

**Fly & Drive Uruguay  
07 Nights**



**Day 1 – Colonia**

Upon your arrival to the Colonia del Sacramento port, you will pick up your previously chosen rented car. Your accommodation is for 2 nights at a Colonia del Sacramento hotel. Breakfast is included. After check-in, take the rest of the day at your leisure to rest, walk or drive around.

**Day 2 – Colonia**

Enjoy the day at your leisure.

COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO is located on the East bank of the Río de la Plata, (180km west of Montevideo, and only 50km from Buenos Aires by ferry). It is an irresistibly picturesque town enshrined as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Its Historic Quarter, an irregular colonial area of narrow cobbled stone streets, occupies a small peninsula jutting into the river. The riverfront provides a venue for spectacular sunsets.

Founded in 1680 by Portugal, the colony was later disputed by the Spanish who had settled in Buenos Aires, at the opposite bank of the river. José de Garro conquered the colony in 1680, and returned to Portugal the following year.

The Spanish conquered it again in March 1705 after a siege of five months, but gave it back in the Treaty of Utrecht. Another attack during the Spanish-Portuguese War, 1735-1737, failed.

Between 1750 and 1777, it kept changing hands from crown to crown due to treaties, until it remained with the Spanish. It then transferred to Portuguese control again, being later incorporated into Brazil's territory after 1816, when the entire territory of Uruguay was seized by Portugal and renamed the Cisplatina province.

On January 10, 1809, before the independence of Uruguay, it was designated as a "Villa" (town) and has since been elevated to the category of "Ciudad" (city). Since the independence, Colonia del Sacramento has expanded to the North and East, but the original Historic Quarter retains its irregular, terrain-fitting street plan built by the Portuguese, contrasting with the wider, orthogonal streets in the newer Spanish area.

**Day 3 - Colonia – Estancia Finca Piedra**

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and drive to Estancia Finca Piedra. Accommodation is for 1 night, FAP.

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ESTANCIA FINCA PIEDRA is known as an authentic ecotourism ranch; an ideal place that combines its natural beauty, with horseback and cart rides through the huge “seas” of rocky boulders found in the Mahoma Hills. In this natural reserve you may spot foxes, rabbits, lizards, anteaters and for sure see a variety of beautiful birds. Your palate will be fully satisfied with its excellent home made foods; the traditional “parrillas” (barbeques) will offer their best selection of 100% natural meats, and you’ll be delighted tasting select vintages of their property.

While riding with a friendly “gaucho” (cowboy), you will learn about the agriculture of this 1000-hectare ranch, as well as the history, culture and lifestyle of the country.

Estancia Finca Piedra has a beautiful swimming pool overlooking the vineyards, a boutique offering traditional Uruguayan items and souvenirs, a spa, a game room, a large arena for rodeo events and typical rural infrastructure for breeding cattle.



- All meals included. Beverages, other than water, not included unless stated in the description.
- Bird Watching
- Walks - Trekking
- Horse-Cart rides
- Native animal reserve
- Equestrian Tourism
- Vineyard Tours

#### Day 04 – Estancia Finca Piedra – Montevideo

After breakfast, check out from Estancia Finca Piedra and drive to Montevideo. Accommodation is for 2 nights at your Montevideo hotel, with breakfast included. Check in and take the rest of the day at your leisure to rest or walk around.

#### Day 5 – Montevideo

Spend the day at your leisure in the capital city of **Montevideo**.

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MONTEVIDEO is the capital and largest city of Uruguay. The city has a population of over 1,400,000 (about one-third of the country's total population) in an area of 194.0 square kilometers (74.9 sq mi). The southernmost capital city in the Americas, Montevideo is situated in the southern coast of the country, on the northeastern bank of the Río de la Plata.

The city was established in 1724 by a Spanish soldier, Bruno Mauricio de Zabala, as a strategic move amidst the Spanish-Portuguese dispute over the platine region. It was also under brief British rule in 1807.

Montevideo hosted all the matches during the first FIFA World Cup, is the seat of the administrative headquarters of Mercosur and ALADI, Latin America's leading trade blocs, position that entails comparison to the role of Brussels in Europe. It has consistently been rated as having the highest quality of life of any city in Latin America: by 2015 it has held this rank every year during the last decade. As of 2010, Montevideo was the 19th largest city economy in the continent and 9th highest income earner among major cities. In 2015, it has a GDP of \$ 40.5 billion, and a per capita of \$24,400.

