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Welcome



Travel has been my life for 20 years. St Augustine's famous quote remains as true to me today as it was when I first set up 2by2 Holidays – "the world is a book and those who do not travel, read only one page".

My first love was Africa, the place of my birth. Its remarkable wildlife and cultures continue to captivate me today. A recent visit to the gorillas of Uganda has starkly reminded me just how fragile the survival of so many endangered species remains. And reinforced my belief that travel must always have conservation at its heart.

In recent years I have discovered the joys of travel in the Indian subcontinent and Latin America. The iconic sites and cultures here are no less enthralling. And everywhere wildlife adapts and survives, from harsh barren deserts to cool mountain cloud forests and tropical wetlands.

My enthusiasm burns as brightly as ever and I continue to be as involved in every aspect of the business as I always have been, backed up by our superb travel team. I'm particularly thrilled that so many of our customers return time after time.

I do hope you find our latest brochure inspiring and we all look forward to hearing from you.

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Uruguay

Uruguay's chic coastal resorts, colonial cities, winelands, marine and birdlife make it an attractive holiday destination in its own right.

Uruguay is one of South America's smallest countries but it is a high-income nation that prides itself on its liberal easy-going culture. In recent times it was named 'country of the year' by the Economist so it's no surprise that the infrastructure is excellent, with first-rate city public transport. That said, holidaying in Uruguay is all about taking life at a slower pace. Many travellers hop over from Argentina to relax on the sandy beaches and explore its picturesque colonial towns.

The easiest way to get to Uruguay from Argentina is by ferry across the River Plate from Buenos Aires to Montevideo, which takes about three hours.

Montevideo is a cosmopolitan mix of attractive modern development and a rich cultural history. Half of the 3.4 million population live here. The city is packed with museums, art galleries and theatres as well as upmarket shopping malls, stylish beach developments and top quality restaurants. At the heart of this city is the historic Plaza Independencia,

which separates downtown from the Ciudad Vieja (Old City). This picturesque old town is well preserved, with both colonial and art deco architecture.

One of the finest attractions in Montevideo, the National History Museum, is housed in five historical buildings in the old city. MAPI, the Museum of Pre-Columbian Indigenous Art is another must-see for lovers of local history and ancient culture and the Mercado del Puerto is the place to try traditional grilled meat and a wine cocktail.

Just over 100 miles to the west of Montevideo, Colonia del Sacramento is a World Heritage Site and colonial gem, with cobbled streets and well-preserved architecture. The oldest town in Uruguay, Colonia was founded by the Portuguese in 1610 although the Spanish took control in 1777. It is set around a sleepy harbour and is also served by hydrofoil from Buenos Aires, just 45 minutes away.

At its beautiful heart is the Barrio Historico, with its preserved buildings from the Portuguese settlement, fused with the later Spanish architecture – and incredible world-famous sunsets. Just find a seat and a drink at dusk and watch the show! The Barrio is surrounded on three sides by water, which only enhances its unique, relaxed atmosphere. Nearby Carmelo is another delightful colonial town and is the ideal base from which to explore Uruguay's western winelands.

For sun seekers, Punta del Este on the southern tip of Uruguay is the country's best-known beach resort. Located 2 hours east of Montevideo and branded the 'St Tropez of South America' this is a hang-out for the rich and famous from Uruguay and Argentina, complete with yacht marina, luxury hotels and huge mansions.

For something a little more laid-back, Jose Ignacio offers visitors a trendy beach experience. While this is no longer a quiet fishing port, it is still a charming place to kick back and enjoy beach life, good food and the chic boutique hotels. It still retains its bohemian feel with dirt roads and hand-painted road signs. For a terrific view of the area, climb to the top of the 45-metre high lighthouse.



For wildlife and birding, visit Uruguay's remarkable eastern Atlantic coast. At Cabo Polonio, travel across the sand dunes in a 4x4 truck to see one of the largest sea lion colonies in South America. Santa Teresa National Park offers sanctuary to green sea turtles and Rocha Lagoon is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and RAMSAR birding site of international significance.

