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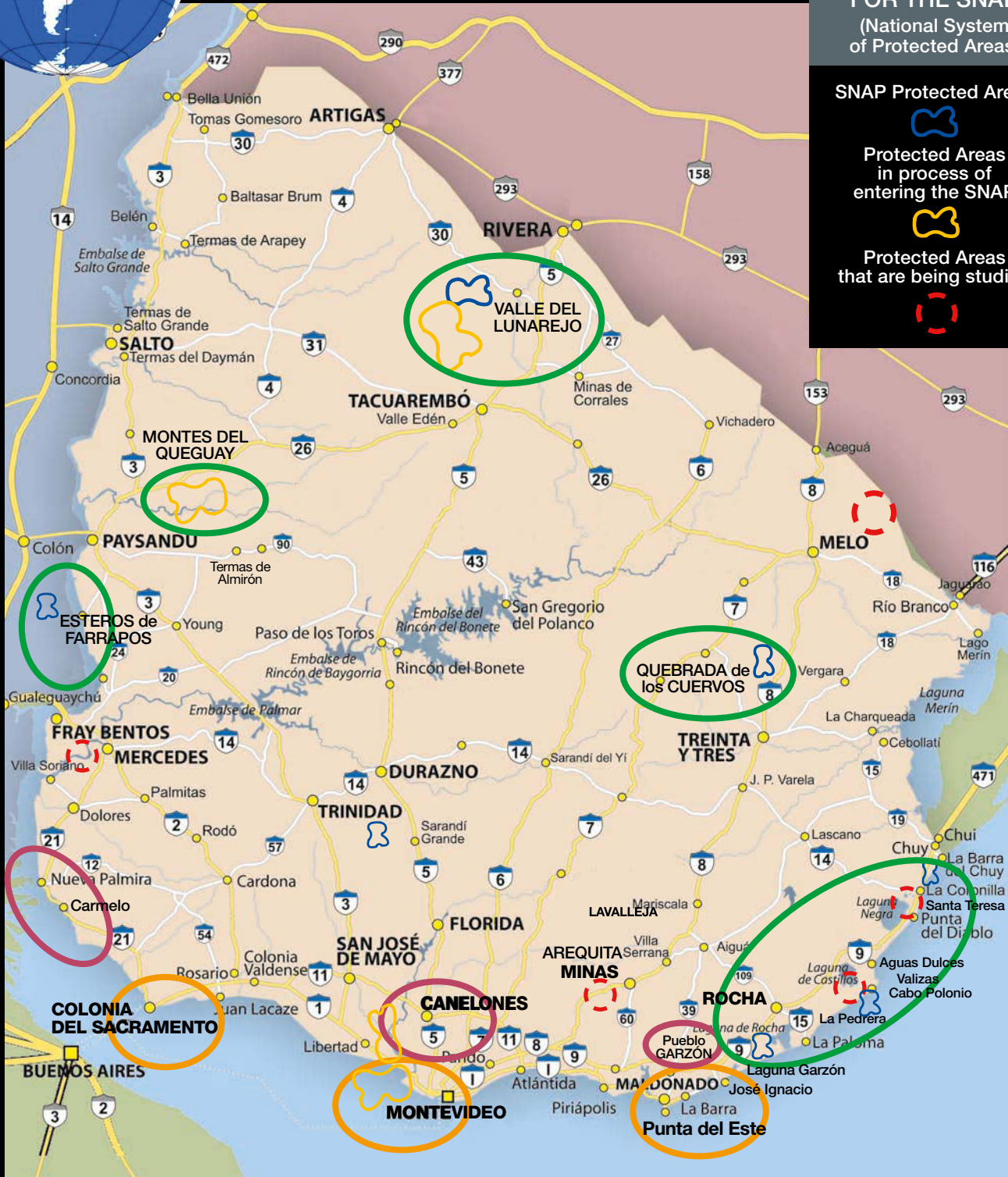
## SNAP Protected Areas



**Protected Areas  
in process of  
entering the SNAP**



### Protected Areas that are being studied



**Well-known places in Uruguay:  
Colonia, Montevideo  
and Punta del Este Area**



## The region of the Southern Vineyards

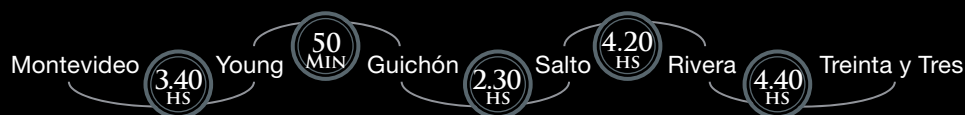


## The most important Natural Reserves and National Parks



# DISTANCES BETWEEN LOCATIONS

## URUGUAY



FERRY BUENOS AIRES (45 MIN) COLONIA

FERRY BUENOS AIRES (3 HS) MONTEVIDEO

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# WESTERN VINEYARDS OF URUGUAY

The birth of Vineyards in Uruguay: a tale of Jesuit Missions, Spanish and Italian immigrants and grapevines brought from France... the TANNAT experience!



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

On arrival to Colonia transfer to Hotel Plaza Mayor located in front of the main square. Tour of Colonia del Sacramento with lunch included at La Florida Restaurant. Accommodation at Hotel Plaza Mayor. L.



### DAY 3 / FINCA NARBONA

Morning at leisure. Picnic lunch in the vineyards and late afternoon wine and cheese pairing tasting in the cellar guided by the winemaker of Finca Narbona (includes three different Narbona wines and seven choices of cheese). Accommodation at Finca Narbona Wine Lodge. B, L.



## “TANNAT” IS TO URUGUAY THE SAME AS “MALBEC” IS TO ARGENTINA.

The Tannat is a variety of grape that has grown to be more important in Uruguay than in France, where it comes from. Nowadays, the land planted with this grapevine in Uruguay is greater to the surface found in France. The country's wine heritage goes back to the first Spanish and Italian immigrants who brought the grapevine some 250 years ago. In the XVIII century the Jesuits established in the north of the Province of Colonia in Uruguay, where they continued their mission and built the national monument “La Calera de las Huerfanas” in 1741. This chapel was located inside the extensive land of an estancia where they planted fruit trees, breed cattle and produced lime. This is where Indians, slaves and priests would gather. After the Jesuits were expelled by the Spanish crown, don Juan de San Martín took the administration of the estancia and found 1500 stocks of grapevine... this is where wine was born in Uruguay... Only 2 km from where the former Jesuit vineyards used to be, we can nowadays find **Zubizarreta** winery.



### DAY 2 / COLONIA - CALERA DE LAS HUÉRFANAS - BODEGA IRURTIA & EL LEGADO

“After breakfast, transfer towards the area of Carmelo. The tour starts with the visit of “La Calera de las Huerfanas” Jesuit Ruins where the Uruguayan history of wine begins and where we can still see the Zubizarreta vineyards in the same location where the first vines were planted. We will then continue to the Irurtia winery where we will start our tour at 11:00 in the morning; depending on the season, guests will be able to see the harvest, bottling or grape manual selection. After the tasting, we will continue our tour towards Cordano Winery where we will learn about the family legacy of this vineyard. We will then continue towards Finca Narbona Wine Lodge where guests will enjoy dinner (not included) and spend the night. Accommodation at Finca Narbona Wine Lodge. B, L (tastings).”



### DAY 4 / COLONIA

After breakfast, private transfer (no guide) to Colonia to board the morning ferry.





# THE TRAILS OF CHEESE & WINE IN URUGUAY

Both **cheese** and **wine** were introduced in Uruguay by families of immigrants that arrived to these lands more than 250 years ago. Today, many vineyards, wineries and local cheese artisan producers open their doors to curious guests and tourists from all over the world delighted to taste these hidden Uruguayan gastronomy treasures!



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Uruguayan wine, the mysterious "Tannat":** The country's wine heritage goes back to the first Spanish and Italian immigrants who brought the grapevine some 250 years ago. In 1874, a French Basque immigrant named Harriague imported grapevine cuttings of the obscure French variety called Tannat ("Tah-naht.") This red grape, usually grown only in Madiran, a small wine region in Southwestern France, produces dark, dense red wines of extremely tannic nature (the name "Tannat" is said to stem directly from "tannin"), so harsh and unyielding that they often require years of aging to become drinkable.



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / COLONIA - NUEVA HELVECIA & CHEESE FARMS



During the morning, guests will be driven to the local bus station to board a regular bus to the town of "Nueva Helvecia" where a private transfer will be waiting to drive them to "La Posada de Ofelia". The peaceful atmosphere of the town, blends with the friendly inhabitants and their hospitality. The traditional cheese production is one of the most distinctive features of the place and it has become the cover letter not just of Nueva Helvecia, but of the complete Province of Colonia and so the delicious "Colonia Cheese" has been named after the area. Sweets and preserved marmalades and dairy production has led to many important industries in the area. In the afternoon, guests will enjoy a tour of the area visiting three of the local cheese farms to learn about the history and local production of artisan cheese with tasting included (We usually visit the Old Karlem Cheese farm, La Brida cheese farm dedicated to blue cheese and Maria Noel Boutique cheese farm). Accommodation at "La Posada de Ofelia".



**Tannat proved an excellent match for the soil and climate in Uruguay, and it has become the country's leading variety, as closely associated with the place as "Malbec" has become the trademark variety for Argentina.**

**Uruguayan Artisan Cheese:** On the other hand, the knowledge on "Artisan Cheese" was introduced in Uruguay by immigrants of Swiss origin. After settling in the Province of Colonia, they founded what is nowadays "Colonia Suiza" and as soon as the activity of the first producers showed to be profitable, they were imitated by the nearby towns extending the artisan cheese production area to the Province of San Jose.



### DAY 2 / NUEVA HELVECIA - MONTEVIDEO

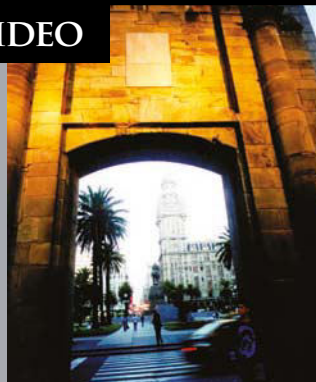


After breakfast, transfer to the local bus station to board the regular bus to Montevideo. On arrival, guests will be met by a local driver and transferred to My Suites Boutique Hotel. After checking in, they will be driven to the lively Port to enjoy a typical "asado lunch". Afternoon walking tour of Montevideo's Old city with visit to the local museums. Accommodation at My Suites Hotel. B, L.



### DAY 3 / MONTEVIDEO

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, guests will enjoy a tour of two different vineyards of Montevideo including tastings of Tannat wine. Accommodation at My Suites Hotel. B.



### DAY 4 / MONTEVIDEO

Transfer to Montevideo Port or Airport. B..



# THE "BLACK RIVER" EXPERIENCE

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Discover the amazing beauty and natural wonders of the "Balck River" from the comfort of the unforgettable & exclusive Estancia Ninette.

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / ESTANCIA NINETTE, INSPIRING VIEWS OF THE BLACK RIVER

Arrival to Estancia Ninette, a wonderful property built in the middle of a spectacular setting just in front of the Black River (which divides Uruguay from east to west) and its surrounding untouched nature. In the afternoon we will enjoy horseback riding and discover the surroundings. Dinner and accommodation at Estancia Ninette. D.



