



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Uruguay - Punta del Diablo

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Montevideo
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish
- ✓ **Population:** ± 823 (high season 25000)
- ✓ **Currency:** Pesos (\$UYU)
- ✓ **Country code:** +598 (4477)
- ✓ **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 Ordóñez: 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: 33m. Climate: Humid Subtropical Climate (Cfa).

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Life's a beach: Playa de los Pescadores, Playa del Rivero, Playa de la Viuda, Playa Grande.
- ☺ [Parque Nacional Santa Teresa](#): Enjoy nature & spot whales (during summer) and green turtles.
- ☺ More nature: Laguna Negra (birdwatching), [Bosque de Ombúes](#).

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Visit [Fortaleza de Santa Teresa](#) (in the Parque Nacional).
- 👍 Centro de Tortugas Marinas: Sea turtles.
- 👍 Sports: Surfing, dune boarding, kiteboarding.

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## Festivals

☼ Festival de la Primavera: Sep.

## Sleep Cheap

❖ In low season accommodation is cheap. In summer: reserve far in advance.

❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

## "Budget" Bites

⌘ Supermarkets: Minimarkets & kiosks.

⌘ Local food: Seafood. Uruguayan: 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 to keep it cheap. [Solomare](#) prepares vegan food with prior reservation and [Vegan Diablo](#) is a delivery service.

## Next?

➔ In Uruguay: La Esmeralda, Aguas Dulces, Barra de Valizas, Cabo Polonio, La Paloma.

➔ International destinations close by: Brazil, Argentina.

## Free-Riding?

■ Everything within Punta del Diablo is walkable, but it's bigger than you think.

■ Biking is possible, there are bike hires and some hotels rent them out. Most roads are sand roads though.

■ The [bus terminal](#) can be found before the entrance of Punta del Diablo and is quite far away from the centre (5km). There is a bus service to town, which however doesn't operate in low season. In high season you have to book bus seats days in advance.

■ There are taxis available, you can find them at the bus terminal or call them.

■ Airport: Capitan Corbeta International Airport (PDP), Punta del Este.

■ Hitch-hiking is possible and quite 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.

☠ 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 sea.

☠ There are no ATMS or banks here, get cash out in Castillos before you arrive!