It is classified as a Beta World City, ranking seventh in Latin America and 73rd in the world. Described as a "vibrant, eclectic place with a rich cultural life", and "a thriving tech center and entrepreneurial culture", Montevideo ranks 8th in Latin America on the 2013 MasterCard Global Destination Cities Index. By 2014, it was also regarded as the fifth gay-friendliest major city in the world, first in Latin America. It is the hub of commerce and higher education in Uruguay as well as its main port. The city is also the financial and cultural hub of a larger metropolitan area, with a population of around 2 million.

#### Day 6 – Montevideo – Punta del Este

After breakfast, check out from your Montevideo Hotel and drive to Punta del Este.

Accommodation for 2 nights in Punta del Este with breakfast included.

Check in and take the rest of the day at your leisure for resting, walking or driving around.



#### Day 7 – Punta del Este

Spend the day at your leisure in the vibrant peninsula of **Punta del Este**.

PUNTA DEL ESTE is a city and resort on the Atlantic Coast in the Maldonado Department in southeastern Uruguay, about 140 kilometers (87 mi) from Montevideo. Although the city has a year-round population of a little over 9000, the summer tourist boom adds a very large number of non-residents.

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The Spanish were the first Europeans to set foot at the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, in what is now Punta del Este. However, the colonization of the area actually began at the end of the 18th century due to Portuguese expansionism. Punta del Este and its surroundings (Maldonado and Punta Ballena) were a vast area of just sand and dunes, but in 1896 Antonio Lussich bought 4,447 acres (1,800 hectares) of uninhabited land started a botanical garden, known as the Arboretum Lussich, where he planted trees and plants from all over the world. Later the trees started to spread on their own, and now the area is full of mostly Pines, Eucalyptus, Acacias and various species of bushes.

On July 5, 1907, Punta del Este was declared a "Pueblo" (village). Its status was elevated to "Ciudad" (city) in July 2, 1957.

Punta del Este hosted an American Summit in 1967 attended by U.S. President Lyndon Johnson. In September 1986, the town played host to the start of the Uruguay Round of international trade negotiations. These negotiations ultimately led to the creation of the World Trade Organization in 1994.

Punta del Este's scenic coastline is divided in two: the rough, or "Brava" side (Spanish for "fierce") and the "Mansa" side (Spanish for "tame"). The limit between the two marks the end of the Río de la Plata and the beginning of the Atlantic Ocean, and that split is signaled by the gigantic sculpture of the Mano de Punta del Este, ("mano" means hand) which the sculptor designed to warn swimmers about the danger of the rough waves and currents. Beaches on the Mansa side feature thick and golden sand, while on the Brava side the sand is white and fine. Every beach of the peninsula has public access.

A little bit further away to the East, La Barra is a popular area not only for beach going, but also for nautical sports and fishing during the day. At later hours, La Barra turns into a central attraction for the younger generations. Starting from the end of December through to the second week of January, this area is bustling with locals and tourists who gather at restaurants, bar hopping and enjoying the nightlife. Other areas close by, include the resort of El Tesoro, Montoya beach, Bikini beach and Manantiales beach.



#### Day 8 – Punta del Este - Montevideo

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and drive to the Montevideo Airport.

**END OF SERVICES – See General Conditions and Responsibilities below**

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### General conditions

- Subject to availability.
- Prices are NET per person, per night.
- Service taxes included; foreign passengers are tax exempt at local hotels.
- What is included: all services detailed only in the confirmation.
- What is not included: services not detailed in the confirmation, flight tickets and airport taxes, personal expenses, personal extras, early check in or late check out hotel charges, beverages (unless otherwise stated in the package description), tips for guides, drivers and waiters or any other service personnel (unless otherwise stated in the package description).
- Prices valid according to the hotel detail. Subject to change without prior notice.
- Prices may not be valid during Argentinean, Brazilian or Uruguayan holidays.
- Take into account that hotel check in time is specified in the hotel price list.
- In case of hotel no show or cancellation, 10% of the hotel cost will be charged to cover the VAT (foreign passengers are exempt, but the local operator isn't)
- In some hotels, triple rooms have one double bed plus a single. Consult for each case.
- There is a possibility that certain tours could be modified during holiday dates.
- For group reservations (5 or more rooms) there are special conditions which will be duly informed at the time of sending the quote or making the reservation.
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- Prices could change without prior notice.
- Viajes Bueme's S.A reserves the right to change any tour or excursion if deemed necessary in the name of offering an even better service to its customers.

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