



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Uruguay - Montevideo

Quick Facts

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

History Recap Over 1 Drink

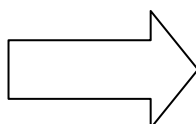
Charrua tribe. 1512: European settlements: Colonia (Portugal) & Montevideo (Spain). 1806/1807: British invasions of the Río de la Plata. Peninsular War: Britain & Spain allies, attacks ended. 1811: Artigas → revolt against Spain, defeated them in Battle of Las Piedras. 1814: Liga Federal, Artigas protector. 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

- ☺ *Ciudad Vieja*, the old town. Don't miss the Artigas statue and the mausoleum under it.
- ☺ [National History Museum](#), treat yourself on a drink if you actually find it.
- ☺ Stroll kilometres along La Rambla.
- ☺ Central Cemetery for the art lovers.
- ☺ Walk to the Legislative Palace (tours are paid for, but the outside is worth going).
- ☺ [Free Walking Tour Montevideo](#).



Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 [Teatro Solis](#): Do the tour or buy a ticket to a show.
- 👍 [Museo Andes](#)
- ☺ Torre de Las Comunicaciones gives your a free 365° view of the city: Mon-Wen-Fri 15:30, / 16:00 /16:30 / 17:00, Tue-Thu:10:30 / 11:00 / 11:30 / 12:00.
- ☺ Feria Villa Biaritz: Street fair, Saturday only.
- ☺ Dia de Patrimonio: Heritage Day, all public buildings, theaters, museums and galleries are open for free (end-Oct).

Tourist Trap Alert

☹ Avoid the tourist bus, public buses are cheap and easy (and besides, most distances are walkable).

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Fun Fun Bar, Ciudadela 1229.
- ◆ El Pony Pisador, Jose Iturriaga 3497.
- ◆ Chopperia Mastra, Mercado Agrícola.

... Seated Down

- ◆ [Teatro Solis](#), Calle Buenos Aires 652.
- ◆ [Auditorio del Sodre](#), Calle Mercedes.
- ◆ [Sala Zitarossa](#), 18 de Julio 1012.

Free-Riding?

- The bus system is easy and cheap. [This website](#) might be helpful.
- Taxi's are relatively cheap, and as the city is small, rides are rather short. It's wise to use them at night, especially when you carry all your luggage with you.
- The city counsel organized a bike programme in *Ciudad Vieja*. More information can be found [here](#).

Tip: Download the free Triposo Uruguay app for an offline map, offline guide & more.

Festivals

- ⚙ Montevideo Carnival: Jan-Feb.
- ⚙ Criolla Festival: Gauchos, Mar-Apr.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ El Viajero Downtown Hostel, +59829156192, Soriano 1073.
- ❖ Punto Berro Hostel, +59827077090, Pedro Franciscus Berro 1320
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing!](#)

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Food is not very cheap in Montevideo. Meat is. Supermarkets are the budget way to go, they're everywhere.
- ⌘ El Palenque, Perez Castellano 1579.
- ⌘ Clemente, Juan Carlos Blanco: The best empanadas!

Mama Said

- ☠ The crime rate is low in Montevideo. However, lock your bag, don't make it too easy for the *ladrones*.
- ☠ Bring Mastercard or Visa. Maestro is not accepted everywhere.

Knowledge I'm Taking Home

- 📖 Hable español: [Academia Uruguay](#).
- 📖 Tango: [Danza y Movimiento](#).

Next?

- ➔ In Uruguay: Punta del Este, Rocha, Punta del Diablo, Cabo Polonio, Tacuarembó.
- ➔ International: Buenos Aires, Argentina.