



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Uruguay - Minas

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Montevideo
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish
- ✓ **Population:** ± 38,5000
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 8.2
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$UYU)
- ✓ **Country code:** +598 (44)
- ✓ **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												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 115m. Climate: Humid Subtropical Climate (Cfa).

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Visit Villa Serrana by own transport or take the bus in the direction of Treintay Tres, get out at road to waterfall Salto de Penitente & hitch-hike from there.
- ☺ Get the best views at Cerro Artigas.
- ☺ Sights: Cathedral , Casa de la Cultura, Plaza Libertad, & Rivera, Parque Rodó & Fabini & San Martin, Teatro Lavalleja, Buddhist monastery (along Ruta 81).
- ☺ Go for a swim: Piscina Municipal or in [Laguna de los Cuervos](#).

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👉 Nature: [Salto de Penitente](#), Cerro Arequita (inform about opening times priorly), [Reserva Salus](#), Minas de Oro, [Valle del Hilo de la Vida](#),
- 👉 If you have time, head to Quebrada de los Cuervos up north.

The Earth Becomes My Throne

Festivals

- ⚙ Festival Minas y Abril: Apr.
- ⚙ Semana de Lavalleja: Oct.
- ⚙ Noche de los Fogones: Oct.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Along the river there are many free camping spots. An overview of the paid campsites can be found [here](#).
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

"Budget" Bites

- ⌘ Supermarkets: El Dorado, Ta-Ta.
- ⌘ 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, even the pasta and bread have eggs here. You could order fainá, a chickpea pizza.

Next?

- ➔ In Uruguay: Villa Serrana, Pan de Azúcar, Piriápolis, Punta del Este, Garzón, La Paloma, Barra de Valizas, Cabo Polonio, Punta del Diablo...
- ➔ International destinations close by: Argentina, Brazil.

Free-Riding?

- Everything within the tiny centre of Minas is easily walkable.
- Biking is possible, some hotels rent them out.
- The terminal can be found at Calla Treinta y Tres (Sarandí & Williman). There are no city buses to the main highlights, only to other cities.
- There are taxis available, but they are overpriced.
- Airport: Campo Municipal de Aterrizaje Airport (SUMI).
- Hitch-hiking is possible, 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.
- ☠ Before going on long hikes, inform someone about your hiking route and expected return.
- ☠ Don't destroy nature, always walk on the indicated paths. Take your trash home. Don't pollute the river or make a fire in the woods.
- ☠ 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.