

COVID-19 INFORMATION - ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY

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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

Uruguay is going through a very good time in its fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic and it is confirmed that by the month of September their borders will be completely opened. Travellers will be able to enter the country as long as they are vaccinated.

Essential services, public transportation and hospitals are open and operating as usual. Masks are required for public transportation, and strongly encouraged in public settings.

By the month of November, Uruguay will be hosting International soccer competitions with a 30% public capacity in their stands.

ENTRY AND EXIT REQUIREMENTS:

The borders of Uruguay are closed and only Uruguayan nationals and residents are allowed to enter. However foreign nationals can apply to enter the country under exceptional circumstances:

- Family reunification between parents and minor single children or adult children with disabilities, or between spouses or common-law spouses.
- Drivers for international transportation
- Airplane pilots
- Seamen
- Accredited Diplomats
- Entrance may be authorized for humanitarian reasons or for labor, economic, business or judicial purposes, as managed by the National Migration Directorate or by the Ministry corresponding to the area of activity involved and based on reasons of urgent need.

Enquires can be forwarded to dnm-consultas@minterior.gub.uy- Tel: (+ 598) 2030 1800

Refer to the Ministry of Tourism for additional information:
<https://turismo.gub.uy/index.php/requisitos-de-ingreso-y-tramites>

For full entry requirements refer to the Uruguay Ordenanza Ministerial Declaration 897/2020 (Spanish)

https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-salud-publica/sites/ministerio-salud-publica/files/2020-08/Ord._Min._Nº_897_2020%20Viajeros.pdf

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Anyone arriving in Uruguay is required to present a negative coronavirus test taken a maximum 72 hours before departing from point of origin. People that do not have the test will not be allowed to board.
2. A health declaration form will have to be completed through the Coronavirus Uy application or through the Trámites en Línea site where it must be manifested the lack of symptoms and lack of contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases during the 14 days prior to arrival.
3. Upon arrival travellers will be required to declare an address and contact details and enter 7-day mandatory quarantine. On the 7th day another PCR Test will have to be retaken with a negative result or extend the mandatory preventative isolation for an additional 7 days for a total of 14 days self-isolation.
4. In case of passengers being vaccinated and having served the following 14 days to achieve effective immunity will not have to carry out mandatory quarantine by presenting the corresponding Vaccination certificate.
5. Likewise, those who have already tested positive for COVID-19 virus during the last 90 days prior to the arrival in the country will be exempted from carrying out the mandatory 7 -days quarantine upon arrival providing having had the disease by the submission of a positive RT-PCR test or antigen detection test result which must have been performed between 20 and 90 days prior to boarding.
6. A health insurance that covers suspected or actual coronavirus coverage for Uruguay must be presented.
7. It is suggested to avoid public transport when possible, undergo temperature control at the point of entry as well as wearing a facial mask when in contact with other people at less than 2 meters away. Download the Coronavirus Oops Application and activate Bluetooth to follow up if a case of COVID-19 occurs

COVID-19 TESTING:

The current cost of a PCR-CT COVID-19 test is \$5000 Uruguayan pesos, or approximately \$110 U.S. dollars.

HELP AND SUPPORT

If you need urgent consular assistance please contact the South African Embassy in Argentina at consular.buenosaires@gmail.com / +54 11 4317-2932.

OR

The South African Honorary Consul in Montevideo, Mr Sergio Bañales, at sergio@mactravel.com.uy