



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Uruguay - Colonia del Sacramento

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Montevideo
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish (with accent)
- ✓ **Population:** ±26.000
- ✓ **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

- ☺ Stroll along the Uruguayan coast and stare into the Río de la Plata.
- ☺ Walk through the pitoresque *barrio historico*, don't forget the Calle de los Suspiros.
- ☺ Relax in Parque Anchorena.
- ☺ Basilica de Santisimo Sacramento.
- ☺ Playa Ferrando.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Visit El Faro, the lighthouse , for panoramic views.
- 👍 [Museo Municipal Dr. Bautista Rebuffo](#), Calle del Comercio 77-83 (Plaza Mayor).

### Tourist Trap Alert

- ☹ *Bus Turistico* or the little rental golf cars. Colonia exists of a few streets, are you kidding me?

## Sleep Cheap

Best advise: Don't sleep here, just spend a morning/afternoon.

- ❖ El Viajero Hostel, +59845222683, Washington Barbot 164.
- ❖ Hostel & Suites de Rio, +59845232870, Rivadavia 288.

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ Restaurants are rather expensive, so go to a supermarkt for self-catering and get yourself a \$2-steak the size of your head.
- ⌘ Empanadas or bites alike are cheap everywhere in South-America. El Gato is a good option.

## Mama Said

- ☠ Use your money wisely, don't spend the night here unless you really have to (for catching the ferry).
- ☠ Bring MASTERCARD!!! That's the only accepted foreign bankpass.

## Next?

- In Uruguay: Montevideo.
- International: Ferries to Buenos Aires → Buquebus, SeaCat and Colonia Express.

The Earth Becomes My Throne