



HIGHLIGHTS AND TASTES OF URUGUAY

Immigrants introduced both cheese and wine to Uruguay hundreds of years ago and nowadays the country is rich in vineyards, wineries, artisan cheese 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!

Duration:

11 Days – 10 Nights

Destinations:

Colonia – Carmelo – Montevideo – Rocha – Punta del Este – José Ignacio



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Day 01 ► 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 cobbled 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 form 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.

1 Night accommodation at selected hotel in Colonia

Day 02 ► Colonia – Calera de las Huérfanas – Wineries EL LEGADO & CORDANO

After breakfast, transfer towards the area of Carmelo. The tour starts with the visit of "La Calera de las Huérfanas" 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 (visit to Bodega Zubizarreta not included in tour).

We will then continue to the El Legado winery where; depending on the season, guests may be able to see the harvest, bottling or grape manual selection. After a wine tasting, we will continue our tour towards Bodegas Cordano winery where we will learn about the production processes and history about the vineyard. We will then continue towards **Finca Narbona** Wine Lodge where guests will enjoy dinner and spend the night. B, L, D.



2 Night accommodation at Finca Narbona – Carmelo

Day 03 ► 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



Day 04 ► Carmelo – 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 Alma Histórica** in the historic Ciudad Vieja neighborhood (or similar). B,L

1 Night accommodation at selected hotel in Montevideo

Day 05 ► Montevideo – Charabon Ranch (Rocha)

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



2 Night accommodation at Charabon Ranch

Day 06 ► 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).

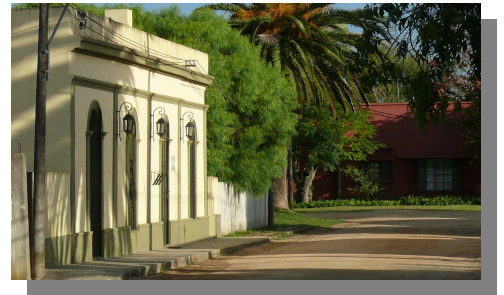
After a delicious seafood lunch at a local seaside restaurant, we will visit the light house and sea lions reserve (one of the biggest ones in the world!). Afternoon 4x4 truck drive towards the main entrance of Cabo Polonio where a private transfer will drive guests back to the accommodation at Estancia Charabon. B, L, D



Day 07 ► Charabon Ranch – Garzon Village

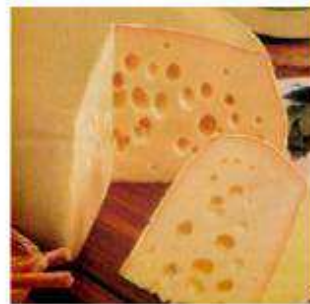
Private transfer to Colinas de Garzon Extra Virgin Olive Oil Boutique Plant, which awaits you for a visit to their production facilities followed by a tasting of their award-winning olive oil together with a selection of cheeses and Garzon Wines.

Afternoon visit of 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. Transfer to **Posada Mosaico** or one of the other small posadas in the area. B



1 Night accommodation at selected Posada

Day 08 ► Punta del Este Region – Cheese and Wine – José Ignacio



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 rich 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). B

3 Night accommodation at Posada El Faro – José Ignacio

Day 09 ► José Ignacio – Cooking Class at Estancia Anastasio

After breakfast, transfer to Estancia Anastasio where we will experience firsthand the good tastes of the area. We have designed a special cooking class to expose you to the best that the local products have to offer. You will spend a lovely day 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. Lunch and afternoon enjoying the lagoon with one of the activities offered: canoeing, horseback riding or stand-up-paddle. Afternoon transfer back to Posada del Faro where you will spend the last night (or similar). B, L



Day 10 ► José Ignacio

Breakfast. Enjoy the last day on the beach in Jose Ignacio. You may explore this quiet village of fishermen and watch the fishermen when they bring the day's catch. Have lunch in one of the two restaurants that are on the list of the 50 best restaurants in Latin America in 2014: La Huella, located on the beach, which offers exquisite food and beautiful view of the bay.
Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation at the Posada del Faro or similar. B,



Day 11 ► José Ignacio – Montevideo

After breakfast, private transfer to Montevideo airport or port.

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