



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Uruguay - Barra de Valizas

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Montevideo
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish
- ✓ **Population:** ± 330
- ✓ **Size:** 2 main streets
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$UYU)
- ✓ **Country code:** +598 (4475)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Rabies.



### History Recap Over 1 Drink

Charrua tribe. 1516: Spanish settler Solis killed by indigenous tribes, discouraging further Eur colonization for 100yrs. 1726: Montevideo founded by Spanish, Uruguay taken from Portuguese. '76: Part of La Plata → 1808: Uruguay rebels, overthrows Spanish monarchy. '12 – '20: Fight against Arg & Braz invaders. 1825: Cisplatina War: 1828 independent. 1839-1852: Guerra Grande: Conservative Blancos ↔ Liberal Reds. Afterwards: Rise in immigrants (Italy/Spain) → economic development. '65-70: Joins war with Arg/Bra against Paraguay → defeated. 1903-15: Pres Batlle y Ordonez: political / social / economic reforms. 1939: Battle of the Riverplate (Germany/Britain). 1950s: Economic crisis → Tupamaros guerillas → defeated. '51: Pres replaced with 9-member council. '72: 16 survivors of plane crash in Andes survive by eating human flesh of died passengers. '73-'85: military dictatorship (180 people disappeared). Pres Sanguinetti. '89: Pres Herrera – '94: Sanguinetti – '99: Batlle. 1990s: Economic recession. '02: Diplomatic ties with Cuba broken. Tax increases, banks closed to stop mass withdrawals (prevent Arg crisis from spilling over border). '04: Pres Tabare-Vazquez, restores ties with Cuba, energy deal with Venezuela, social reforms. '09: Pres Mujica: decriminalizing marihuana, legalization abortion. '15 Pres Tabare-Vazquez.

### Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer	warmest											
Autumn				driest								
Winter							wettest	coolest				
Budget												

Altitude: 12m. Climate: Oceanic Climate (Cfb).

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Walk over the beach to Cabo Polonio or Aguas Dulces.
- ☺ Enjoy the sun and beach life.
- ☺ Spot some turtles and sea lions at the shore!

### Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Pitch your tent in the dunes or go for cheap low-season accommodation.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting!](#) Also check [WorkAway](#).

### Festivals

⚙ Festival de Movimiento: Jan-Feb.

Keep an eye on [Turismo Rocha's events calendar](#).

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## Free-Riding?

- Everything within the tiny centre of Barra de Valizas is easily walkable.
- Biking is possible, but most is on dirt road.
- The terminal can be found at the village's entrance. Buses leaving town don't go very often. Check the photos of this blog for a time table.
- Hitch-hiking is possible and very common here, just walk to the national routes to be picked up.

Tip: Download the Triposo Uruguay app for offline maps, landmark descriptions & more, or load Google Maps when you have Wi-Fi and leave it open, you will still be able to use it offline.

## Mama Said

- ☠ Tap water is drinkable, but if you just arrived in the country you are better off with filtered water.
- ☠ Don't destroy nature, take your trash home. Don't pollute the sea.
- ☠ There are no banks or ATMs here! The next bank is in Castillo.

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ Supermarkets: El Palmar, minimarkets and kiosks.
- ⌘ Local food: Asado, chivito, choripan, empanadas, pancho, ñoquis, milanesa, pascualina, torta frita... flushed away with a cup of mate or tannat wine.
- ⌘ Go vegan: This is vegan paradise! All supermarkets have many vegan ingredients and basically every restaurant has vegan options or is all vegan.

## Next?

- ➔ In Uruguay: Cabo Polonio, Aguas Dulces, Punta del Diablo, La Paloma, El Caracol, Punta del Este, Minas, Villa Serrana,
- ➔ International destinations close by: Argentina, Brazil.