevocentro Shopping: Numerous high end stores along with local shops surround this mall. A bustling one with crowd all over, you will need some patience to stand in those to-pay-bill lines. Louvre: Divided into three floors, Louvre is packed with local gaucho paintings, furniture, antiques and jewellery that will take your heart away. Punta Carretas Shopping: This shopping mall is another destination to find everything at one place. Crafts stalls, food courts, local shops and branded shops find their way home here.

Index**18. Tourist benefits**

The VAT charged in the country is 22% which is comparatively higher compared to the other countries. One will also find duty free shops around the city of Montevideo. In addition to duty free shopping, an extensive variety of shops are available, so don't hesitate to grab some stuff at the Airport duty free shops. Tourists cards are available for the people at the airport that covers the city tour along with the major attractions of the city. One can also find many stores displaying Global Blue Tax Free Shopping signage, where one can shop from anything and everything. However, do remember to ask for a tax free form while making your purchases since one can claim the refund at the airport. However to attain your refund one's purchases has to reach over UYU \$500.



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19. Essential local apps

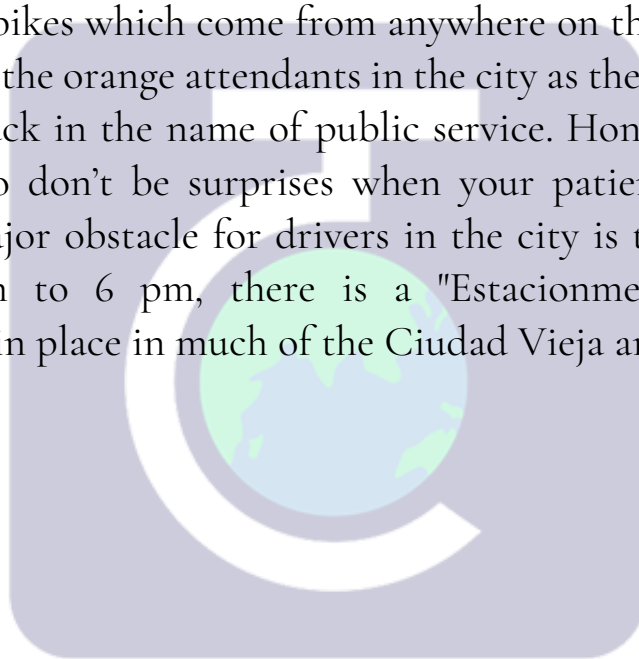
Cómo ir: Through this, be updated about the local buses schedules, tours and how to get to a certain place of interest. **SoloBus:** SoloBus is an application that helps us find out which bus will go through some stop at some point. It is very useful to know when approaching the stop, or help us decide which bus to take us to expect less. **Taxis Montevideo:** The app contains the list of service providers taximeter in Montevideo, Uruguay. Sample data and allows each call them directly for a mobile.



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20. Driving

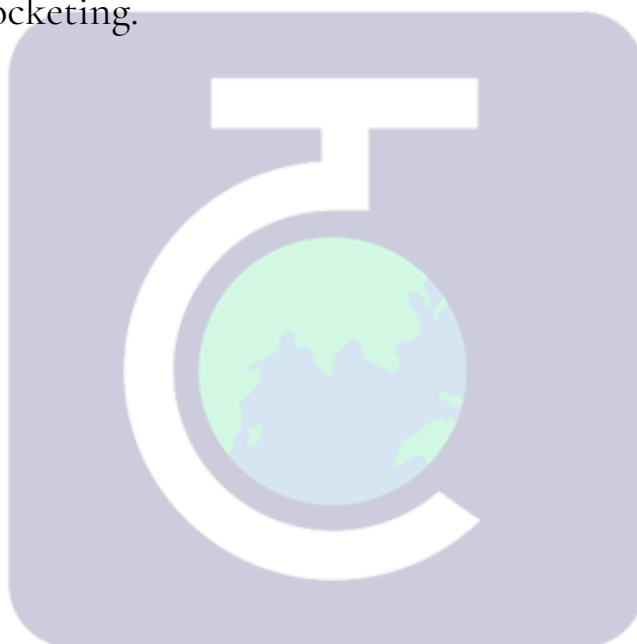
One can drive a car in and around the city. Renting a car requires you to carry your passport, driving license, international driving licence, experienced driving skills and patience to handle the manic traffic. Rules of the road are somewhat different, and parking is a real hassle in many neighborhoods, especially downtown, Pocitos and Punta Carretas. Hence make sure to drive carefully, also beware of the motorbikes which come from anywhere on the roads. Get ready to be pulled over the by the orange attendants in the city as they hardly leave anyone to earn that extra-buck in the name of public service. Honking and Bumping is the people's forte, so don't be surprises when your patience is actually being tested. Note: The major obstacle for drivers in the city is that from Monday to Friday, from 10 am to 6 pm, there is a "Estacionmento Tarifa" parking management system in place in much of the Ciudad Vieja and Centro.



