

## SOME FACTS OF URUGUAY:



24 years after Columbus arrived in America, Juan Díaz de Solís, the Spanish expeditionary discovered Uruguayan territory. In 1617, the governor Fernando Arias de Saavedra, realizes that the real richness of this region was the abundant natural prairies and the inexhaustible water supply. This gave rise to extraordinary cattle and sheep farming development. The first cows and sheep were introduced to Uruguay at that time and rapidly flourished to become one of the world's most prosperous cattle breeding economies, reaching 9 million cows and 25 million sheep by the year 1990. The population of Uruguay is 3 million, inhabiting a territory of 176.214km<sup>2</sup>

**Name of the country:** República Oriental del Uruguay

**Capital:** Montevideo

**Borders:** 579 km with Argentina, 985 km with Brasil, 660 beaches.

**Highest mountain.** 514 meter (Cerro Catedral)

**Area:** 176215 km<sup>2</sup>

**Country's population:** 3.399.239, from which 1.750.100 are in Montevideo.

**Language:** Spanish

**Religion:** 66% catholics, 2% protestant, 1% jews, others 31%

**Politics:** Constitutional Republic  
Country is divided into 19 departments

**President:** Dr. Tabare Vazquez

**Coin:** Uruguayan peso

**Main exportations:** (milk, meta, wool, rice, leather)

**Main importations:** (machines, chimics, cars, oil)

**Main business partners:** Brasil, Argentina, United States, Germany, Italy and Venezuela

**Telephone:** to call to Uruguay you have to dial **00 598 + city 2(Montevideo)**.

**Weather:** Uruguay doesn't have extreme climates as very cold or very hot. We could call a typical oceanique temperate weather. The hottest weather is in January and the coldes is july. Be prepared for quick changes of weather.

**Seasons:** spring and autumn are really nice time to visit Uruguay. Summer, if you are happy to swet a little, it can be very nice too. Winter is not icy or snowy, in Uruguay never snows, only in mid july, you can see ice on top of the grass.

**Security:** even at Montevideo, there are crimes and thieves, it is one of the safest countries in South America.

**Water:** you can drink it any where from the tab