

## COVID-19 INFORMATION - ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY

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### COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

Uruguay has a total of 2061 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 206 active cases.

Essential services, public transportation and hospitals are open and operating as usual.

Masks are required for public transportation, and strongly encouraged in public settings.

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### 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
- 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.

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

Foreign nationals entering Uruguay must have proof of health insurance that covers suspected or actual coronavirus coverage for Uruguay.

A health declaration form will have to be completed and presented on arrival.

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

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## **QUARANTINE INFORMATION:**

Anyone arriving in Uruguay is required to present a negative coronavirus test taken a maximum 72 hours before departing from point of origin as you will not be allowed to board if you do not have the test.

Upon arrival you will be required to declare your address and contact details and enter 7-day mandatory quarantine. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day you may either retake the PCR Test with a negative result or extend the mandatory preventative isolation for an additional 7 days for a total of 14 days self-isolation.

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## **COVID-19 TESTING:**

The current cost of a PCR-CT COVID-19 test is \$6000 Uruguayan pesos, or approximately \$126 U.S. dollars.

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## **FINES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:**

Fines may be applied to business who do not comply with COVID-19 protocols.

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## **EXTENSION OF VISAS:**

For information on how to extend your stay or take up residency in Uruguay you can visit Dirección Nacional de Migración (in Spanish) <https://migracion.minterior.gub.uy>

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## **MOVEMENT / TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS:**

There is currently no curfew in Uruguay and no restrictions on intercity or intercity travel.

You will not be allowed to utilize public transportation during the mandatory social isolation period when arriving in the country.

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## **FLIGHTS DEPARTING URUGUAY:**

Regular commercial flights is currently not operational however the Embassy is aware of the following airlines operating to and from Montevideo:

- Air Europa
- Iberia
- Amaszonas
- Latam

Purchase of flights is available either through the airline website or through a travel agent. Availability of flights is sporadic and is at the discretion of the airline and subject to change.

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## **HELP AND SUPPORT**

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

## **OR**

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