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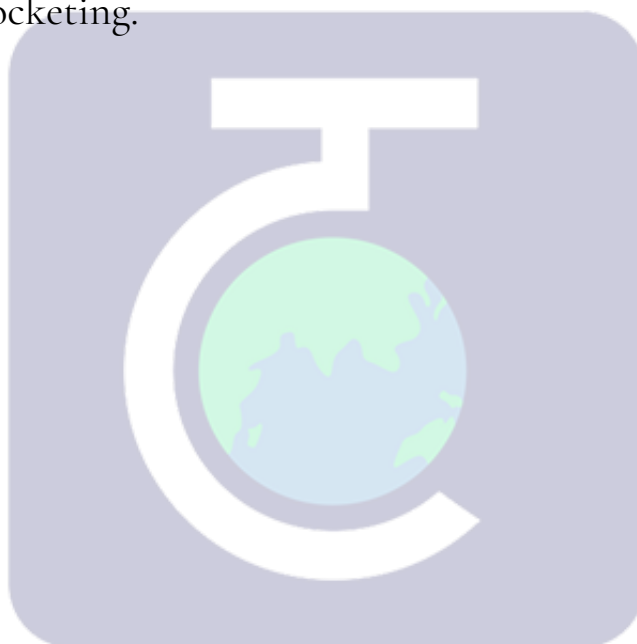
21. Travel essentials

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23. Local currency

The present currency of Uruguay is the Uruguyan Peso 1USD (US Dollars) = 29.30UYU (Uruguayan Peso)

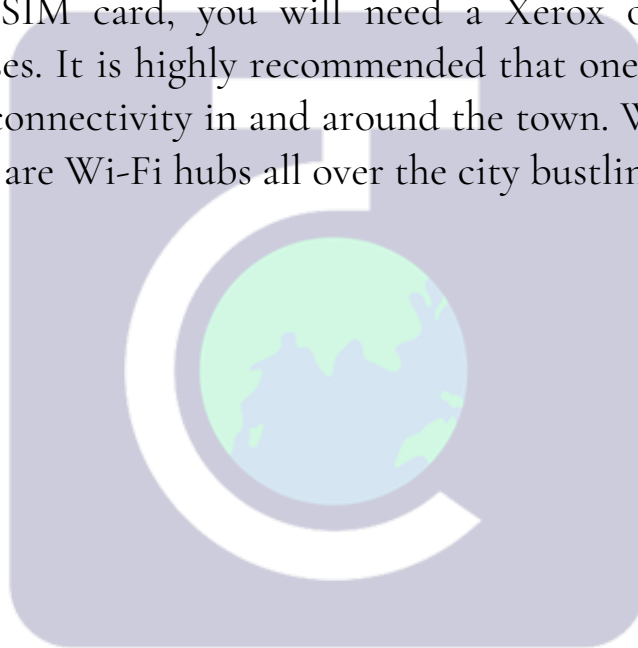


Index**24. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

The city has decent amount of 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. There are many shops, restaurants and hotels around the city that accept US dollars hence exchanging is not mandatory, however there are local shops that do not accept US Dollars so keeping some amount of local cash in handy is always recommended. One can exchange the currency at the airport or at many shops that are located in the city at a decent rate, however there are people who will deliberately bump into you to exchange currency on the streets, hence be aware of these people as they sell false notes. 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 rate ranges from 2-5% depending on the vendor Credit cards are accepted in the city, however a fee is charged hence one should confirm the extra transaction fee from their bank prior to their travel

Index**25. Staying connected**

Major networks that dominate Uruguay are Antel, Movistar and Claro. 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. 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 Antel since it has the best connectivity in and around the town. When it comes to Wi-Fi connectivity there are Wi-Fi hubs all over the city bustling in may restaurants, café's and hotels.



