



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Uruguay - Carmelo

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Montevideo
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish
- ✓ **Population:** ± 18,100 ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$UYU)
- ✓ **Country code:** +598 (4542)
- ✓ **Visa:** For 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 Ordóñez: political / social / economic reforms. 1939: Battle of the Riverplate (Germany/Britain). 1950s: Economic crisis → Tupamaros guerrillas → 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 marijuana, legalization abortion. '15 Pres Tabare-Vazquez.

Travel Seasons

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

Altitude: 23m. Climate: Humid Subtropical Climate (Cfa).

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Wineries to visit for free: [Almacen de la Capilla](#) (free tour & tasting if just you show up), [Bodega Familia Irurtia](#) (without tour you can look around).
- ☺ Free museum: Museo de la Ciudad, Archivo y Museo del Carmen, [Lo de Jose Castro](#).
- ☺ Nature: Canteras del Cerro. Go for a swim at Playa Seré or Balneario Zagarzazú.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👉 Wineries with cost: [Bodega El Legado](#), [Bodega Campo Tinto](#).
- ☺ Sights: Plaza Artigas / Independencia, Templo del Carmen, Capilla de San Roque, Rambla de los Constituyentes, Estancia de Narbona, Puente Castells, Calera de las Huérfanas, Casa de la Cultura, Puente Giratorio, Calera e la Huerfanas, Puerto de Yates, Teatro Uama.



Festivals

- ☼ Fiesta Nacional de Uva: Wine, feb.
- ☼ Harvest Festival: Wine, Mar.
- ☼ Antelfest: Music, Oct.

Bigger overview [here](#).

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ There's a free campsite: Camping Municipal (next to beach, bathrooms, light, warm water).
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting!](#) Also check [WorkAway](#).

"Budget" Bites

- ⌘ Supermarkets: Ta-Ta, Los Balla, Durand, Marvi.
- ⌘ Local food: Asado, chivito, choripan, empanadas, pancho, ñoquis, milanesa, pascualina, torta frita... flushed away with a cup of mate or tannat wine.
- ⌘ Go vegan: You'll have to cook or travel a bit far to Narbona Wine Lodge or Puerto Camacho (Ruta 21 in between km 260 & 270).

Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centre of Carmelo is easily walkable.
- Biking is the perfect way of exploring the wineries: some hotels rent them out.
- There's no bus terminal, buses stop in front of their offices. Companies are among others Transportes Carmelo and [Berrutti Turismo](#). There are no city buses, only intercity buses.
- There are ferries to Tigre ([Cacciola](#)), a suburb of Buenos Aires. It's cheaper and more scenic than the connection from Buenos Aires to Colonia del Sacramento.
- There are taxis available, but they are overpriced.
- Airport: Zagarazú Airport (SUCM, private planes).
- Hitch-hiking is possible and very common, 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.
- ☠ There are some ATMs and money exchange offices here. If you plan on going to the beach towns afterwards get enough cash here, because most beach towns don't have ATMs or banks.

Next?

- ➔ In Uruguay: Colonia del Sacramento, Dolores, Mercedes.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Argentina, Brazil.

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