



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Uruguay - Cabo Polonio

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Montevideo
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (with accent)
- ✓ **Sq km & Population:** Village less than 1 sq km, dunes 40 sq km / 60-100 people
- ✓ **Currency:** Uruguayan Peso \$
- ✓ **Country code:** +598
- ✓ **Visa:** For some countries, [check!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Typhoid / DTP

History Recap Over 1 Drink

Charrua tribe. 1512: European settlements: Colonia (Portugal) & Montevideo (Spain). 1806/1807: British invasions of the Río de la Plata. Peninsular War: Britain & Spain allies, attacks ended. 1811: Artigas → revolt against Spain, defeated them in Battle of Las Piedras. 1814: Liga Federal, Artigas protector. 1817: Battle of Tacuarembó: Artiga defeated by Portugese → Uruguay part of Brazil: Provincia Cisplatina. 1825: Cisplatine War: 1828 independent. 1839-1852: Guerra Grande: Conservative Blancos ↔ Liberal Reds. Afterwards: Rise in immigrants (Italy/Spain) → economic development. 1903-07 & 1911-15: Batlle: political / social / economical reforms. 1939: Battle of the Riverplate (Germany/Britain). 1950s: Economic crisis → Tupamaros guerillas → defeated, 1973-85: military dictatorship (180 people disappeared). 1990s: Economic recession.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Wet												
Best												
Budget												

Bucket List For Free

☺ All activities in Cabo Polonio are free. Surf, swim, watch sea lions, walk through the dunes and stare at the stars.

Budget Bites

- ⌘ There are 2 supermarkets with acceptable prices, but a limited selection of food. Choose the big one.
- ⌘ For eating out, check Comipaso.

Knowledge I'm Taking Home

- 📖 Horsebackriding, by [Cabalgatas Valiceras](#) or check at the hostel.
- 📖 Surfing, for example at [Portal del Cabo](#).

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Viejo Lobo, centre, next to 4WD drop-off,
- ❖ Cabo Polonio Hostel, Playa Norte.

Festivals

⚙ Festival de Arte en las Loberías, end-Feb.

Mama Said

- ⚙ Bring a torch, there is no streetlight
- ⚙ Bring enough cash, there are no ATM's.
- ⚙ Bring warm clothes, only campfires keep you warm at night.

Next?

➔ To get out of here, every 2 hours a 4-wheel drive truck brings you to the bus station. To go to Montevideo (or any destination in between) take the 14:00 truck and catch the 15:10 Rutas del Sol bus. There goes only 1 per day.

The Earth Becomes My Throne