26. Time Zone

Uruguay Standard Time (UYT) is 3 hours behind the Coordinated Universal time (UTC -3).



Index**27. Languages**

From a linguistic standpoint, the country is indeed very homogenous where Spanish dominates the words of more than 99% of the population. However Uruguayan Spanish has been somewhat altered than the Spanish spoken back home in Spain. In addition to Spanish, other minority languages dominating are Portuguese, Portunol, Italian, German, Russian and Plautdietsch



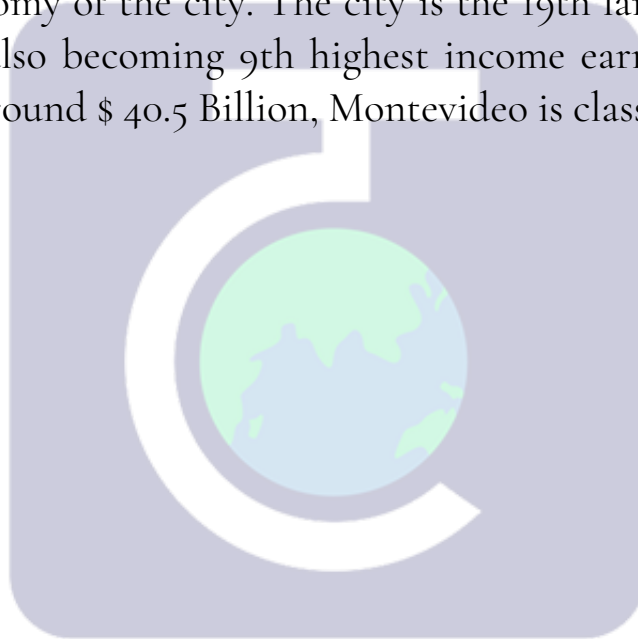
28. Political Scenario

A presidential representative democratic republic, administered by the President who is both the head of state and the government along with the multiform party system. The country leads cabinet with executive power, legislative power and the judiciary. The government if the city is responsible for performing various functions including maintaining communications with the public, promoting culture, organizing society, caring for the environment and regulating traffic. Montevideo has been divided into 8 political municipalities, each being administered by its own mayor.



29. Economic Scenario

The capital city is the political and economical center of the country where large businesses have found their home. Large scale industries and institutions majorly dominate the economy. One of the most important economical factor is also the Port of Montevideo followed by Banking as a significant contributor. However, tourism accounts for much of the country's economy so it goes without saying that the affects economy of the city. The city is the 19th largest city economy in the continent with also becoming 9th highest income earner among the major cities. With a GDP around \$ 40.5 Billion, Montevideo is classified as a Beta World City.



Index**30. Religious belief**

Roman Catholicism dominates the country with 58% Catholics being devoted to the religion, followed by 40% of the population that identifies themselves as Non-religious and 2% constituting other religions. The country is ethnically diverse, other religions include Buddhism, Judaism and Islam.



Index**31. Visa requirements**

The country warmly welcomes citizens of Australia, Canada, UK, US and other EU countries without any Visa. However other countries do require a visa. To enter the country one requires a valid passport with return ticket. For more information follow the below link – <https://uruguay.visahq.com/>



Index**32. 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 Venezuela, some basic vaccines are suggested – • Yellow Fever • Typhoid Fever • Malaria • Hepatitis A • Hepatitis B



Index**33. Theft and Safety**

The city is decently safe when compared to the other cities, however roaming after dark is highly not recommended since mugging and petty crimes still take place.



Index**34. Embassy/Consulate**

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



35. Accessibility

Montevideo is a decent place for people with reduced mobility, Many hotels and hospitals offering special services like wheelchairs, assistance to the disables have proven to be great. The town's many attractions have special offers for people with reduced mobility and also have special services for the same. Even the public transport in the city has extended its arms to wheelchairs and other assistance in case.



