

# Uruguay

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Argentina. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

+(598) 1770-2000; US Embassy Montevideo, Laura Muller 1776, Montevideo 11200, Uruguay; [MontevideoACS@state.gov](mailto:MontevideoACS@state.gov);

<https://uy.usembassy.gov/>

### Types of Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US Dept of State International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>

### Telephone Code

598

### Local Emergency Phone

999, 911

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

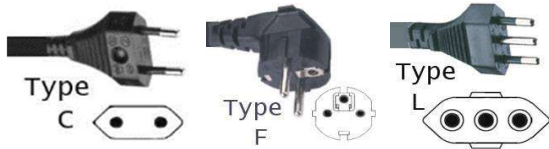
Warm temperate; freezing temperatures almost unknown

### Currency (Code)

Pesos (ARS); USD accepted

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F, L



### Major Languages

Spanish

### Major Religions

Roman Catholic 47.1%, non-Catholic Christians 11.1%, nondenominational 23.2%, Jewish 0.3%, atheist or agnostic 17.2%

### Time Difference

UTC-3 (2 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

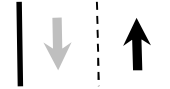
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Argentina, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Montevideo; Colonia del Sacramento; Santa Teresa National Park; Punta del Diablo; Carmelo; Salto; Piriapolis

### Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, rugby

### Cultural Practices

When greeting close friends and sometimes new acquaintances, a typical greeting involves a hug and kiss on the cheek. Individuals tend to touch arms or stand shoulder to shoulder when conversing or stand together closely while waiting in lines.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping 10% is normal at restaurants. At an airport or hotel, tip the porter 20 pesos for baggage handling.

### Souvenirs

Leather and suede goods, amethyst jewelry, woolen items

### Traditional Cuisine

Chivito — a sandwich filled with slices of churrasco (grilled/roasted and thinly sliced beef), ham, bacon, tomatoes, lettuce, melted mozzarella, and a topping of fried (or sometimes boiled) eggs. Most foods are either boiled, grilled, or fried, and is meat-heavy with vegetables, dairy and carbs on the side.

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