

URUGUAY

Uruguay is a peaceful, modern country of endless plains, ideal for farming and a great place to experience the horse riding culture of the Gauchos. Sophisticated cities such as Montevideo and Punta del Este contrast with rugged Atlantic beaches, vineyards producing excellent wine, and the colonial town of Colonia del Sacramento. The pace of life is slow, ideal to enjoy the surroundings at a relaxed pace.

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COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO



Colonia de Sacramento lies just across the estuary from Buenos Aires, linked by a regular ferry service. The charming historic town was built by Portuguese settlers in the 17th Century and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site, a maze of narrow cobbled streets with elegant colonial buildings and the historic quarter includes the original fortifications, the Plaza de Armas, the ruined Convent of San Francisco and San Carlos bullring.

Casa de los Limoneros

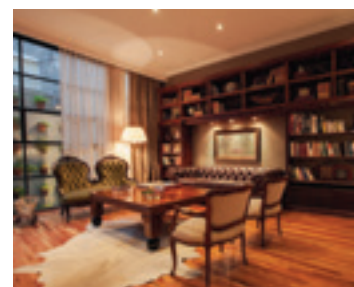
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Located in the countryside outside Colonia and surrounded by the Uruguayan Pampa and old farms, the Casa de Los Limoneros is a charming guesthouse, European in style, with rustic Uruguayan decoration. Its 14 rooms are simple but homely, each one with a balcony overlooking the swimming pool, gardens and the eponymous lemon groves.



MONTEVIDEO

Montevideo is Uruguay's capital, and home to almost half the country's population, made up of wide avenues, grand buildings and European architecture ranging from Colonial to Art Deco. The city is calm and sophisticated, its people friendly, with a rich cultural life including art galleries, theatre and dance. They city also has many thriving markets which sell art, leather goods, and local foods such as Uruguayan beef. The Mercado del Puerto is filled with counters and restaurants serving grilled meat in an informal setting, an excellent place for lunch.



Alma Historica

First

Located in the heart of the old city, Alma Historica exudes classic style. Its 15 elegant guestrooms are based on figures from Uruguay's history and culture, individually designed and furnished. There is a roof terrace with beautiful views over the square, as well as a library and lounge-bar for breakfast, but no restaurant.



PUNTA DEL ESTE

Trendy, monied and fashionable, Punta del Este is a small city and beach resort - a magnet for wealthy South Americans with holiday villas hidden in the pine forest along the coast. There are beautiful deluxe hotels and resorts, large and small. The many restaurants, bars and cafes are ideal for socialising.

L'Auberge *Deluxe*

Located in an upmarket residential area of Punta del Este, L'Auberge is a luxury oasis in the style of a country cottage, surrounded by manicured gardens. The rooms are homely and unique, decorated with art and antiques. The hotel has a pool and a restaurant, and the beach is a ten minute walk away along quiet streets.



JOSÉ IGNACIO

Estancia Vik *Deluxe*

A cross between a luxury hotel and a private home, Estancia Vik brings the best of world-class hospitality, service and interior design to the Estancia setting of Eastern Uruguay. The Estancia has its own stables for horse riding and polo, swimming pool and extensive wine cellar. The rooms are stylish and sophisticated, modern art lines the walls throughout, and all meals and activities are included.



PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS *	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHT
<i>COLONIA - Casa Limoneros</i>		
All Year	£286	£52
<i>MONTEVIDEO- Alma Historica</i>		
All Year	£277	£66
<i>PUNTA DEL ESTE - L'Auberge</i>		
All Year	£472	£112
<i>JOSE IGNACIO - Estancia VIK</i>		
All Year	£741	£202

Prices are per person in a Standard Room for double occupancy including accommodation and Breakfast, tax, service charge and transfers. *Prices for Triple room, Single Room on request. Estancia Vik is on all-inclusive basis

ALL YEAR*	7 DAYS • 6 NIGHTS
<i>The Carmelo Tour</i>	£ 1371

Prices are per person based on two sharing a standard room, with transport, transfers, guided excursions with English-speaking guide, and meals as specified in the itinerary. *Prices for Triple room, Single Room on request.

NATURALLY URUGUAY

Carmelo Tour

6 night itinerary:

Colonia - 2 night

Montevideo - 2 nights

Punta del Este - 2 nights

Cross the River Plate

leading to Colonia with ancient cobbled streets,

picturesque vineyards, the

modern and artistic cities,

the trendy beach resort of

Punta del Este and wild

Atlantic Beaches.

Day 1 Departure in the morning from your hotel in Buenos Aires to the pier, to take the fast ferry across the River Plate to Colonia del Sacramento in Uruguay. On arrival, we have a tour of the town, walking the cobbled streets and leafy squares with colonial architecture. Colonia was founded by the Portuguese in 1680, alternating ownership with Spain numerous times, until it was the southern most reach of Brasil from 1817 to Independence in 1828; it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Colonial town. Overnight at a traditional hotel. (B)

Day 2 Set off north for a day trip to the Carmelo. Visit to the Finca Narbona Wine Lodge, for a tour of the vineyards, and a tasting of the wine and cheese that they make on the property, and lunch in the restaurant. Overnight in Colonia. (B,L)

Days 3-4 Journey along picturesque

countryside on the banks of the River Plate to Montevideo, Uruguay's capital, a vibrant city with wide squares connected by tree-lined avenues, with many grand neoclassical buildings and art museums. Stay for two nights. Full day tour of the city centre and fashionable districts, including a walk along Rambla, the colourful street markets, and the Mercado del Puerto, at the heart of local lifestyle, with bars, restaurants and outdoor tables serving the country's excellent wines and a great variety of grilled meats. (B)

Days 5-6 Transport to Punta del Este, the trendy beach resort where South America's wealthy and celebrities take their Summer holidays. We stay for two nights at a hotel by the beach with time at leisure to enjoy the seaside setting and the cafés and restaurants of this wealthy city. Day 7, return to Montevideo for the ferry back to Buenos Aires. (B)

