

URUGUAY - URUGUAYAN WINES



TRIP CODE

URTSURW

DURATION

5 Days

LOCATIONS

Uruguay



INTRODUCTION

Its excellent geographic location has led Uruguay to become a privileged producer of wines with international standards of quality in the last few years. Its vineyards lie between the 30th and 35th parallels south, just like in Argentina, Chile, Australia and New Zealand, whose grapes and labels are known worldwide.

In addition to the extraordinary knowledge and human quality of those who make Uruguayan wine, the climate and the soil are a perfect combination for real treasures like Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Tannat grapes to be granted international awards in the latest contests. There is no doubt that the mixture of these factors turn Uruguay into an ideal destination for lovers of good wine!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Montevideo

On arrival into Montevideo Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

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DAY 2: Montevideo City Tour

After breakfast you will be picked up to enjoy a great visit of the city. You will visit Montevideo's most important attractions: the historic centre with its pedestrian streets, the town hall building and the cathedral, the Independence Square, the Legislative Palace, the traditional Prado neighborhood, the riverside drive 'Rambla,' different residential areas and the famous port market 'Mercado del Puerto.' Lunch can be enjoyed here if desired. (Lunch not included). Estimated duration: 3-4 hrs.

DAY 3: Visit Punta del Este and Piriapolis

Punta del Este is definitely one of South America's most glamorous summer resorts. Discover its many beaches, elegant seaside homes, modern apartment buildings, luxury hotels and glitzy restaurants. On the way we will see Piriapolis, and enjoy the views of the Rambla de los Argentinos. This tour will then take you through Punta del Este's attractions: the main Avenue, Juan Gorlero, the artisan's market, the yacht's port, the church Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, the lighthouse, the beaches and the residential neighborhoods of Golf, San Rafael, Beverly Hills, Rincón del Indio and Cantegril. We will drive over the undulated bridge to La Barra with its surf beaches, colourful houses, many restaurants and a more relaxed atmosphere. We will make a stop in Punta Ballena where you will see Casapueblo, a unique and quirky building constructed by the famous Uruguayan artist Carlos Paez Vilaro (entrance not included). Here you will see the most stunning views of the ocean and a spectacular sunset. Estimated duration: 6 - 8 hrs.

DAY 4: Vineyards of Montevideo

Today you will be collected to do a half day vineyard tour. The country's wine heritage goes back to the first Spanish and Italian immigrants who brought the grapevine some 250 years ago and today, wine is part of the Uruguayan culture. This tour will give you further insight into the development of winery in Uruguay while visiting two bodegas (Bouza and Juanico) in the surroundings of Montevideo. (Wine tasting included). Estimated duration: 3-4 hrs.

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DAY 5: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward journey from Montevideo.

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Transfers in/out from Montevideo Airport. 04 nights in Hotel Boutique My Suites (thematic wine hotel), breakfast included 01 wine tasting at the hotel included Visit of 02 wineries near Montevideo. Wine tasting at Juanico Winery and lunch at Bouza Winery (Subject to availability). Montevideo City tour. Full day to Punta del Este (lunch not included)
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

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4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.

5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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