

The Sight's Circuit 04 nights

Day 1 – Colonia del Sacramento

You will arrive at the port of Colonia (ferries arriving/departing to/from Buenos Aires) and pick up your previously chosen rental car. You will drive to the Days Inn Hotel – Casa del Sol. Accommodation is for two nights. After check in, the rest of the day will be at your leisure to rest or walk/drive around this quaint town, so full of history.

Day 2 – Colonia del Sacramento



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 cobble 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 Mercedes

After breakfast, check out from the Days Inn and drive to the town of Mercedes, Soriano. Check in at Brisas del Hum Hotel; accommodation is for one night. The rest of the day will be at your leisure to enjoy the surroundings.

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Mercedes, Soriano



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

Mercedes is an important centre of commerce and a commercial port. Its main industries are based on agriculture, dairy products, paper manufacturing and other industries. Its riverside promenade is one of the widest in the country.

Day 4 – Mercedes to Fray Bentos

After breakfast, you will check out from your hotel and drive to Fray Bentos, Rio Negro. Check in will be at the Gran Hotel Fray Bentos, and accommodation is for 1 night. The rest of the day will be spent at your leisure for resting or walking around.



THE CITY OF FRAY BENTOS is the capital of the Río Negro Department, located in Western Uruguay, 300 km (192 miles) 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 Société de Fray Bentos Giebert & Cie, the Liebig Extract of Meat Company, (Lemco) 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.

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

Botnia S.A. a subsidiary of Finnish corporation Metsä-Botnia, 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 over 8,000 people directly and indirectly. Production of pulp started in November of 2007, and the first overseas shipments from the port of Nueva Palmira, took place in December of that same year.

The project, however, was 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 of 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 embraced, and the original machinery and social and cultural artifacts of the technological revolution of those times in Fray Bentos are on display today. The museum exhibits the machinery used in the process of meat extract, the buildings, a 1893 Merryweather water pumping machine, a complete canning plant, the area where the meat was cooked, a laboratory, etc.

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 there, is an important cultural landmark as well.



Day 5 - Fray Bentos to Colonia

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and drive to the Colonia port to drop off vehicle and depart Uruguay.

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