### DAY 3 / MERCEDES, A BEAUTIFUL CITY

We will enjoy the morning at the estancia; you will have the chance to choose between horseback riding, birding or if you like fishing, this area of the Balck Rover is famous for the fishing of the "Dorado" (one of the strongest freshwater fish and strongest predator in South American Rivers. Bright gold in color, it is considered as the king of fish in these fluvial systems.). Fishing is organized with flies and artificial lures; boats equipped with coolers and the safety equipment needed for our guests to enjoy the adventure (please note that fishing has an extra cost). After lunch, we will visit the lovely local city of Mercedes: the coastal Rambla, squares, history and the "Maua Castle" where wine and olive oil is produced giving us the chance to enjoy a tasting. We will enjoy lunch in a restaurant next to the shores of the Black River and after a small walking tour of the old city visiting the cathedral, monuments and pedestrian area; we will continue our trip to the next destination. (Please note that transfers can be provided in private basis or using the local regular buses which are very good)



### DAY 2 / BLACK RIVER CANOE JOURNEY ADVENTURE

Just after breakfast, we will board our canoes and paddle down the River. We will get the chance to visit the "Austriaco" island and its two internal lagoons, habitat of many local birds and capybaras. The peaceful and lovely landscape of white sand beaches is incredible. We will paddle 5 kms (more or less 2 hours) until we reach "Barrancas Coloradas", a risk of approximately 20 meters that stands over the river and forms a beautiful beach, where we will enjoy a typical "Uruguayan asado" lunch made by one of our local hosts while we enjoy the river. We will return to the estancia in the afternoon (please note that a support boat will continuously follow us and if someone gets tired, the canoe can easily be pulled back to the estancia. Dinner and accommodation at Estancia Ninette. B, L, D.





# EXPERIENCE THE “OLD-TIME CHARMS” OF PUEBLO GARZÓN

3 DAYS

A sleepy town with great chefs, delicious food and a peaceful landscape of green fields, dirt roads, olives and vineyards,..., where you can spend hours watching the horizon and soothe your soul...



**A SLEEPY TOWN THAT ALMOST DISAPPEARED...** There are various versions as to when Garzon was founded...around 1890, the first settlers arrived to these lands and established next to the local stream where people would make a stop when travelling towards the province of Rocha, where Governor Vicente Garzon had a “saladero” (salt-cured meat ranch). In 1920, a wheat mill was built and the town quickly grew to a population of approximately 2000 inhabitants, most of who worked in local farms and mines. The train had 4 daily services (2 of them towards Rocha and another 2 towards Montevideo) and a bus service to San Carlos plus various carriages that would transport people around the area. Carnival was celebrated with a big party; the town had a theatre and a local orchestra. Unfortunately, times of economic crisis arrived and the mill was closed, the trains ceased to arrive and most of the inhabitants had to move either to San Carlos or Rocha. Only 200 people who dedicated to rural

activities, stayed in the now quiet and sleepy town.

In 2004, the renowned Argentinean chef Francis Mallmann partnered with the Argentinean winemaker Manuel Mas, and founded the Garzon Restaurant and Hotel which brought a new “hippie chic” spirit to the area. Word began to spread about the town’s old-time charms: gauchos riding on horseback along tidy gravel streets, residents greeting one another by name, and children playing in a flower-filled central plaza. Along with the arrival of travelers in search of epicurean fare came a smattering of new restaurants, boutiques and high-end establishments, including a winery, bringing new life into this quiet corner of the Uruguayan countryside...

## DAY 1 / A CANDLE-LIGHT WELCOME DINNER

On arrival to Garzon, transfer to Casa Ana, your “home in town”, the most perfect and charming Bed & Breakfast for your “culinary getaway”. Guests will have time to explore the surroundings and enjoy a beautiful candle-light dinner under the stars (summer only) as a welcome. Accommodation at Casa Ana.







## DAY 2 / COLINAS DE GARZÓN, A TALE OF VINEYARDS AND OLIVE PLANTATIONS

After breakfast, guests will be transferred to Colinas de Garzon, where the best olive oil of Uruguay is produced. For those who enjoy the taste of new experiences, spectacular views, top quality wines and olive oils, this will be a wonderful visit. You will be able to learn all the secrets of the extra virgin olive oil and explore the olive plantations and Boutique Production Plant. It is an invitation to discover the origins of this product and its elaboration process followed by an amazing tasting of the fine wines and olive oils of Colinas de Garzon, combined with selected homemade cheeses. Transfer back to Pueblo Garzon for some quality time to rest and be prepared for your evening cooking class!

Experience firsthand the good tastes of Garzon! We have designed tonight's cooking class to expose you to the best that our regional products have to offer. You will spend a lovely evening with hands-on instruction by one of our professional local chefs so that you take not only your memories home, but also some great recipes and techniques to add to your own collection.

"Home-made dinner" and accommodation at Casa Ana. B, D.



## DAY 3 / GOODBYE

After breakfast, you will have time to relax at the Posada or enjoy a bike or horse ride (additional cost) to the chain of mountain ranges that are behind the town and that give birth to the creek of Jose Ignacio and its affluents; this area is perfect example of the local geography, small streams and waterfalls that surround the closed forests of "Coronillas", where the Wild boar, capybaras, the local "Nandu" and armadillos can be found. Some of the birds that can be appreciated, are the "Churrinche", the "viudita", the Owl and the "Picapalos" (Transfers can be arranged to your next destination, airport or port)





# PUNTA DEL ESTE'S FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

8 DAYS

"Punta Del Este", in the southern east coast of Uruguay, is famous for its wide Atlantic beaches and glamorous parties. Some of the best chefs in the region have opened restaurants in this beach town, which is fast emerging as a foodie destination.



**One of the best foodies' festivals with a grand finale...** Punta Del Este Food & Wine Festival is held every year between October/November and is one of the best foodies' festivals in Punta Del Este. The festival brings together the best and most renowned chefs not only from Uruguay, but from other countries as well: Spain, Brazil, Argentina and USA. The festival takes place in various hotels and sites of Punta Del Este and apart from celebrating food and wine with the most delicious and mouthwatering dishes and drinks, the festival also includes various entertainment performances including live music concerts.

## **A true heaven for even the most demanding gourmands!**

Each event highlights Uruguay's local ingredients and each dish is paired with a Uruguayan wine (the country is an up-and-coming wine producer) including a "viognier" from the newly launched Bodega Garzón, which hired the Italian winemaker Alberto Antonini (an influential consultant who has worked with top wineries in Tuscany)

The festival's finale, has always been hosted by the Argentine chef Francis Mallmann in nearby Pueblo Garzón, the tiny rural town where he opened a hotel and restaurant some years ago. Mallmann's fame is built around cooking with fire and this is the perfect place to be a witness of his trademark "SEVEN FIRES" (which includes rescoldo, where he covers ingredients with hot embers, and infiernillo - little hell, literally- where food is placed in cast iron boxes between two levels of fires) burning throughout the streets of Garzon.



## DAY 1 / MONTEVIDEO



Arrival and transfer to My Suites Hotel in Montevideo a hotel based in Uruguayar wines where you will have the chance to taste wines from different wineries. Day at leisure.

*Taking in a festival is a great way to experience the true culture of a country and to get to know the ways of its people, so we have designed the following program including the best events of the Festival and the "must" sees of Uruguay!*



## DAY 2 / MONTEVIDEO

Morning at leisure. Lunch at "El Palenque Restaurant" in the lively Port Market. Afternoon walking tour of the old city, visiting the local art museums and Solis Theatre. Accommodation at My Suites Hotel. B, L.



## DAY 3 / MONTEVIDEO - PUNTA DEL ESTE

Morning transfer to Punta del Este to your selected hotel. Afternoon city tour of Punta del Este. Accommodation at selected hotel. B.



## DAY 4 / PUNTA DEL ESTE

Morning at leisure. Transfer to Colinas de Garzon to participate at the opening event "A tour around the world in six cuisines"  
In the afternoon you can choose between a relaxed Sunset Chillout at Playa VIK or participating in the "Best of Best Dinner" at Fasano.  
Accommodation at selected hotel. B, L, D.



## DAY 5 / PUNTA DEL ESTE - GARZÓN MALLMAN'S "SEVEN FIRES"

Morning at leisure. Transfer to Garzon and check in at Casa Ana.  
Closing event "Seven Fires by Francis Mallman"  
Accommodation at Casa Ana. B, L.



## DAY 6 / GARZÓN

Morning at leisure. Evening cooking class with local chef  
Accommodation at Casa Ana. B, D.



## DAY 7 / RETURN

Transfer to Port or Airport. B.





# CANOE CROSSING OF THE "ROCHA LAGOON"

## AND CYCLING ADVENTURE TO THE LIGHT HOUSE OF LA PALOMA SEASIDE TOWN!

A great choice for active nature lovers!



### DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 / CROSSING THE "EASTERN BIOSPHERE RESERVE" ON A CANOE

Whether you are in the area of Punta del Este, Jose Ignacio or Montevideo, a transfer will pick you up at your hotel and drive you towards the Garzon Lagoon, the natural limit between the provinces of Maldonado and Rocha. This unique protected natural area is part of what we call the wetlands of the "Eastern Biosphere Reserve" internationally recognized within the framework of the Man and the Biosphere (Man and the Biosphere, MAB) of UNESCO since 1976. After crossing on the charming "Balsa", will continue onto the Rocha Lagoon, a semi-freshwater lagoon of 72 km<sup>2</sup> (28 sq mi). This lagoon, located only 25 minutes from Jose Ignacio Village, has an outlet to the sea during winter months and constitutes a bird paradise with 220 species which have been recorded like migratory waders, Flamingos, Swans, Herons and ducks among others.

A Lares guide will be waiting for us to board on a canoe adventure that will take us across this beautiful lagoon full of birds, local wildlife and native vegetation! We will be able to see various bird species, local wildlife and native vegetation and once on the other side, our bikes will be waiting for us to ride to the village of La Paloma with its beautiful lighthouse where we will make a stop to enjoy a picnic lunch. We will then continue onto Pueblo Barrancas Eco Lodge to spend a peaceful night close to the Atlantic Ocean.

#### DAY 2 / RETURN

After breakfast, we can coordinate a transfer to your next destination (not included) or add some extra nights at this beautiful lodge.



#### IMPORTANT NOTE

- Please note that in an effort to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, we have arranged your luggage and belongings to be transfer across the lagoon on a canoe specially dedicated to this task. This will help us avoid unnecessary vehicle transfers, saving at least 170 kms of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. (Tourism, as other sectors too, contributes to global emissions. According to the UNWTO-UNEP study (2008) tourism contributes around 5% to global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and 75% of the sector's emissions are generated by transportation). If necessary, we can coordinate a transfer for your luggage but we will charge an extra 5% (equal to the 5% contribution of tourism to global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) to the usual cost of this which will be 100% donated to Karumbe, the local NGO working on marine life conservation. Moreover, Lares, will donate another equal 5% to the same cause.

- This tour can also start with the biking adventure from Jose Ignacio or organized as a day tour without staying at the lodge in Rocha.





# TREKKING ADVENTURE FROM VALIZAS SEASIDE TOWN TO THE VILLAGE OF CABO POLONIO

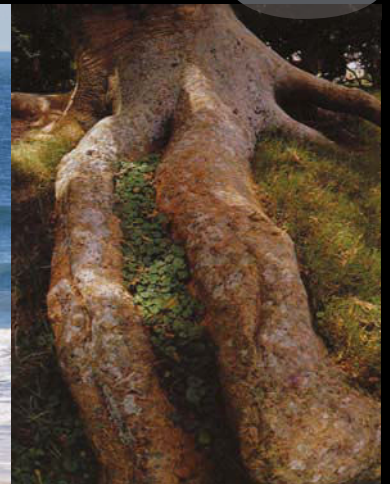
Trek across the incredible sand dunes that maintains the village of Cabo Polonio isolated from the other nearby towns



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / THE MOST AMAZING VIEW OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN FROM THE "CERRO BUENA VISTA" ON TOP OF THE SAND DUNES

A Lares English-speaking local guide, will pick you up from La Paloma, La Pedrera or one of the nearby coastal towns and drive you to the coastal village of Valizas. After a short walk around the town, we will start a marvelous 4-hour trekking across the amazing shifting sand dunes of Cabo Polonio. Once on the top of the "Buena Vista Hill", you will enjoy a breathtaking view of the Atlantic Ocean before descending to the shore for a relaxing coastal hike to the small fishing village. Climb the lighthouse, watch one of the largest colonies of sea lions of South America and enjoy a delicious seafood lunch overlooking the ocean. Afternoon 4-wheel-truck drive out of the natural reserve to Posada Valizas, a small charming Posada in one of the friendliest towns in the coast! L.



