



Country Profile: Uruguay

Uruguay is a constitutional democracy with a large, educated middle class and a robust developing economy. The capital city is Montevideo. Tourist facilities are generally good with many 5-star accommodations at resort destinations such as Punta del Este and Colonia de Sacramento. The quality of tourist facilities varies according to price and location. Travelers are encouraged to seek travel agency assistance in making plans to visit Uruguay. Read the [Department of State Background Notes](#) on Uruguay for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Uruguay
Continent:	South America
Capital City:	Montevideo
Boundary Countries:	Argentina, Brazil
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Montevideo: Sanatorio Americano, Hospital Italiano-Montevideo, Hospital Evangelico, Hospital Británico, Sanatorio Larghero, IMPASA Maldonado: Sanatorio Cantegril, Sanatorio Mautone Colonia: Sanatorio Orameco
Main Cities:	Montevideo, Melo, Colonia, Maldonado, Artigas, Rivera, Tacuarembó, Treinta y Tres, Durazno, Rocha, Las Piedras, Minas, Florida, San Jose, Mercedes, Paysandu, Fray Bentos
Country Size:	176,220 sq km
Population:	3,477,778

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Spanish, Portuñol or Brasileiro (Portuguese-Spanish mix on the Brazilian frontier)
Currency:	Uruguayan Peso (UYU)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 47.1%, non-Catholic Christians 11.1%, nondenominational 23.2%, Jewish 0.3%, atheist or agnostic 17.2%, other 1.1%
National Holidays:	Independence day, 25 August (1825)
Economic Status:	Uruguay's economy is characterized by an export-oriented agricultural sector, a well-educated work force, and high levels of social spending. The economy has grown strongly since 2004 as a result of high commodity prices for Uruguayan exports, a strong peso, growth in the region, and low international interest rates.
Security:	Uruguayan Armed Forces: Army (Ejército), Navy (Armada Nacional; includes naval air arm, Marines, Maritime Prefecture in wartime), Air Force (Fuerza Aerea Uruguaya, FAU)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy Montevideo Lauro Müller 1776 Montevideo, Uruguay Phone: (+598) 1770-2000

Major Airports:	<p>Airports: 60, Airports w/paved runways: 9</p> <p>Montevideo Airport, Uruguay, Camino Carrasco 5519, Montevideo, URUGUAY Tel: +598 (0)2 906463 Fax: +598 (0)2 905652 Email: info@aic.com.uy Website: www.aic.com.uy</p> <p>Melo Airport, Uruguay, PO Box 36, CP 37000 Melo, URUGUAY Tel: +598 (0)4 640 2422 Fax: +598 (0)4 640 2027 Email: junio@adinat.com.uy</p>
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