



## Uruguayan Country Guide

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### Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

*Exercise normal safety precautions in Uruguay. Use common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour. Monitor the media and other sources for information on local conditions. In Montevideo, petty crime, including pick-pocketing and bag snatching, is common. Petty crime increases during the summer months in beach resort areas. See [Safety and security](#).*

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Uruguay at [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au).

### Entry Requirements

Australian ordinary passport holders do not usually require a visa to enter Uruguay as a tourist for a period of up to three months. Passports are recommended to be valid for six months beyond the period of intended stay.

Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a Uruguayan mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter Uruguay without a visa. Persons travelling via the US are reminded of their obligation to comply with US entry and transit requirements.

### Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Uruguay. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against Hepatitis B. Vaccination against Typhoid should be considered particularly if travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Dengue Fever occurs in Uruguay, thus insect avoidance measures may be necessary depending on your itinerary.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Uruguay should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit [www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips).

### Uruguayan Representation in Australia

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Canberra

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Sydney

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SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Consulate of Uruguay,  
Melbourne

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243 Sunshine Ave  
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Consulate of Uruguay, Brisbane  
Tel: (07) 3511 0319

Consulate of Uruguay, Perth  
Tel: (08) 9242 1622

Consulate of Uruguay, Adelaide  
Tel: (08) 8212 4766

Consulate of Uruguay, Hobart  
Tel: (03) 6273 9277



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Time Differences between Uruguay and Australia

Uruguay is Greenwich Mean Time -3 hours (-2 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is called Uruguay Time (UYT) or Uruguay Summer Time (UYST). Daylight saving is observed from the first Sunday in October to the second Sunday in March. The following times in Australia are a day ahead of the time in Uruguay, for instance if it's Sunday afternoon in Uruguay, it's Monday morning in Australia.

Uruguay, 12 noon, June = Perth 11pm; Adelaide, Darwin 12:30am; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 1am.
Uruguay, 12 noon, December = Perth 10pm; Darwin 11:30pm; Brisbane 12am; Adelaide 12:30am; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 1am.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Uruguay: +598
To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>
Travelex Card Services: Call the US on +1 954 838 8294
Visa Global Assistance: 00 0411 940 7915
MasterCard: Call the US reverse charges on +1 636 722 7111.
American Express Travellers Cheques: 000 411 008 0071
Tourist Information: 0800 8226
Emergency Services: 911
The emergency services may not have English speaking staff. To avoid delay it may be best to seek the assistance of a Spanish speaker to call the emergency services.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
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Credit Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_
Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_
Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Travel Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_
Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_
Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Australian Representation in Uruguay

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Web: www.argentina.embassy.gov.au

The honorary consulate in Montevideo provides limited services. The Australian Embassy in Argentina is accredited to this country and can provide full consular assistance to Australians in Uruguay.

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305. Australians in Uruguay are encouraged to register their presence and contact details in Uruguay with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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### Duty Free Allowances for Uruguay and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Uruguay:

Alcohol: Up to 2 litres.  
 Tobacco: 400 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 500g of tobacco.  
 Other Goods: Up to US\$300 if arriving by sea or air and US\$150 if arriving by land.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres.  
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.  
 Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Uruguay and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Uruguayan customs please visit [www.aduanas.gub.uy](http://www.aduanas.gub.uy), or for information on Australian customs please visit [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au).

### Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Plug: European and Australian.  
 Voltage: 240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage converter required).  
 Modem Plug: American (same as Australia).

Special Tip: The Australian socket in Uruguay may have the neutral and line wires reversed. The three horizontal pinned Italian socket is also used to a lesser extent in Uruguay.

Source: Korjo Travel Products. To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, please view the Korjo adapter guide at [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au).