The lovely village of Barra de Valizas is the perfect starting point to reach the shifting sand dunes along the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy trekking across the dunes and along the shore, explore the flora of this special region and learn about the more than 200 species of colorful birds that guide your way to Cabo Polonio. The unique fishing village at the cape will be reached after four hours trekking. Colorfully painted houses, cozy beach restaurants and a stunning lighthouse await you as well as thousands of seals. Head to a charming small posada in the area on 4x4 Jeeps to spend the night before you head to your next adventure!

### DAY 2 / RETURN

After breakfast, we can coordinate a transfer to your next destination (not included) or add some extra nights at this beautiful posada. B.





# TREKKING OF THE FICUS FOREST & CERRO DE LA VIRGEN

AN AMAZING VIEW OF THE PALM GROVES!



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / THE FICUS FOREST, BLACK LAGOON AND PALM GROVES

A Lares guide will pick you up at La Paloma, La Pedrera or some of the nearby towns and drive you to the area of "Castillos" town. Our adventure starts at the "Trail of the Indians", entrance to "Establecimiento Don Bosco" and where we start to hike towards the "Navarro Hill", down the ravine and across the Ficus Forest to the top of "Cerro de la Virgen", from where we will appreciate the most amazing view of the massive Palm Groves of Rocha. There are numerous legends regarding the origins of the palm groves. Some 500 palm trees per hectare can be found in this Palm Grove considered the world's largest and most fascinating one. We will trek down to the shores of the "Black Lagoon" also known as "Laguna de los Difuntos" ("The Lagoon of the dead") due to its location near the indigenous graveyards or "cerritos de indios". After enjoying our pic nic lunch next to the lagoon shores, we will continue our way towards Estancia Guardia del Monte, a traditional working estancia located next to the "Castillos Lagoon". Dinner and accommodation at Guardia del Monte. L, D.



In the Province of Rocha, west of the "Black Lagoon", one of the richest ecosystems of the region can be found. Over the hills there is an important indigenous forest where the ficus forest is located and considered to be unique for its lush vegetation.



### DAY 2 / THE OMBUES FOREST & CASTILLO LAGOON

After an early breakfast, we will have the chance to visit the Ombu Forest, a very big tree with strange forms that grows in forests in this area of the wetlands. Some of the trees that stand here are more than 500 years old. The Ombú is a large evergreen tree that mostly stands solitary and has a special value in Uruguay as a source of shelter and shade. These unusual large groups of ombu trees that can be found in Rocha include ancient trees, with huge gnarled roots. Legend has it that those who visit these forests suddenly remember early childhood experiences.

After a typical "asado lunch", you will have the opportunity to enjoy horse riding or a carriage tour to the wetlands for some quality bird watching. Dinner and accommodation at Guardia del Monte. B, L, D.



### DAY 3 / RETURN

After breakfast, transfer to the local bus station to board the regular bus to your next destination.



# THE BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH STATION OF POTRERILLO IN SANTA TERESA & THE GREEN TURTLES VOLUNTEER PROYECT



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / CANOEING AT THE POTRERILLO NATURAL RESERVE

A Lares guide will pick you up at Punta del Diablo or La Coronilla seaside towns and drive you to the area of Santa Teresa National Park where we will be allowed onto the Potrerillo Natural Reserve with our canoes. We will have the chance to see Carpinchos (Capybaras), otters, sea lions and dozens of bird species such as the Blue Cardinal or the gorgeous Saffron-cowled Blackbird. After a picnic lunch, we will drive to the “hippie” fishing village of Punta del Diablo where we will spend two nights at “La Viuda del Diablo”, a lovely small posada located in between the sand dunes with beautiful views of the beach and ocean. L.



### DAY 2 / THE GREEN TURTLES VOLUNTEER PROJECT

After breakfast, we will drive to the town of La Coronilla from where we will start our hiking day to Cerro Verde to meet the lovely green turtles (November to March) and for those wishing to “get involved”, why not help the local NGO, Karumbe, with one of the many turtle rescues they perform in the area? After enjoying a picnic for lunch, we will continue onto the National Park of Santa Teresa to discover the historic relics of the fortress and visit the park.



### DAY 3 / RETURN

After breakfast, transfer to the local bus station to board the regular bus to your next destination.



# WILD WEST OF URUGUAY

## GAUCHO OVERNIGHT & TREKKING THE NATIONAL PARK OF "QUEBRA DE LOS CUERVOS"

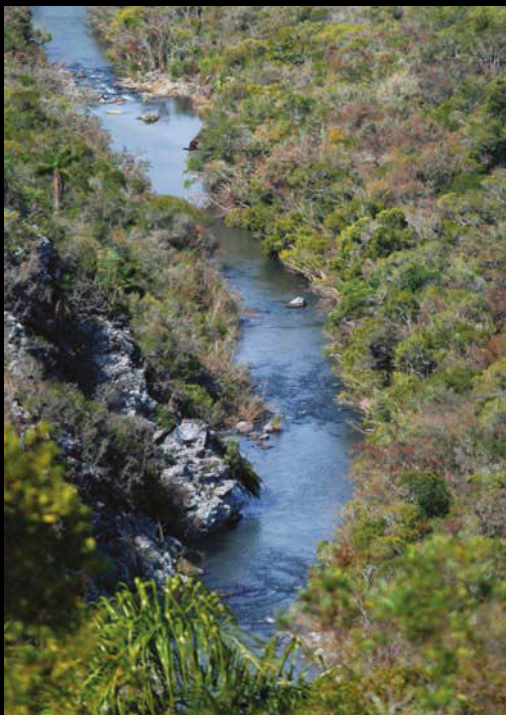


Experience the daily life of the countryside and immerse yourself in a trekking tour down the unexplored "Vulture's Ravine"

### DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 / LOS PLATANOS, A TRADITIONAL WORKING RANCH

Transfer to the local bus station to board the regular bus to "Valentines" where someone from Estancia Los Platanos will be waiting for you. Accommodation at Estancia Los Platanos, D.



#### DAY 3 / TREKKING THE "NATIONAL PARK OF QUEBRADA DE LOS CUERVOS" PROTECTED AREA

The next day you will experience one of the most natural landscapes of Uruguay and encounter a great variety of flora and fauna. The "Yerba Chico" stream created a canyon and formed a fascinating gorge with cliffs up to 120 meters. A narrow footpath leads you down the rocks, accompanied by the sound of the wind and the rustling of vultures flying overhead. The unevenness that comprises the scenic beauty of this place is stunning and it seems like entering different world as you make your way down to the river. After a "traditional lunch", transfer to the local bus station in Treinta y Tres to board the regular bus to Montevideo. B, L.

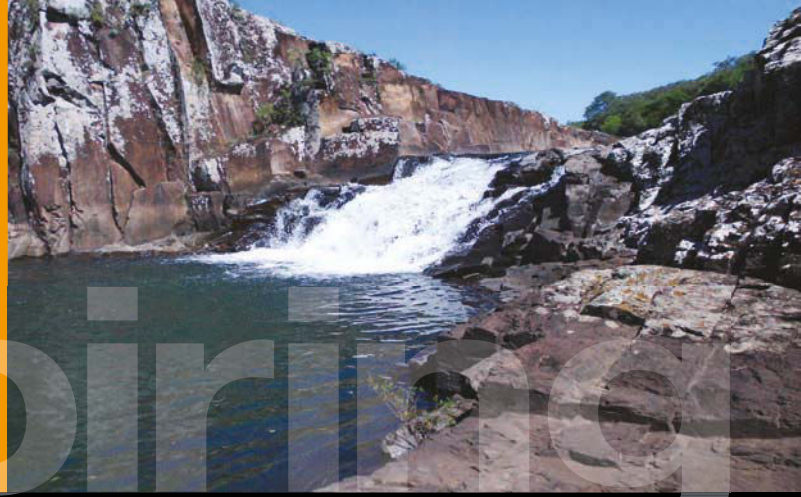
#### DAY 2 / THE REAL COUNTRYSIDE LIFE OF A GAUCHO

Discover the Uruguayan countryside and enjoy life on a traditional Ranch. The captivating landscape is the perfect place to experience the authenticity of the Uruguayan countryside and to enter the world of the Gauchos. Explore the land by horse, horse cart or walks and join in the daily ranch chores and activities. After a long day of rustic life, enjoy meals homemade Uruguayan food. B, L, D.





# DISCOVER THE UNEXPLORED VALLEYS, GORGES, GOLD MINES AND VINEYARDS OF NORTHERN URUGUAY



*We will trek the “Lunarejo Valley Regional Park” (a natural protected area of 30,000 hectares with great biodiversity including deep gorges, numerous streams, 14 species of native mammals, more than 536 different animals and incredible almost unexplored landscape), visit one of the best vineyards in Uruguay and explore the gold mines of Minas de Corrales.*



## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / CARRAU WINERY IN CERRO CHAPEU

Arrival to Rivera city and transfer to Carrau winery and vineyards located in Cerro Chapeu, a lovely area with wonderful landscape located only 10kms from the city of Rivera (just on the border with the Brazilian city of Livramento). The route to the estancia will take us along a panoramic route over the Santana Hills which separates Uruguay from Brazil. On arrival, we will visit the vineyards located 300 mts over sea level (the highest ones in the country) where the best and most awarded Carrau wines come from. We will enjoy a premium tasting of their wines and learn about the Amat wine, one of the best Uruguayan Tannats. Dinner and accommodation at Carrau Winery in Cerro Chapeu. D.



### DAY 2 / THE LUNAREJO VALLEY, ONE THE LARGEST PROTECTED & UNEXPLORED AREAS

Just after breakfast, a local guide will drive you to the Lunarejo Valley, a national protected area where we will discover several trails. We will trek down to the Valley and across the great gorge towards the Lunarejo stream, where we will enjoy a typical “criollo lunch”. During the afternoon, we will start trekking up the “Boqueron Hill” until we reach the top from where we will be able to enjoy an incredible 360 panoramic view of the whole Valley.

After a full day of incredible trekking, we will return to the wine lodge. Dinner and accommodation at Carrau Winery in Cerro Chapeu. B, L, D.

Please note we have different trail levels that can be adjusted to clients' needs and interests. A full trekking program of 3 or more days can also be organized in the area.



# CANOE JOURNEY ALONG THE QUEGUAY RIVER



The Indians who inhabited these lands gave the river its actual name; in the local Guaraní language, “Queguay” means “place where dreams converge” and the area where our journey takes place is, in fact, where the “Queguay Grande” and “Queguay Chico” rivers converge.

With some 300 km of course, the “Queguay” River is one of the only ones that remain untouched and part of the area denominated “Montes del Queguay” which is already in the National Protected Areas System. Nature lovers prefer it for its rich biodiversity, and because its course is the largest continuous area of native forest to be found in Uruguay!

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 / GUICHÓN, A SMALL QUIET TOWN WHERE THE ADVENTURE STARTS



Arrival to the small town of Guichon, where we will meet our local guides who will drive us to the “Queguay River”. The canoes are waiting for us to start the adventure! We will soon discover it is a stream with cliffs on both sides, virtually no sandy shores, with several curves and a unique and exuberant native forest surrounding it. Very tall trees bend over the river and in some areas even block the water course making it difficult but more adventurous for the journey. During the late afternoon and after an exhausting paddling day, we will find a place to camp. The typical “asado” will be cooked and organized by the guides together with a big fire, locally called “fogón”, and good tannat wine to celebrate the first expedition day. L, D.

