

## Periplo de los Soles 06 Nights

### Day 1 - Colonia

Arrive to Colonia del Sacramento port, where you will pick the previously chosen rented car. Check in at Real Colonia Hotel. Accommodation is for 2 nights with breakfast included. You will have the rest of the day at your leisure for resting or walking around.

### Day 2 - Colonia



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 to Fray Bentos

After breakfast, check out from the Hotel and drive to Fray Bentos, department of Rio Negro. Check in at Gran Hotel Fray Bentos for 1 night.

You will have the rest of the day at your leisure for resting or walking around.

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#### Day 4 – Fray Bentos

Enjoy the day at your leisure.



THE CITY OF FRAY BENTOS is the capital of the Río Negro Department, located in Western Uruguay, 300 km (192 miles) to the North West of Montevideo, Uruguay's capital city. The city is close to the border with Argentina, about 160 km (99 mi) North of Buenos Aires. The town was originally founded as 'Villa Independencia' in 1859 and later became capital of the Department of Río Negro on July of 1860. Its status elevated to "Ciudad" (city) on July of 1900. Its current name, meaning "Friar Benedict", is derived from a reclusive priest.

Historically, Fray Bentos' main industry has been meat processing. An industrial plant owned by the Societé de Fray Bentos Giebert & Cie., the Liebig Extract of Meat Company, was founded there in 1863. It was closed in 1979, after 117 years in operation. A local history museum opened on the site in March of 2005.

In 1899 a company called "Anglo", which originated from Lemco, began making corned beef there, which was sold as "Fray Bentos Corned Beef" in the UK. Fifty years later, the Fray Bentos Company diversified into soups, meatballs and canned fruit. During the 1990s the focus shifted to pies and puddings and Fray Bentos was taken over by the Campbell Soup Company. However, in 2006, 'Campbells UK' was acquired by Premier Foods.

In 2008, the Brazilian-owned Marfrig Group announced the re-opening of the Liebig factory and the resumption of export of meat products, though at a lower capacity than it had originally.

Botnia S.A., a subsidiary of Finnish corporation Metsä-Botnia, has built a large cellulose factory in Fray Bentos to produce bleached eucalyptus pulp. About 1 billion USD were invested in the project, and the factory employs about 8,000 people directly and indirectly. Production of pulp started in November of 2007, and the first shipments to overseas, were made in December of that same year from the port of Nueva Palmira.

The project, however, is not without its opponents. On 30 April 2005 about 40,000 Argentines from neighboring Argentinean province of Entre Ríos, along with environmental groups from both countries, rallied and protested at the bridge between both countries. Ever since, around ten to fifteen Argentines have been permanently blocking the international bridge in an attempt to apply pressure on the Uruguayan government to stop production pulp at the factory, claiming it will gravely pollute the River Uruguay. On 20 December 2005 a World Bank study concluded that the factory would not have a negative impact on the environment or tourism of either country.

An Industrial Revolution Museum has taken home in the former meat-processing factory of the Liebig Extract of Meat Company where thousands of people worked. When it was shut down, the opportunity to create a unique museum was taken, and the original machinery and social and cultural artifacts of the technological revolution of those times in Fray Bentos can be seen on display. The museum exhibits, for tourism and educational purposes, the machinery used in the meat and extract of meat process, the buildings, an 1893 Merryweather water pumping machine, a complete canning plant, a plant where the meat was cooked, a laboratory, etc.

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Another interesting museum in Fray Bentos is the one dedicated to artist Luis Alberto Solari, who was born in the city. The Miguel Young Theatre is an important cultural landmark as well.

### Day 5 – Fray Bentos to Thermal Waters of Arapey (Salto)

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and drive to the Arapey Thermal Waters site in the department of Salto. Check in at the Arapey Thermal Resort & Spa. Accommodation is for 2 nights and is all-inclusive. You will have the rest of the day at your leisure for resting and enjoying the resort.



### Day 6 – Thermal Waters of Arapey to Mercedes

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and drive to the town of Mercedes, Department of Soriano. Check in at the Brisas del Hum Hotel for 1 night. You will have the rest of the day at your leisure for resting, walking or driving around.



THE CITY OF MERCEDES in Soriano, was founded in 1788 by the priest Manuel Antonio de Castro y Careaga with the name of 'Capilla Nueva de las Mercedes' ("New Chapel of las Mercedes"). It had acquired the status of "Villa" (town) before the Independence of Uruguay. On July 6 of 1857, its status was elevated to "Ciudad" (city) and it was designated as capital of Soriano, one of the nine original departments of the Republic of Uruguay at the time. Previously, the capital of the department had been Villa Soriano.

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Mercedes is an important centre of commerce and a commercial port. Its main industries are based on agriculture, dairy products, paper manufacturing and industrial activities.

Its "Rambla" (or riverside promenade) is one of the widest in the country.

### Day 7 – Mercedes to Colonia

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and drive back to the Colonia del Sacramento port.  
Drop off of rental vehicle and continue travels to your destination.

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

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- Prices are NET per person, per night.
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