This is a small country with a big heart so wherever you go, take your time and enjoy the welcome.



Exploring Uruguay

- DAYS 1/2** Arrive in Montevideo, with city tour
- DAYS 3/4** Travel to Laguna de Castillos, with olive farm visit & wine tasting. Visit Santa Teresa National Park, with its sea turtles
- DAYS 5/6** 4x4 excursion across the sand dunes to Cabo Polonia, to see its sea lions. Visit Rocha Lagoon with its amazing birdlife
- DAYS 7/8** Drive to the trendy seaside resort of Jose Ignacio
- DAYS 9/10** Travel to the winelands of Carmelo, with wine tastings & visit to Jesuit ruins
- DAYS 11/12** Explore charming Colonia del Sacramento, with city tour
- DAY 13** Depart from Buenos Aires or Montevideo

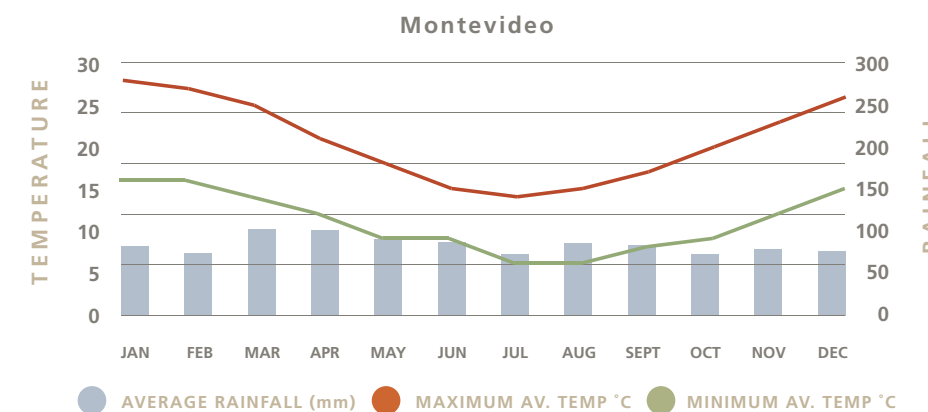
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This is an example itinerary – see page 5 for key. For more ideas, information and prices please call us on **01582 766 122** or visit www.2by2holidays.co.uk

When to go

The best time to visit the beaches of Uruguay is from November to March (the warm summer months). Outside of these months, many of the beach facilities are closed, although the cities and cultural sites can be visited all year round. The climate is subtropical and humid, with rainfall almost equally distributed throughout the year. June to September is the cold damp winter.





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We have ATOL certification and membership of the Association of Tour Operators (AITO).

Booking your holiday

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AITO Quality Charter

AITO is the Association for independent and specialist holiday companies. Our member companies, usually owner-managed, strive to create overseas holidays with high levels of professionalism and a shared concern for quality and personal service. The Association encourages the highest standards in all aspects of tour operating.

Exclusive Membership

AITO sets criteria regarding ownership, finance and quality which must be satisfied before new companies are admitted to membership. All members are required to adhere to a Code of Business Practice which encourages high operational standards and conduct.

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Accurate brochures and websites

All members do their utmost to ensure that all their brochures and other publications, print or electronic, clearly and accurately describe the holidays and services offered.

Professional service and continual improvements

All members are committed to high standards of service and believe in regular and thorough training of employees. Members continually seek to review and improve their holidays. They listen to their customers and always welcome suggestions for improving standards.

Monitoring standards

AITO endeavours to monitor quality standards regularly. All customers should receive a post-holiday questionnaire from their tour operator, the results of which are scrutinised by the Association.

Sustainable tourism

Our members acknowledge the importance of AITOs Sustainable Tourism ethos, which recognises the social, economic and environmental responsibilities of tour operating.

Customer relations

All members endeavour to deal swiftly and fairly with any issues their customers may raise. In the unlikely event that a dispute between an AITO member and a customer cannot be settled amicably, either party can call on an arbitration service to bring the matter to a speedy and acceptable conclusion.

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