### DAY 2 / CANOE ADVENTURE IN THE MIDDLE OF NATURE

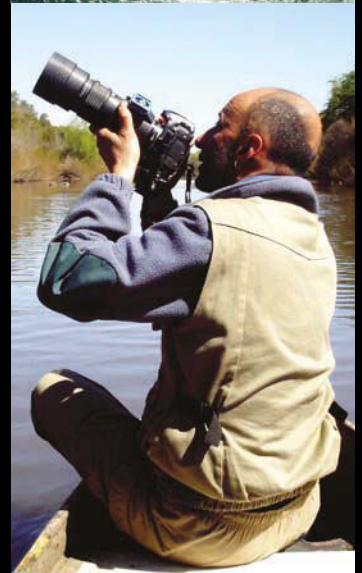
After breakfast, we will continue our journey along the river and as we move along, the challenge increases: the river sometimes narrows and winding curves appear increasing speed and making it more demanding to maneuver quickly and efficiently. After a morning full of fun and adventure, we stop for a picnic lunch while appreciating the beauty of the surrounding nature and the crystal clear water that can even be drunk. After some fishing (to assure our dinner), we continue until our next camping spot! B, L, D.



### DAY 3 / END OF THE JOURNEY

After breakfast, we continue the last portion of our canoe journey, still with no signs of civilization; we can only hear the birds singing and the river flowing. Canoeing is an experience in which you are in constant contact with nature; the canoe glides over water at an adequate speed to enjoy the river vegetation. And even though at times, adrenaline increases as there are several rapids where the water flows more strongly making you feel the adventure, everything is under control with the company of our experienced local guides. After arriving to our destination, you will be transferred back to the town of Guichon to board the local bus to your next destination. B, L.

Please note we have different canoe adventure levels that can be adjusted to clients' needs and interests.





# HIGHLIGHTS & TASTES OF URUGUAY 7 NIGHTS, 8 DAYS

Immigrants introduced both cheese and wine to Uruguay hundreds of years ago and nowadays the country is rich in vineyards, wineries, cheese artisan producers and olive oil plants. Discover the touristic highlights of Uruguay always combined with a culinary highlight. Be ready to be surprised by a variety of exquisite tastes!



## DAY 1 / COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

Arrival to "Colonia Del Sacramento" and transfer to Hotel Charco (or similar) located in the Old town of the City. Walking city tour along the cobble streets of the old town of "Colonia Del Sacramento"; visit to the old buildings, old forts and Spanish and Portuguese Museums and the most important tourist spots of this Old Portuguese City from the XVII century that has been declared Patrimony of Mankind by the UNESCO. Afternoon visit to the winery "Los Cerros de San Juan" with tasting. You will be able to taste the Tannat, Uruguay's signature wine (Tannat is to Uruguay what Malbec is to Argentina). The Tannat grapes originated from southwestern France and brought to Uruguay almost 250 years ago by a French Basque immigrant and the varieties of Tannats are characterized by their softer tannins when compared with the "old vines" from France.



## DAY 2 / MONTEVIDEO

After breakfast, you will be picked up and enjoy a private transfer to Montevideo. On arrival, enjoy lunch at the vibrant port market. Take a walking tour of the Ciudad Vieja (the colonial historic neighborhood) and visit several museums and the Solis Theatre (museum selection subject to preferences and opening times). Spend one night in the capital of Uruguay at Hotel Oliva in the lively Punta Carretas neighborhood (or similar). B, L



## DAY 3 / WINERY & ESTANCIA CHARABON



Morning pick up for a short panoramic city tour of the rest of the city and visit of one winery in the region of Montevideo. Afterwards, private transfer to Estancia Charabon, where you will enjoy the last hours of the day – relax by the swimming pool with a glass of wine or why not enjoy a ride through the rolling plains! Dinner at the Estancia. B, L, D





## DAY 4 / TREKKING FROM VALIZAS TO CABO POLONIO, INCREDIBLE SAND DUNES AND SEA LIONS

After breakfast, transfer to small village Barra de Valizas, where a local guide will meet us to start an unforgettable tour to "Cabo Polonio" Village. After a short walk around the town, we will start the trekking along the coastline that will take us towards the incredible shifting sand dunes. We will trek up the "Buena Vista Hill" from where a fantastic view of the ocean can be appreciated, to continue down towards Cabo Polonio (4 hours trek). After a delicious seafood lunch at a local seaside restaurant, we will visit the light house and sea lions reserve (one of the biggest ones in the world!). Afternoon 4x4 truck drive towards the main entrance of Cabo Polonio where a private transfer will drive guests back to the accommodation at Estancia Charabon. B, L, D



## DAY 5 / CHARMING VILLAGE GARZON



Private transfer to Colinas de Garzon Extra Virgin Olive Oil Boutique Plant, which awaits you for a visit to their production facilities followed by a tasting of their award-winning olive oil together with a selection of cheeses and Garzon Wines. Afternoon transfer to close by Pueblo Garzon, a small, picturesque village just 30 minutes from Jose Ignacio, where time seems to have stood still: buy your fuel in a petrol canister and stroll around the central square, where everyone knows everyone and gathers for a chat. Afternoon at leisure in Pueblo Garzon, where you will spend the night in one of the small, charming posadas.



## DAY 8 / RETURN

After breakfast, private transfer to Punta del Este airport, Montevideo airport or port.

## DAY 6 / CHEESE & WINE IN PUNTA DEL ESTE REGION

Today you will get to know "Punta del Este Gourmet". Visit the Altos de la Ballena winery, one of the newest wineries of Uruguay and one of the few in the area of Punta del Este. After a roch wine tasting, we continue on to Nonno Antonio artisan cheese farm, where you can observe the cheese production and enjoy the homemade cheeses during a tasting. Following a drive all along Punta del Este's coastline, you will be transferred to Jose Ignacio, where you will spend the night at Posada del Faro (or similar). F



## DAY 7 / JOSE IGNACIO

Enjoy a last day on the beach in Jose Ignacio. Stroll through the relaxed fishing village, watch the fishermen come in with the catch of the day and enjoy lunch in one of the two Uruguayan restaurants that made the list of 50 best restaurants in Latin America of 2014: la Huella – located directly on the beach. It will delight you with exquisite food and a beautiful view all over the bay. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation at Posada del Faro or similar. F, L





# HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVE URUGUAY

## 7 NIGHTS, 8 DAYS

Uruguay with its beautiful rolling plains and rich nature is the perfect location for your active holiday. Discover the highlights of the country combined with active elements: biking in Montevideo and Colonia, horseback riding at the Estancias and a sanddune trekking in Rocha.



### DAY 1 / COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

Arrival to "Colonia Del Sacramento" and transfer to Plaza Mayor Hotel (or similar) located in the Old town of the City. Bike tour along the cobbled streets of the old town of Colonia and the riverside boulevard to the Casa de los Limoneros, where you will enjoy some nice drinks in their beautiful garden. Afternoon ride back to Colonia, where you can discover its cobbled streets full of small bars, excellent restaurants, art and craft shops, museums and a yacht harbor.



### DAY 2 / MONTEVIDEO

After a transfer with regular bus to Montevideo, enjoy lunch at the vibrant port market. Take a walking tour of the Ciudad Vieja (the colonial historic neighborhood) and visit different neighborhoods during a cycling tour along the riverside boulevard. Spend one night in the capital of Uruguay at Hotel Plaza Fuerte (or similar). B, L



### DAY 3 / WINERY & ESTANCIA GUARDIA DEL MONTE

Morning pick up for a short panoramic city tour of the rest of the city and visit of one winery in the region of Montevideo. Afterwards, bus ride to Castillos, where you will be picked up and taken to Estancia Guardia del Monte, where you will enjoy the last hours of the day on the Castillos Lagoon. Dinner at the Estancia. B, L, D







## DAY 4 / A TRADITIONAL ESTANCIA

We wake up in Guardia Del Monte, a traditional estancia with outstanding landscape beauty and important ecosystems containing a great variety of birds and native scrublands. We will enjoy some quality birdwatching along the large area of marshlands and wetlands both of which are teeming with bird life (more than 400 species in this area), otters, coypus and capybaras. We will be able to spot the graceful black-necked swan (largest populations in the world found here), the rare white goose, the pink flamingo (a species of flamingo with very bright pink pigment and quite common in Uruguay) and many ducks and other birds such as the largest bird in South America - the 'ostrich-like' "ñandú" (American rhea). After a typical "asado lunch" we will enjoy some horseback riding to explore the estancia surroundings. Dinner and accommodation at Guardia del Monte (Please note that depending on the season, we might stay at Guardia del Monte or Charabon Estancia and the available activities will be adapted to the area). B, L, D

## DAY 5 / TREKKING FROM VALIZAS TO CABO POLONIO, INCREDIBLE SAND DUNES AND SEA LIONS



After breakfast, transfer to small village Barra de Valizas, where a local guide will meet us to start an unforgettable tour to "Cabo Polonio" Village. After a short walk around the town, we will start the trekking along the coastline that will take us towards the incredible shifting sand dunes. We will trek up the "Buena Vista Hill" from where a fantastic view of the ocean can be appreciated, to continue down towards Cabo Polonio (4 hours trek). After a delicious seafood lunch at a local seaside restaurant, we will visit the light house and sea lions reserve (one of the biggest ones in the world!). Afternoon 4x4 truck drive towards the main entrance of Cabo Polonio where a private transfer will drive guests back to the accommodation at charming little Posada Valizas where you will enjoy dinner and spend the night. B, L, D



## DAY 8 / RETURN

After breakfast, transfer to the bus station of Punta del Este and regular bus to Montevideo bus station. From there, a private transfer will take you either to the port or to the airport.

## DAY 6 / PUNTA DEL ESTE

Take a regular bus from Valizas to Punta del Este where you will have time in the afternoon to discover the neighborhood La Barra where your hotel is located. Accommodation at Hostal de la Barra (or similar). B



## DAY 7 / PUNTA DEL ESTE

Enjoy an afternoon city tour of Punta del Este. We will visit the most important attractions: "Juan Gorlero Avenue", the yacht's port, the residential areas, the lively La Barra where we will cross the famous undulated bridge just before arriving to the Brava Beach of Punta del Este. We will finish at the lovely Casapueblo, a strange and attractive construction designed by the renowned Uruguayan artist Carlos Páez Vilaró where we will visit his museum. Accommodation at Hostal de la Barra or similar. B





# "ESTANCIAS SELF DRIVE"

## ITINERARY

This trip is ideal for those wishing to explore Uruguay in their own vehicle, with most of it being self driven. Start the trip in Colonia Del Sacramento, visit the vineyards in Montevideo, the National Park of Quebrada de los Cuervos (Vultures' Ravine), stay at a typical estancia, trek to the Natural Reserve of Cabo Polonio to visit one of the biggest reserves of sea lions in the world and combine the whole trip with character accommodations!



### DAY 1 / BS. AS. - COLONIA (FINCA PIEDRA)



Arrival to "Colonia Del Sacramento" where a LARES guide will assist you with the car rental pick-up (Cat E - Hyundai Accent or similar); a complete map of Uruguay will be provided together with the necessary directions to arrive to each one of the estancias/ haciendas included in the itinerary. Self-drive to Finca Piedra Farm located in the region of San José (80 min. drive) where guests will be expected with a delicious lunch and will spend a first day in the Uruguayan countryside. The Estancia invites to hike, discover the own vineyards, take a bike ride across the fields, relax at the pool or enjoy an afternoon riding. Dinner and accommodation at Estancia Finca Piedra. L, D



### DAY 3 / MONTEVIDEO - PROVINCE OF TREINTA Y TRES



Drive to the Province of Treinta y Tres where guests will stay at "Estancia Pinos de la Quebrada" or "Estancia Los Platanos". Lunch and afternoon rural activities; guests will be able to participate in the daily activities of the rural life and learn about the gaucho culture, the countryside style of life and its traditions. Dinner and accommodation at the estancia with full board included. B, L, D.