### Uruguayan Holidays 2018

01 Jan: New Year's Day	21 May: Battle of Las Piedras
06 Jan: Epiphany	19 Jun: Birth of Jose Artigas
12-13 Feb: Carnival	18 Jul: Constitution Day
29 Mar: Maundy Thursday	25 Aug: Independence Day
30 Mar: Good Friday	15 Oct: Da de la Raza
23 Apr: 33 Patriots Day	02 Nov: All Souls' Day
01 May: Labour Day	25 Dec: Christmas Day

### Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Uruguay



Source: Directorate of Meteorology, Uruguay. For local forecasts please go to <http://meteorologia.gub.uy> or [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather).

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#### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 23.57 Uruguayan Pesos  
 10 Uruguayan Pesos (UYU) = 0.42 Australian Dollars

#### With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 22.66 Uruguayan Pesos  
 10 Uruguayan Pesos (UYU) will cost 0.44 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Uruguayan Peso and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing-power of the two currencies.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 140 Pesos  
 Big Mac Uruguay: \$U140 (UYU) = 5.94 Australian Dollars

*A Big Mac in Uruguay is therefore 0% less expensive than in Australia.*

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

### Currency Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		
\$U5 = \$0.22 AUD	\$U100 = \$4.41 AUD	\$U1,000 = \$44.12 AUD
\$U10 = \$0.44 AUD	\$U200 = \$8.82 AUD	\$U2,000 = \$88.25 AUD
\$U20 = \$0.88 AUD	\$U300 = \$13.24 AUD	\$U3,000 = \$132.37 AUD
\$U30 = \$1.32 AUD	\$U400 = \$17.65 AUD	\$U4,000 = \$176.49 AUD
\$U40 = \$1.76 AUD	\$U500 = \$22.06 AUD	\$U5,000 = \$220.62 AUD
\$U50 = \$2.21 AUD	\$U600 = \$26.47 AUD	\$U6,000 = \$264.74 AUD
\$U60 = \$2.65 AUD	\$U700 = \$30.89 AUD	\$U7,000 = \$308.86 AUD
\$U70 = \$3.09 AUD	\$U800 = \$35.30 AUD	\$U8,000 = \$352.99 AUD
\$U80 = \$3.53 AUD	\$U900 = \$39.71 AUD	\$U9,000 = \$397.11 AUD
\$U90 = \$3.97 AUD		\$U10,000 = \$441.23 AUD

### Banknotes of Uruguay

The legal currency of Uruguay is the Uruguayan Peso, which is abbreviated using the symbol \$U. There are 100 centimos in each peso, however this unit is now obsolete. The following units of currency are the most common in Uruguay but other versions and denominations are also in circulation including a yellow \$U2,000 note (written as "\$2.000"). Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling.





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### About Uruguay

**Full Name:** Republica Oriental del Uruguay (Oriental Republic of Uruguay).

**Independence:** 25 August 1825 (from Brazil).

**Size:** 176,215 sq km (77% the size of Victoria).

**Population:** 3.3 million (15% the size of Australia).  
Montevideo (capital) 1.6 million; Salto 105,000; Ciudad de la Costa 85,000; Paysandu 74,000.

**Ethnicity:** European 88%, Mestizo 8%, African 4%.

**Language:** Spanish, Portunol (Spanish/Portuguese mix).

**Religion:** Catholic 47%, Other Christian 43%.

**GDP Per Capita:** US\$15,800 (Australia US\$40,800).

**Significant Dates:**

- 1516 - Navigator Juan Diaz de Solis is killed by the native Charrua people, discouraging further exploration.
- 1726 - The Spanish found Montevideo.
- 1776 - Uruguay becomes part of the Vice-royalty of La Plata.
- 1812-20 - Invasions from both Brazil and Argentina.
- 1825-28 - Independence proclaimed.
- 1831 - Many of the remaining Charrua people are killed.
- 1838-65 - Civil war fought between the Whites and Reds.
- 1939-45 - Uruguay remains neutral for most of WW2.
- 1962-73 - Campaign by Tupamaros guerrillas.
- 1973-84 - Armed forces seize power. Extremely repressive military dictatorship rules Uruguay.
- 1984 - Protests lead to elections and democratic reform.

