

PARAGUAY



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Capital: Asuncion **Time:** GMT – 4 (summer time GMT – 3)

Background: In the disastrous War of the Triple Alliance (1865-70), Paraguay lost two-thirds of all adult males and much of its territory. It stagnated economically for the next half century. In the Chaco War of 1932-35, large, economically important areas were won from Bolivia. The 35-year military dictatorship of Alfredo STROESSNER was overthrown in 1989, and relatively free and regular presidential elections have been held since then.

Map References: South America

Area: total: 406,750 sq km land: 397,300 sq km water: 9,450 sq km

Climate: subtropical to temperate; substantial rainfall in the eastern portions, becoming semiarid in the far west

Terrain: grassy plains and wooded hills east of Rio Paraguay; Gran Chaco region west of Rio Paraguay mostly low, marshy plain near the river, and dry forest and thorny scrub elsewhere

Natural Resources: hydropower, timber, iron ore, manganese, limestone

Population: 5,585,828 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: *noun:* Paraguayan(s) *adjective:* Paraguayan

Ethnic Groups: mestizo (mixed Spanish and Amerindian) 95%

Religions: Roman Catholic 90%, Mennonite, and other Protestant

Economy: Paraguay has a market economy marked by a large informal sector. The informal sector features both reexport of imported consumer goods to neighboring countries as well as the activities of thousands of microenterprises and urban street vendors. Because of the importance of the informal sector, accurate economic measures are difficult to obtain. A large percentage of the population derive their living from agricultural activity, often on a subsistence basis. The formal economy grew by an average of about 3% annually in 1995-97, but GDP declined slightly in 1998 and 1999. On a per capita basis, real income has stagnated at 1980 levels. Most observers attribute Paraguay's poor economic performance to political uncertainty, corruption, lack of progress on structural reform, and deficient infrastructure. Growth should recover in 2000, perhaps to 2%..

Industries: sugar, cement, textiles, beverages, wood products

Currency: 1 guarani (G) = 100 centimos

Railways: total: 971 km *standard gauge:* 441 km 1.435-m gauge *narrow gauge:* 60 km 1.000-m gauge *note:* there are 470 km of various gauges that are privately owned

Highways: total: 29,500 km *paved:* 15,000 km *unpaved:* 14,500 km (1999)

Waterways: 3,100 km

Ports and Harbors: Asuncion, Villeta, San Antonio, Encarnacion

Airports: 937 (1999 est.) **Airports - with paved runways:** total: 10 over 3,047 m: 3 1,524 to 2,437 m: 3 914 to 1,523 m: 4 (1999 est.) **Airports - with unpaved runways:** total: 927 over 3,047 m: 1 1,524 to 2,437 m: 29 914 to 1,523 m: 346 under 914 m: 551 (1999 est.)

Visa: Required by all except the following entering as tourist for stays of up to 90 days: national s of EU countries (except nationals of Ireland who do require visas); nationals of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Panama, Peru, South Africa, Switzerland, Uruguay, the USA and Venezuela; transit passengers continuing their journey by the same or first connecting aircraft within 6 hours provided holding onward or return documentation and not leaving the airport.

Duty Free: The following items may be imported into Paraguay without incurring customs duty: A reasonable quantity of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and perfume for personal use; a reasonable quantity of personal and sporting equipment.

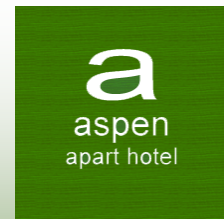
Health: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travelers leaving Paraguay to go to endemic areas. A certificate is also required from travelers coming from endemic areas. Malaria risk is moderate in certain municipalities of . Mains water is normally chlorinated and whilst relatively safe may cause mild abdominal upsets. Bottled water is available and advisable for the first few weeks of stay.

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