### DAY 2 / FINCA PIEDRA - MVDEO.

Continue trip to Montevideo (1.5hs drive) where you will be expected for lunch at the lively Port Market. During an afternoon walking city tour, you can discover the highlights of the ancient city center of Montevideo. Moreover, you will visit several art museums and the famous Solis theatre. Accommodation at My Suites Hotel w/ breakfast included. B,L



### DAY 4 / THE LIFE OF A WORKING ESTANCIA

Enjoy the simple things of the everyday rural life by participating in the daily activities of the estancia working alongside the gauchos and their trusty. The work varies depending on the time of the year, but the wonderful, friendly gauchos with their berets, 'bombachas' (riding trousers) and with their knives tucked into their colorful belts, always welcome a bit of help checking and moving the stock or putting animals in the corrals; they all seem to have been born on a horse and it is a delight to be riding with them! Full board included. Accommodation at the estancia. B, L, D.





## DAY 5 / QUEBRADA DE LOS CUERVOS NATIONAL PARK



Early drive to the National Park of Quebrada de los Cuervos where guests will spend the day trekking down the fantastic gorge that is formed at the junctions of the "Yerbal Stream" and "Olimar River" (a local guide can be coordinated with anticipation and extra cost). A lot of wildlife can be seen in the area which is also great for bird watching! The estancia will prepare a nice picnic for guests so they can spend the day exploring. Afternoon drive down Route 8 towards Mariscal, where guests will enjoy dinner and relax at Posada de Campo Balcon del Abra. B, L, D.



## DAY 6 / ESTANCIA BALCÓN DEL ABRA

Today, guests will spend a full day at this estancia dedicated to the breeding of horses and which is surrounded by the rolling hills of the Lavalleja Province. Guests can organize some trekking to the nearby hills, a riding tour to the nearby estancia (extra cost) or just relax at the natural BIOTOP pool. Dinner and accommodation at "Balcon del Abra". B, L, D.



## DAY 7 / ESTANCIA BALCÓN DEL ABRA - ESTANCIA GUARDIA DEL MONTE

After breakfast, drive south-east along the winding and panoramic Route 109 towards the Province of Rocha. Guests will enjoy wonderful landscape! Arrival to Estancia Guardia del Monte where a delicious lunch will be waiting! Guardia del Monte is a traditional estancia with outstanding landscape beauty and important ecosystems containing a great variety of birds and native scrublands. We will enjoy some quality bird watching along the large area of marshlands and wetlands both of which are teeming with bird life (more than 400 species in this area), otters, coypus and capybaras. We will be able to spot the graceful black-necked swan (largest populations in the world found here), the rare white goose, the pink flamingo (a species of flamingo with very bright pink pigment and quite common in Uruguay) and many ducks and other birds such as the largest bird in South America - the 'ostrich-like' "ñandú" (American rhea). Dinner and accommodation at Estancia Guardia del Monte. B, L, D.



## DAY 9 / RETURN

After breakfast, drive back to Montevideo Airport.

## DAY 8 / TREKKING EXPEDITION FROM VALIZAS TO CABO POLONIO ACROSS SHIFTING SAND DUNES



After breakfast, drive to Valizas town where a local guide will be waiting to start an unforgettable tour to "Cabo Polonio" Village. After a short walk around the town, we will start the trekking along the coastline that will take us towards the incredible shifting sand dunes (one of the biggest ones in the world). We will trek up the "Buena Vista Hill" from where a fantastic view of the ocean can be appreciated, to continue down towards Cabo Polonio (4 hours trek). After a delicious seafood lunch at a local seaside restaurant, we will visit the light house and sea lions reserve. Afternoon 4x4 truck- drive towards the main entrance of Cabo Polonio where a private transfer will drive guests back to Valizas to pick up their car. Drive back to Estancia Guardia del Monte for dinner and accommodation. B, L, D.



# THE PAINTED BIRDS TOUR

## 7 NIGHTS, 8 DAYS

"Uruguay" means "River of the painted birds" in the traditional Guaraní local language; this tour will take you to traditional estancias, the biosphere reserve of the eastern wetlands and the oceanic coast!



### DAY 1 / MONTEVIDEO - TOUR OF THE CAPITAL CITY & PORT MARKET



Today is set aside to relax and explore the coastal city of Montevideo. Guests are met at the Carrasco International Airport and driven along the wonderful coastline called "Rambla" to the downtown hotel. After Check in, your guide will help you discover the charming and quiet city of Montevideo, its museums, street markets, nice restaurants and friendly people. We will enjoy lunch at the lively Port Market before returning to the hotel located in downtown Montevideo. L



### DAY 2 / 18 TH CENTURY FORTIN DE SAN MIGUEL

After breakfast we will be driven to the Brazilian border and into Rocha, arguably the most beautiful province in Uruguay with pristine beaches, emerald shores and a great network of lagoons. We will visit 'Chuy', a very curious town straddling the border where guests can step into Brazil and hear the locals speak a strange language made of a mix of Spanish and Portuguese. As we arrive at the hotel, built in the same stone as the nearby Portuguese fortress, we can admire the views out across an enormous stretch of fresh water - one of the largest fresh water reserves of South America, the "Merín Lagoon"; we are right on the Brazilian border. After lunch we will meet the gauchos and horses to ride around the rolling hills of San Miguel enjoying a wonderful panoramic view of the area from the top of the boulder covered 'Cerro Picudo'. B, L, D.



### DAY 3 / BARRA DEL CHUY BEACH - BRAZILIAN BORDER & A RIDE ALONG A PRISTINE BEACH



After breakfast, we will be driven to our horses (5 min. drive) where they will be waiting for us ready to start a nice 3-4 hours ride towards the coast!

After a special picnic lunch, riders may have a pleasant "siesta" discovering that gauchos' saddles are so comfortable to ride as to sleep! In the afternoon, we will enjoy a fast-pace ride along the wonderful, isolated ocean beach of 'Barra Chuy'. Visitors seldom reach this beach so we can enjoy a long, exhilarating canter with no signs of habitation as we ride across the pure white sands alongside the Atlantic Ocean. We arrive 22km (12 miles) further south to "La Coronilla" and stay at small beachside hotel. B, L, D.



### DAY 4 / SANTA TERESA NATIONAL PARK, DOLPHINS & SHIPWRECKS

Today we will ride south alternating beaches, sand dunes, pine forests and coastal hills where we might see dolphins feeding before getting to the immense Santa Teresa National Park. The center piece of the park is a fort started in 1762 by the Portuguese to defend the edge of their territories then completed by the Spaniards who took it by assault just a year later. This was just the start of a succession of conquering, loosing and reconquering the fort; it was not until 1825 that the newly forming 'Uruguay' finally captured and held the fort. The fort is surrounded by 3000 hectares of forest containing over 2 million trees, most from other parts of the world. After a traditional picnic close to the fortress or on the beach, depending on the weather, we will continue along the coast towards the lovely town of Punta del Diablo. Afternoon drive to "Estancia El Sauce", where we will enjoy dinner and spend the night. B, L, D.





## DAY 5 / EL SAUCE, AN AUTHENTIC ESTANCIA - "MATE" TEA & THE GAUCHO LIFE



We wake up at "El Sauce", a working estancia run by its owners where we will enjoy a full day riding around the crops and the very varied vegetation of the area. The estancia, built in 1920, is very comfortable –it is not a hotel but a family house where we have been invited to stay as guests of the owners, offering us an incredible experience and a very special insight into the life of the countryside. Guests will be able to taste the 'mate' sipped hot out of a dry gourd; the gauchos and their mate are inseparable and a ceremony has developed around this drink. Overnight at this authentic working estancia. B, L, D.

## DAY 7 / CATTLE AND SHIP WORK WITH THE GAUCHOS ON THE ESTANCIA

The day starts with a lovely breakfast of homemade bread, jams and cakes, admiring the views of the countryside. A wonderful day of outstanding landscape beauty with important ecosystems and a great variety of birds and native scrublands awaits us; this area has been declared Natural Animal Reserve since 1996. We will have the opportunity to visit the forest of Ombúes; the Ombú curiously rarely grows in groups of more than 2 or 3 and the forest of Ombúes that we visit is possibly the only one in the world. Each tree has its own wonderful shape with thick, twisting roots spreading out over the ground some of which are over 500 years and have a diameter of 2 meters (6 feet). After lunch, we will ride to the nearby unique palm groves; despite a number of stories, no one knows how the 300 year old palm trees got here. B, L, D.



## DAY 6 / CABO POLONIO - SHIFTING SAND & SEA LIONS

The day starts with a drive to the ocean coast. We will meet our horses and ride into the desert! We ride through the area which has been declared a natural animal reserve and a Biosphere Natural Reserve by UNESCO. We will ride to Cabo Polonio, a charming fishing village which can only be reached by horse or four wheeled drive. The fascinating part of the area is the huge area of shifting sand dunes, as we ride through it is possible to imagine that we are right in the middle of the Sahara. After lunch at a typical restaurant on the beach we will see seals and sea lions that populate the small islands and make up one of the largest populations of seals in the world; very occasionally we spot a migrating whale. Riders can swim in one of the most beautiful beaches of the country. After this ride full of surprises and diverse scenery, we will stay at a lovely and charming working estancia in the area. B, L, D.



## DAY 8 / CATTLE AND SHIP WORK WITH THE GAUCHOS ON THE ESTANCIA



We will enjoy a full morning working alongside the gauchos and their trusty dogs as they tend to the cattle and sheep on this working ranch. The work varies depending on the time of the year, but the gauchos always welcome a bit of help checking and moving the stock or putting animals in the corrals. Sometimes a lame animal has to be caught and tended to. The wonderful, friendly gauchos with their berets, 'bombachas' (riding trousers) and with their knives tucked into their colorful belts all seem to have been born on a horse and it is a delight to be riding with them. Their dogs are very much work animals and it is an amazing sight to see four dogs working in unison moving a herd of cattle. The dogs unfortunately cannot count and that gets very tricky for us, especially with the sheep, a recount often being required! A game of armadillo jumping often inadvertently gets underway as the little armor-plated animals make a dash for their holes as the horses approach. After a quick lunch we say goodbye to the horses and head back to Montevideo – to the airport, port, the city, or to start an extension tour. B, L.



# URUGUAY COAST & VINEYARDS BIKE TOUR

7 DAYS

Nestled between Brazil and Argentina, this tiny country in South America is a true traveler's and cyclist's paradise. Join us on a cycling tour in Uruguay and experience the trip of a lifetime!.



**OVERVIEW:** This cycling tour in Uruguay is simply outstanding. Nestled between Brazil and Argentina, this tiny country in South America is a true traveler's and cyclist's paradise. It is peaceful, quiet and, above all, gorgeous. Our bike tour is true to its name, visiting the vineyards that produce Uruguay's famous tannat wines and cycling along the Atlantic coast, passing through the marvelous Parque Anchorena National Park to relax among the diverse wildlife along the way. Stopping for private cheese and wine tastings throughout the week and visiting historical cities like Colonia Del Sacramento and booming natural destinations like Punta del Este, this bike trip is unlike any other. Join us on a cycling tour in Uruguay and experience the trip of a lifetime.

## DAY 1 / COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO & CARMELO

(13:45) Meet at the Buquebus Ferry Boat terminal in Colonia del Sacramento for our transfer to the Charming Finca Narbona Wine Lodge, in Carmelo. During the afternoon, we will enjoy a traditional Mate tasting.

*Meals: Dinner.*

*Optional bike loop around to the area of Punta Gorda, considered to be "km 0" of the River Plate (16 kms)*



## DAY 2 / CARMELO

After breakfast (10:00 am), we'll bike to downtown Carmelo and Playa Cere before continuing to the boutique winery, El Legado, for a tour of the vineyard and a wine tasting. Here we'll indulge in Uruguay's famous tannat wines. This grape is known for yielding very intense ruby wines, marked by firm, mature and lasting tannins. Lunch in Carmelo. In the afternoon, cycle back to Finca Narbona where we will enjoy a cheese tasting of their specialty cheese made with crude cow's milk combined with a tannat wine tasting - leaving the best for dinner later this evening - delicious homemade pasta, the specialty of the house!