Index**36. Emergencies**

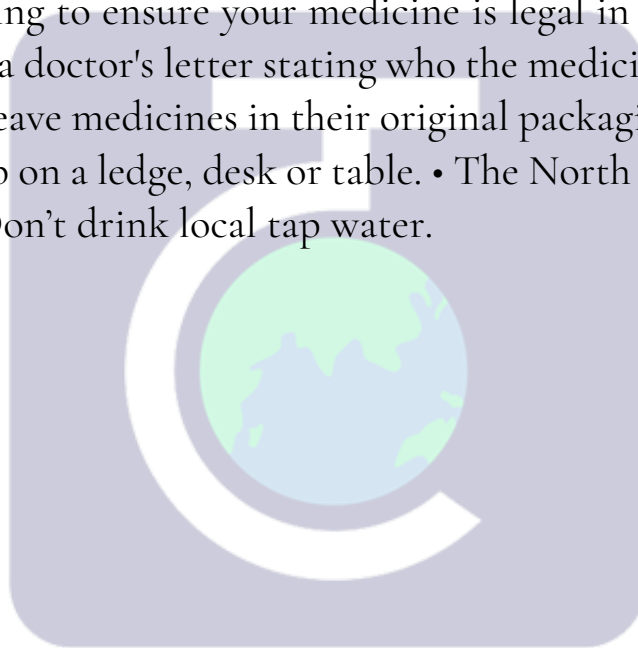
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37. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • Do marvel at architecture. • Do feast on asados in Montevideo's market and do try the Uruguayan national drink. • Do learn basic Spanish. • Always carry your bag on your lap while travelling in public transport. • Do wear comfortable shoes, since it is a city with many tourist attractions • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. Don'ts: • Don't sit on or put your feet up on a ledge, desk or table. • The North American "O.K." sign is extremely rude. • Don't drink local tap water.



Index**38.Tipping basics**

The tipping charge in Peru 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 UYU \$290-400 whereas in restaurants a tip of 10% is definitely expected since a lower amount of service tax is charged.

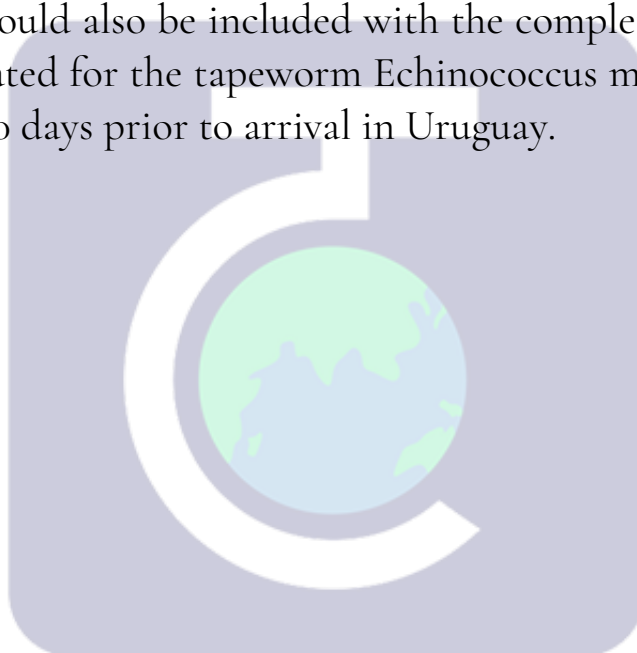


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39.Pet info

- To enter the country, your pet will need an Import Permit.
- The pet must have a current rabies vaccination administered no sooner than 30 days and not more than 1 year prior to entry.
- Within 30 days of departure, a licensed veterinarian completes a Veterinary Certificate for Uruguay stating that your pet is healthy, free of parasites and free of diseases communicable to humans.
- A copy of the Rabies Certificate should also be included with the completed health certificate.

All dogs must be treated for the tapeworm *Echinococcus* more than seventy-two hours and less than 30 days prior to arrival in Uruguay.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

The diversified history: Rich cultural life, The world of endless museums and a sprawling vibrant metropolis - the city of Montevideo is everything you need to for a getaway! Call it an industrial land or a beachside hub, the city will never fail to impress you. Neoclassical buildings finding its way into massive skyscrapers, numerous restaurants bustling around the plazas and shopping centers doing their usual jobs, Montevideo is filled with endless options to admire from. A vibrant and lively theatre and arts scene, you will find yourself enclosed by little tango bars to moderns clubs and discos that will leave you confounded. History Buff? Go the museum. Party Hunter? The city's late night crawling bars await. Hogger? Fill that stomach in over 50+ restaurants. Explorer? Discover the cobblestone streets. Montevideo is like a multi-subject book, with different chapters giving you a reason to stay and stay! Welcoming more than 3 million visitors every year, the city is emerging as one of the continent's coolest and vibrant capital and marking its way on the traveller's radar! Spruced-up old quarter, Excellent-to-gaze-at architecture and thriving culture scene sums up Montevideo!

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