Uruguay Travel Facts





US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Argentina. 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 US 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; https://uy.usembassy.gov/

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

Telephone Code

598

Local Emergency Phone

999, 911

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Uruguay: typhoid, hepatitis A, polio, yellow fever, chikungunya, rabies, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, meningitis, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). 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







Type C

Type F

Type L

Major Languages

Spanish

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, non-Catholic Christians, nondenominational, Jewish, atheist or agnostic

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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