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

*Total distance: 34 km*

## DAY 3 / CARMELO & COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

After breakfast (9:30 am), we have a short transfer to Parque Anchorena (40 min, approximately), one of Uruguay's private national parks, for a special treat. Exclusive access to the park! Our private cycling tour will take us through the park as we ride among the thousands of deer in their natural habitat. From here, we'll continue on to the historical city of Colonia del Sacramento (1h30min), where we'll meet our local guide for an in-depth history of this picturesque city, then stop for another deliciously prepared lunch at La Florida restaurant. After lunch we'll visit the Portuguese museum, the Spanish museum, the Portuguese Museum of Mosaics, and the city's main church and light house. For those longing for an additional bike ride, it is possible to cycle the rest of the way to our hotel, Casa Limoneros, where we'll enjoy dinner later in the evening.

*Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.*

*Total distance: 39 km*





## DAY 4 / COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO - PUNTA DEL ESTE

After breakfast, transfer by van to Juanico Vineyard (1h45min approximately). Upon our arrival we'll head out for a quick bike loop around the winery's lake, capped off by a champagne toast. We'll then enjoy a tour of the winery, a wine tasting and lunch. After lunch we'll transfer to the stunning Punta del Este (1h45min approximately), where our hotel, Las Cumbres, is set in the middle of a nature reserve that has truly breathtaking panoramic views. The night is yours to enjoy however you see fit, and there will be a shuttle to and from the city center for those who want to head into town.

**Meals:** Breakfast and lunch.  
**Total distance:** 6km



## DAY 5 / PUNTA DEL ESTE - JOSÉ IGNACIO

After breakfast (09:30), check-out and bike to Casa Pueblo Museum, the workshop of the world-famous Uruguayan artist Carlos Paez Vilaró, who designed and built the studio himself. His place is a masterpiece - without a single straight line. His unique style represents a breaking away from traditional architectural concepts. After our visit, we will continue biking to Manantiales (Bikini beach) where we will have lunch at "Cactus & Pescados" Restaurant. Following lunch, you can either hop in the van or bike the rest of the way to our hotel for the night in Jose Ignacio, Posada del Faro.

**Meals:** Breakfast and lunch.  
**Total distance:** 36.5 km  
**Long option:** + 19 km



## DAY 6 / JOSÉ IGNACIO

This morning (10:30 am) we'll transfer to the village of Garzon (45 min approximately), founded in 1892 by Fermin de León. Here we'll take part in a cooking class and eat lunch at Casa Ana. Afterwards, we'll cycle to Colinas de Garzon, an amazing olive oil plant surrounded by olive trees and vineyards. Our visit here includes an incredible olive oil and wine tasting. Continue the ride to Anastacio lagoon, where a fisherman boat will be waiting to take us to Garzuana for a happy hour. At the end of the Day, return to the Posada by car or continue biking. Dinner in La Huella restaurant".

**Meals:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner.  
**Total distance:** 32.5km  
**Long option:** + 9 km



## DAY 7 / JOSÉ IGNACIO - PUNTA DEL ESTE

After breakfast, say "adios" to Uruguay as we transfer you to the Punta del Este Airport. We suggest you to take a flight from Punta del Este Airport.

**Meals:** Breakfast.





# CHARCO HOTEL

COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO  
PROVINCE OF COLONIA



**DESCRIPTION:** Situated in a fabulous location on the banks of the Rio de la Plata is small, elegant and beautiful Posada, the Charco Hotel. Guests benefit from sumptuous river views from the well-maintained garden or from some bedrooms. Each of the rooms within this delightful colonial building is spacious and well-furnished, and come with a full range of modern creature comforts, including an iPod docking station. The hotel has only seven rooms, known as "White Rooms" and each has been individually designed. They are relaxing havens of tranquility, idyllic homes from home. For dining, Charco Hotel has a small bistro with wonderful meals that are made only from the freshest ingredients. Guests can dine while enjoying the views of the river. For those who want to get fit or stay fit during their stay, the hotel provides bicycles to get around the city. Overall, the hotel offers a calm and soothing atmosphere in delightful surroundings, and the attention to detail from staff is second to none.



## CHARACTERISTICS

4 Star Deluxe Boutique Hotel  
7 Rooms (double)  
Private Bathroom  
TV 32"  
Telephone  
Security box  
King Rooms



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Bistró Restaurant  
A la carte breakfast  
Garden with chairs  
Wi-fi  
Bicycles



## LOCATIONS

San Pedro 116  
Colonia del Sacramento  
Uruguay  
Tel.: (+598) 4523 5000 - 01 - 02  
<http://www.charcohotel.com>



# POSADA LA CASA DE LOS LIMONEROS

REAL DE SAN CARLOS,  
PROVINCE OF COLONIA



**DESCRIPTION:** Only minutes away from the historical centre of Colonia Del Sacramento, you will find this beautiful charming inn where modern and antique decoration is combined. The name of the Inn was taken from the nearby lemon tree plantations that surround the area of grasslands located only a few meters from the River Plate. The enchanted lake, ample swimming pool and wooden decks constitute the perfect atmosphere to enjoy drinks or the excellent gastronomy that derives from exclusive recipes of the Inn. An incredible romantic inn specially recommended for honeymooners. It is the perfect cozy refuge to rest and enjoy the peaceful sounds of the countryside not far away from the charms of Colonia!



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Restaurant  
Bar  
Maid service  
Laundry service  
Transfer service  
Room service  
Swimming pool  
Playroom  
Horseback riding  
Tennis court  
Internet



## CHARACTERISTICS

4 Star Posada  
7 Rooms (double, twin,  
triple)  
Air conditioning



## LOCATIONS

Carretera H Mignone y camino  
Tomas Assandri  
Real de San Carlos, Colonia,  
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# FINCA NARBONA WINE LODGE

CARMELO,  
PROVINCE OF COLONIA



**DESCRIPTION:** "Finca Narbona" is located on Route 21, between Carmelo and Nueva Palmira, two Uruguayan cities situated on the border of Rio de la Plata River. It is one of the most antique places you can stay in Uruguay and offers a great variety of options. The superb Tannat wine is produced on this farm and furthermore delicious cheeses, organic fruits and fresh vegetables are a good reason to enjoy your meal. But "Narbona" is more than that, because it is a place of history. In 1732, Juan de Narbona, one of the creators of "La Recoleta" in Buenos Aires, arrived to this area and fell in love with it. He created a jewel of a product, the estancia, the bodega and the chapel, which are definitely worth a visit for everybody interested in antique original buildings. The restaurant is specialized in pastas, but includes as well a countryside bakery where homemade bread is baked every day, and the small charming inn with two lovely rooms decorated in the traditional antique style of the building complete the image. All these things together, the food, the wine, the atmosphere and the service are great and the vintage cars owned by the winery make you feel as if you had gone 200 years back in time. A great experience you shouldn't miss!



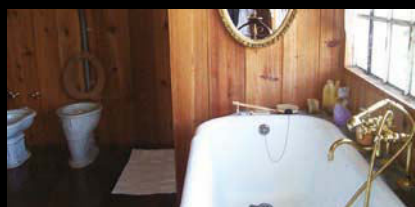
## CHARACTERISTICS

3 Star Posada  
2 Rooms (double)  
Private bathroom



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Horse riding (additional cost)  
Vineyard Picnics (additional cost)  
Cheese & Wine tastings (add. cost)  
Transfer services (additional cost)  
Massages (additional cost)  
Local tours (additional cost)  
Laundry (additional cost)  
Wifi  
Access to El Faro Beach Club  
Carmelo Golf Club Green Fee



## LOCATIONS

Ruta 21, km 267  
Carmelo, Colonia, Uruguay  
Tel.: (+598) 4540 4778





# HOTEL FOUR SEASONS CARMELO RESORT

CARMELO,  
PROVINCE OF COLONIA



**DESCRIPTION:** Nestling within a scented forest of pine and eucalyptus trees by the Rio de la Plata, Four Seasons Carmelo offers 20 bungalows (including six of which overlook the river) and 24 bi-level suites. Each accommodation exudes a cozy ambience, with polished hand-finished floors, open-beamed ceilings with ceiling fans, and throw rugs that are exquisite examples of the art of local weavers. All have private terraces that are perfect for outdoor living and dining. In this resort, Four Seasons creates a unique experience by blending Asian and South American philosophies to promote the art of well-being. A unique selection of massage, relaxation and beauty treatments has been designed to soothe and refresh mind, body and soul. Influenced by the balanced harmony of yin and yang, treatments include an introduction to stress-reducing meditation techniques and skin-care treatments that induce both physical and mental ease.



## CHARACTERISTICS

5 Star Hotel  
20 Bungalows / 24 BI Level Suites  
Private bathroom



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Restaurant  
Laundry service  
Maid service  
Secretarial service  
Swimming pool (indoor / outdoor) Sauna / Spa Services  
Fitness facilities  
Water Sports / Biking  
Tennis course / Golf course (18 holes)  
Business center / Meeting Rooms  
Baby sitting service  
Kids program (for all seasons)



## LOCATIONS

Route 21, km 262. Carmelo,  
Colonia, Uruguay  
Tel.: (+598) 4542 9000  
[www.fourseasons.com/carmelo](http://www.fourseasons.com/carmelo)





# DON BOUTIQUE HOTEL

MONTEVIDEO



**DESCRIPTION:** Located in the emblematic “Mercado Del Puerto” (Port Market) area, DON is a boutique hotel for those who enjoy the exclusive. The exquisite design details are combined with personalized attention. The building, constructed by R. Pose in 1938 still maintains its Art-Deco style. With 21 rooms, the hotel has been carefully furnished and equipped with collections of renowned designers and architects such as Mies Van der Rohe, Le Corbusier, Charles Eames and Eileen Gray, among others. It is surrounded by pedestrian streets reminiscent of colonial times, away from noise of vehicles and close to the financial district of the city. Art, music and cuisine are part the atmosphere that surrounds the hotel. From the terrace you can see the bay and the Port of Montevideo.



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Bar (24 hr)  
Roof Top Bar  
with panoramic  
views of the bay  
Room service  
(24 hr)  
Pool and  
sundeck  
Wi Fi  
Parking

## CHARACTERISTICS

4 Star Hotel  
21 rooms  
(14 standard, 6  
superior, 1 luxury)  
Contemporary design  
furniture  
Air conditioning  
TV  
Telephone  
Safe with laptop  
capacity



## LOCATIONS

Piedras 234, in front  
of the Port Market  
Montevideo, Uruguay  
Tel.: (+598) 2915 9999



# ALMA HISTÓRICA BOUTIQUE HOTEL

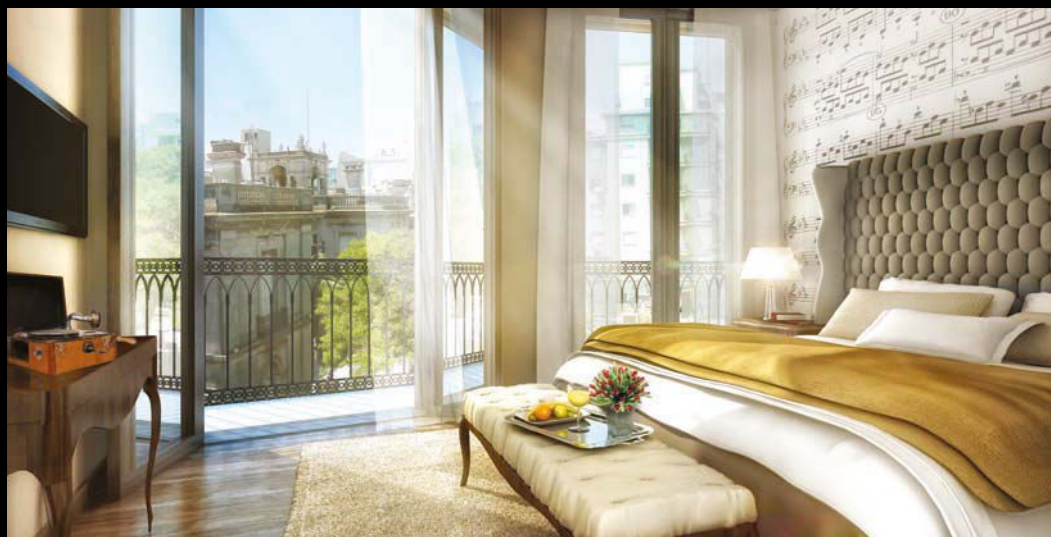
HISTORIC CITY CENTRE  
OF MONTEVIDEO



**DESCRIPTION:** Alma Histórica Boutique Hotel is a charming, small hotel with just 15 rooms located in the Ciudad Vieja, the oldest part of Montevideo. This part of the city evokes European cities, from where Immigrants departed to their new home Uruguay and whose influence on the Uruguayan culture is undoubted. Alma Histórica – Historical Soul – aims to be part of Uruguayan history and involve guests in this history. Each room is unique and decorated as a tribute to poets, sculptors, painters and other important characters of the Uruguayan Culture as for example Carlos Gardel and Juana de Ibarbourou. On the top floor, a rooftop terrace and a Jacuzzi invite to relax after a day of exploring the vibrant capital city Montevideo.

## CHARACTERISTICS

4 Star Boutique Hotel  
15 Rooms  
TV



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Breakfast  
Natural amenities  
Wi Fi  
Jacuzzi  
Rooftop terrace  
Meeting room  
Library



## LOCATIONS

Plaza Zabala  
Solís 1433  
Montevideo, Uruguay  
[www.almahistoricahotel.com](http://www.almahistoricahotel.com)



# OLIVA LUXURY HOTEL

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO



**DESCRIPTION:** Situated in one of Montevideo's most prestigious neighborhoods is a hotel in a class of its own, the Oliva Luxury Hotel. There are just 30 rooms here, including eight suites designed by renowned designer Hassen Balut. Their cool and contemporary character is given a local feel and ambience with a selection of fascinating artworks by local artists. Many of the rooms boast large windows that look out onto the hotel's beautiful internal garden. All are comfortable, spacious and well-appointed and come with numerous features and amenities to make guests feel truly at home. Among the many hotel facilities that guests can avail themselves of are the spa, swimming pool, dry sauna and gym. A nice spot to relax in is the comfortable lobby with its bookshelves filled with the work of prominent local writers. When guests want to explore the city, they'll find that the hotel is situated close to some delightful independent boutiques and the large Punta Carretas Shopping Center.

## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

- Breakfast
- Restaurant & Bar
- Laundry and dry cleaning service
- Wi Fi
- Swimming pool
- Sauna and fitness facilities
- Internal garden
- Meeting rooms

## CHARACTERISTICS

- 4 Star Deluxe Boutique Hotel
- 22 Rooms
- 8 Suites
- TV
- Safe box



## LOCATIONS

Garcia Cortinas 2371  
Punta Carretas  
Montevideo, Uruguay  
[www.olivahotel.com](http://www.olivahotel.com)





# HOTEL BELMONT HOUSE

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO



**DESCRIPTION:** Since 1995, located at the beautiful and peaceful neighborhood of Carrasco, the Belmont Hotel has been offering a boutique experience of accommodation in Montevideo. The calm and natural surroundings combined with the comfort and cozy atmosphere of staying at a House that was turned into a hotel, grant you a perfect stay. It is only 20 minutes away from downtown Montevideo and 5 minutes from the Carrasco International Airport. This hotel is surrounded by beautiful gardens, 2 blocks from "Arocena", the main street of Carrasco where you will find good restaurants and stores and 4 blocks from the Rambla Coastline and beach; it is the perfect place to stay outside the city, but still within it. Belmont House Hotel is a memorable place, where you will wish to return!



## CHARACTERISTICS

5 Star Hotel  
28 Rooms (24 Superior rooms  
and 4 Suites)  
Air conditioning



## LOCATIONS

Av. Rivera 6512,  
Carrasco, Uruguay  
Tel.: (+598) 2600 0430  
[www.belmonthouse.com.uy](http://www.belmonthouse.com.uy)



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

"Allegro" Restaurant  
"Memories" Bar  
"Tea Room"  
Laundry service  
Fitness facilities  
Sauna  
Swimming pool  
Internet  
Meeting Rooms  
Indoor Parking



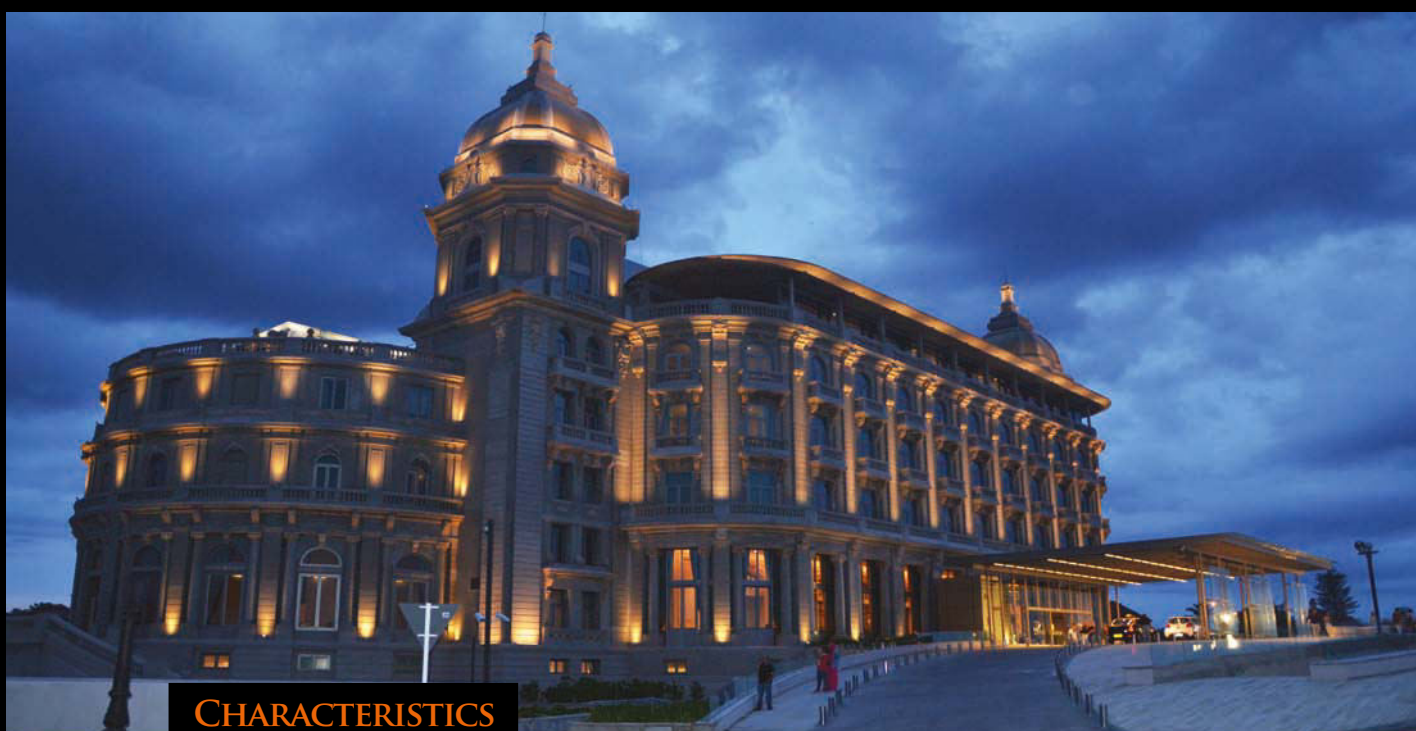


# SOFITEL MONTEVIDEO CASINO CARRASCO & SPA

CARRASCO, MONTEVIDEO



**DESCRIPTION:** Sofitel has chosen an iconic Montevideo building, located in Carrasco, the most exclusive part of town, surrounded by magnificent houses and vast gardens, with a lobby that opens out onto the beach. The fusion between the French art de vivre and local culture radiates throughout the entire building, which has been declared a National Heritage site and whose meticulous reconstruction process can be admired at every turn. It could be described as a palace on the beach, which resurfaces with nearly a century of luxury on its back. The hotel has 93 rooms and 23 suites that are furnished to offer guests a high level of comfort and privacy. It is also home to the leading So Spa, a large casino, restaurant, bar, library and café. Sofitel revived the soul of a sleeping giant and converted it into the most luxurious hotel in Montevideo combining the French elegance and the nostalgia of Montevideo at the turn of the 20th century making make this luxury hotel an unforgettable destination.



## CHARACTERISTICS

Luxury Hotel  
116 rooms  
Restaurante 1921  
Thays Lounge Bar  
Tea Gallery  
Casino



## LOCATION

Costa Rica 1571  
Montevideo, Uruguay  
Tel. (+598) 2604 6060



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Breakfast buffet  
Indoor and  
outdoor  
swimming pool  
Fitness Center  
Sauna  
Hammam  
Hair Saloon  
Free Wifi





# POSADA DE CAMPO EL BALCÓN DEL ABRA

MARISCALA,  
PROVINCE OF LAVALLEJA



**DESCRIPTION:** In between the hills of the Province of Lavalleja, only minutes away from the small town of Mariscala, and 160 km away from the capital city of Montevideo, El Balcon del Abara offers unique landscapes, great comfort and the charm of a small posada with only 5 rooms. Guests will discover wonderful trails on horseback and trekking up the hills, along the countryside and across streams including the fantastic Salamanca Grottoes day trip and visits to nearby estancias. Rediscover nature, the history and rural tourism of Uruguay and let yourself be surprised by the beauty of wildlife. The delicious homemade food with organic products from the orchard and the excellent wines will stimulate your senses and help you relax and enjoy one of the best and unforgettable holidays!



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Restaurant  
Maid service  
Baby sitting service (additional cost)  
Laundry service (additional cost)  
Transfer Service (additional cost)  
Horseback riding  
Bird watching  
Walking tours  
Massages (additional cost)  
Full day tour to Salamanca Grottoes (additional cost)



## CHARACTERISTICS

**Deluxe Posada**  
4 Superior Rooms  
2 Standard Rooms  
1 Deluxe Suite



## LOCATIONS

Ruta 8 Km 184 Mariscala,  
Lavalleja, Uruguay  
Tel.: (+598) 4440 9479  
[www.elbalcondelabra.com](http://www.elbalcondelabra.com)





# HOTEL SERENA

PLAYA MANSA, PUNTA DEL ESTE  
PROVINCE OF MALDONADO



**DESCRIPTION:** Serena Hotel is decorated with a minimalist style and over Punta del Este's beach. You can choose between suites or standard rooms, all of them with a view to the sea and a unique decoration. Furthermore the Spa Hotel offers a spa area including massages, sauna and acclimatized SALT water swimming pool, a restaurant with sea view, a well equipped business center and an open pool with decks.

## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

### CHARACTERISTICS

PremiumHotel  
Only adults (not  
allowed under 16 years)  
Air conditioning  
TV  
Safe box  
Mini bar

Breakfast buffet  
Restaurant  
Swimming pools  
(salt water and  
sweet water)  
Decks on the  
beach  
Spa  
Sauna  
Massages  
Internet  
Business centre



### LOCATION

Rambla Williman, Parada 24, Playa  
Mansa / Punta del Este, Uruguay  
Tel. (+598) 4223 3441  
[www.serenahoteles.com](http://www.serenahoteles.com)



# HOTEL FASANO LAS PIEDRAS

PROVINCE OF MALDONADO



## CHARACTERISTICS

5 Star Hotel  
20 Deluxe Bungalows  
12 Suite Bungalows  
TV and DVD  
Safety box  
Tea set  
Mini bar



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Concierge service and Butler service  
Room service (24 hrs)  
Laundry and dry cleaning service  
Indoor heated pool  
Spa  
Wi Fi in the main building  
Fitness center  
Golf course  
Tennis court  
Valet parking



**DESCRIPTION:** Las Piedras and Hotel Fasano is only 9 km away from the exceptional beaches of La Barra Village and Punta Del Este, amid 480 hectares of stunning slopes, pine forests and streams. Hotel Fasano, has been distinguished as one of the 50 best hotels in the world with 29 Villas and chacras (1 to 3 hectares) designed by the renowned architect "Isay Windfield". Only 10 % of the land will be developed preserving large spaces of lush nature that will ensure a sense of privacy. There are breathtaking views that can be enjoyed from every turn. The villas offer 1 to 3 suites (2 and 3 bedrooms with service dependency) and will offer all the amenities of Fasano Hotels ( a great spa managed by "Renata Abreu", considered to be the best in Brazil , two restaurants, stone out-pool, pool-bar, room-service, concierge, housekeeping) and services like extensive Polo grounds, an equestrian center for horses, tennis courses, a private beach, a boat house, and a links-type eighteen-hole Golf course designed by Arnold Palmer with his drive range and the exclusive golf club..., an ideal world of relaxation that will most certainly make your dreams come true.

## LOCATIONS

Camino Cerro Egusquiza  
y Paso del Barranco  
La Barra, Punta del Este, Uruguay  
Tel.: (+598) 4266 0960  
[www.laspiedrasfasano.com](http://www.laspiedrasfasano.com)



# BAHÍA VIK

JOSÉ IGNACIO  
PROVINCE OF MALDONADO



**DESCRIPTION:** Bahia Vik José Ignacio benefits from a peaceful and beautiful location next to the beach village of José Ignacio and just 20 kilometers northeast of Punta del Este. The natural setting couldn't be better, with pristine beaches of gorgeous sands, rugged landscapes and sunsets that will bring out the expert photographer in you. The contemporary hotel embraces its natural environment of beachfront and sand dunes and is noted for its avant-garde design. Guests can stay in beautifully furnished bungalows amidst the sand dunes. Just imagine waking up every morning and standing on your terrace amongst the sandy expanse, looking out to the beautiful, calm sea. Alternatively, there are ten large suites in the hotel's main building. The eco conscious traveler will be pleased to know that the hotel employs environmentally friendly practices with solar technologies, water collection and recycling and the use of natural resources to heat, cool and ventilate. One of the highlights of a stay at Bahia Vik José Ignacio is to dine al fresco on one of the main building's lovely outdoor spaces.



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

- Dining room
- Horseback riding
- Golf
- Tennis
- Surfing
- Polo lessons
- Concierge program
- Four swimming pools
- Spa
- Boutique
- Game room
- Gym

<http://www.bahiavik.com/retreats>

## CHARACTERISTICS

- 10 suites with private terraces in the main building
- 9 beach bungalows
- Art in each room
- Private bathroom





# PLAYA VIK

JOSÉ IGNACIO, PROVINCE OF MALDONADO

# inspiration



**DESCRIPTION:** A strikingly contemporary property that incorporates natural elements, Playa Vik José Ignacio is instantly recognizable from a distance, thanks to its so-called “living roof” planted with Uruguayan wild flowers, setting a unique architectural tone created by Uruguayan architect Carlos Ott, who has also worked on the Paris Opera House. Playa Vik sits in the Village of Jose Ignacio, providing a relaxed, small-town ambiance where it’s easy to go for strolls through the neighborhood and along the beach. Contemporary artwork from Uruguay and beyond graces the walls of the central building, which has a dramatic, 55-foot inclined façade, a giant, sculpted bronze door, and wide expanses of glass that maximize the ocean view. Indeed, the architectural style appears to be designed as a work of art in its own right; the central building, which has been dubbed “the Sculpture”, is divided into several public areas, including a living room furnished with sofas, semi-precious stone tables and offbeat sculptural pieces, a formal dining room, and a library furnished with a small selection of books. The property’s six villas are divided into several sizes, ranging from two to three bedrooms, each one of which has a fireplace, original artwork and hand-painted floors. Guests may swim in the ocean at Playa Mansa, a beach with gentle waves that lies just in front of the property, or make use of the 75-foot cantilevered swimming pool, a strikingly minimalist structure made of Uruguayan black granite that juts out toward the ocean, giving you the impression you just might make it all the way to the Atlantic if you make it to the very end of the pool.

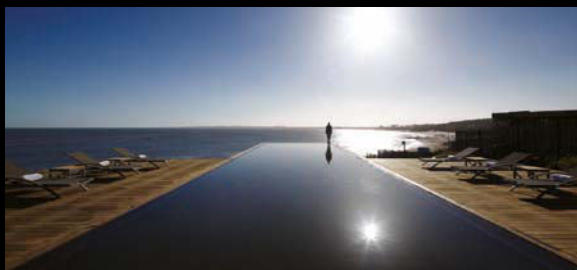
## CHARACTERISTICS

06 Amazing Villas and 4 Suites in the Sculpture Building  
(Three villas with 3 Bedrooms that accommodate 5 guests and three with 2 Bedrooms that accommodate 4 guests)  
Living room and dining room  
Library  
Restaurant  
Bar Lounge and Kitchen  
Outside Pool  
Pool Terrace



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Bicycles  
Cooking Classes  
Outside Pool  
Local visits (extra cost)  
Gym  
Enjoy the activities at Estancia VIK



## LOCATIONS

Calle Los Cisnes y  
Los Horneros, Faro José Ignacio  
35 km Punta del Este  
20 km La Barra  
175 Kms Montevideo

LUXURY & SPECIAL RETREATS



# ESTANCIA VIK

JOSÉ IGNACIO, PROVINCE OF MALDONADO

inspiration



**DESCRIPTION:** Merging exceptional design, flawless personalized service, environmentally minded practices and an unparalleled collection of contemporary Uruguayan and international art, Estancia Vik is a singularly remarkable property set in a magical backdrop where Marlboro country meets a virgin San Tropez. The unique juxtaposition of landscapes, vast rugged countryside and pristine beaches, allow guests to experience the incredible diversity of Uruguay. Estancia Vik is a celebration of this majestic setting, and provides not only a unique sense of place, but gives guests an unparalleled entrée into the culture, art, design and nature of Uruguay. Located 35 kilometers northeast of Punta Del Este, Jose Ignacio is emerging as Uruguay's premier international destination. The pristine beaches, spectacular rolling landscape and relaxed, bohemian setting have long drawn the South American locals and glitterati alike, and with the arrival of Estancia Vik, it is sure to become a coveted destination for the curious and design-forward international traveler. It is a traditional Spanish colonial structure featuring white adobe walls and a red tin roof designed by Uruguayan architect Marcelo Daglio. The Uruguayan artists and artwork represented in the Estancia were specially selected by the retreat's owners and visionaries, along with the collaboration of architect Marcelo Daglio and curator Enrique Badaró Nadal. Large natural Uruguayan semi-precious and crystal stone formations have been hung as paintings on the walls dividing the many doorways and two massive slate rock fireplaces act as bookends to this magnificent room. Each suite has been imagined by an individual Uruguayan artist who has created works of art for and out of these spaces. Estancia Vik was imagined, designed and built with the inspiration of creating an exceptional private residence. The owners spend a portion of the year living at Estancia Vik themselves and hope that others will make it their home as well.

## CHARACTERISTICS

12 Unique Suites  
Maximum 30 Guests  
Living room and dining room  
Barbecue Lounge  
Wine Cellar



## LOCATIONS

Camino Eugenio Saiz Martinez  
Km 8, José Ignacio  
44 km. away from Punta del Este  
29 km La Barra  
9 kms Jose Ignacio  
184 Kms Montevideo



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Horse Riding  
Canoeing  
Paintbal  
Farm animals  
Rural activities (Cattle breeding)  
Polo Course  
Gymnasium and Spa  
Outside Pool



LUXURY & SPECIAL RETREATS



# PUEBLO BARRANCAS ECO LODGE

LA PEDRERA, PROVINCE OF ROCHA



**DESCRIPTION:** Located in rugged landscape of oceanside hillsides and slopes, "Pueblo Barrancas" was conceived as an eco touristic project created for the appreciation of nature in a virgin state; it was designed to preserve the "carcavas" and avoid negative impacts on the dynamics of the coastal system. The whole construction, built over stilts, was made with "lightweight" natural materials (local wood, straw roofs, among others) which were transported by "blood traction", avoiding the use of heavy machinery. At Pueblo Barrancas, you can find nature in its purest state and this stimulates each visitor's adventurous spirit who can choose between staying at the lovely "Cabins" or the "Suite tents". The cabins were designed to enjoy the sun, the moonlight nights and silence; the tents, on the other hand, bring a completely new concept of camping outdoors with the comfort of a luxury hotel, without giving up glamour and comfort, and not having to pitch a tent.



A new concept of relax, in which you will find that quality and service go hand in hand perfectly while architecture is harmoniously inserted in the natural setting and combined with magnificent views of the slopes and the sea. Wooden decks communicate the cabins and tents with the beach, pool and restaurant which is ran by Chef Jorge Oyenard, whose concept of gastronomy is simply based on high quality and freshness of the vegetables which grow organically in the orchard of the lodge.

## CHARACTERISTICS

10 Wooden Cabins  
Tents and yurts (strategically located over stilts)  
Safe box  
Minibar



LUXURY & SPECIAL RETREATS

## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Breakfast  
Bar  
Restaurant  
Laundry Service (optional)  
Wi-Fi



## LOCATIONS

Ruta 10 - Km 227,5,  
San Sebastián de la Pedrera  
Rocha, Uruguay



# ESTANCIA EL CHARABÓN

PROVINCE OF ROCHA



**DESCRIPTION:** Estancia el Charabon benefits from a superb rural setting next to the Atlantic coast and surrounded by Sierras de Rocha. Estancia el Charabon lies within 950 hectares that encompass a eucalyptus forest, natural woodland, meadows and ravines. Such a gorgeous location offers unparalleled peace and tranquility. Guests can enjoy a hotel with a full range of amenities including homemade foods and the attentive service of the hosts and members of staff. In addition to enjoying the hotel's relaxing environment, guests can get out and experience the countryside with tours organized and hosted by the hotel. During these excursions there are opportunities to learn about cattle breeding and take part in rural chores such as milking and branding. Experienced horse riders can enjoy the "Charabon Beach Ride", an adventure across the countryside towards the beach and finishing in the village of San Antonio that's nestled between native forests. Among the other activities guests can enjoy are walks to the forests, horse riding through neighboring fields or a gentle swim in the hotel's swimming pool.



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

- Barbecue
- Maid service
- Transfer service
- Laundry service
- Baby sitting service
- Wi Fi
- Swimming pool
- Horseback riding
- Bird watching
- Local tours

## CHARACTERISTICS

4 Star Estancia  
10 Rooms (double)  
(4 standard / 2 deluxe / 4  
suites) Private bathroom  
TV



## LOCATIONS

Ruta 9, km 220  
Rocha, Uruguay  
Tel.: (+598) 4470 2403  
[www.elcharabon.com](http://www.elcharabon.com)



# POSADA LA VIUDA DEL DIABLO

PUNTA DEL DIABLO,  
PROVINCE OF ROCHA



**DESCRIPTION:** Nestled idyllically in the sand dunes of the small fishing village Punta del Diablo on the Atlantic coast is the small Posada La Viuda del Diablo. With just nine suites, all of them overlooking the La Viuda Beach and with a Jacuzzi, it is the perfect place for a few relaxing days on the beach. Just a few minutes walking distance away, the lovely fishing village and the “La Viuda” lighthouse can be found. The restaurant on the ground floor offers a delicious breakfast and is the perfect spot for a romantic candlelight dinner with nice Gourmet touches.



## CHARACTERISTICS

4 Star Superior Posada  
Air conditioning  
Private balcony with chairs and tables  
Safe box  
Mini bar



## ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Restaurant  
Full breakfast with home made bread and marmalade  
Courtesy coffee and tea  
Jacuzzi  
Chairs and beach umbrellas



## LOCATIONS

La Viuda Beach  
Punta del Diablo, Rocha,  
Uruguay  
Tel.: (+598) 9864 0792  
[www.laviudadeldiablo.com](http://www.laviudadeldiablo.com)



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