

URUGUAY



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Capital: Montevideo **Time:** GMT - 3

Background: A violent Marxist urban guerrilla movement, the Tupamaros, launched in the late 1960s, led Uruguay's president to agree to military control of his administration in 1973. By the end of the year the rebels had been crushed, but the military continued to expand its hold throughout the government. Civilian rule was not restored until 1985. Uruguay has long had one of South America's highest standards of living; its political and labor conditions are among the freest on the continent.

Location: Southern South America, bordering the South Atlantic Ocean, between Argentina and Brazil

Map References: South America

Area: total: 176,220 sq km, land: 173,620 sq km, water: 2,600 sq km

Climate: warm temperate; freezing temperatures almost unknown

Terrain: mostly rolling plains and low hills; fertile coastal lowland

Natural Resources: arable land, hydropower, minor minerals, fisheries

Population: 3,334,074 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: Uruguayan(s), adjective: Uruguayan

Ethnic Groups: white 88%, mestizo 8%, black 4%, Amerindian, practically nonexistent

Religions: Roman Catholic 66% (less than one-half of the adult population attends church regularly), Protestant 2%, Jewish 2%, nonprofessing or other 30%

Languages: Spanish, Portunol, or Brazilerio (Portuguese-Spanish mix on the Brazilian frontier)

Economy: Uruguay's economy is characterized by an export-oriented agricultural sector, a well-educated workforce, relatively even income distribution, and high levels of social spending. After averaging growth of 5% annually in 1996-98, in 1999 the economy suffered from lower demand in Argentina and Brazil, which together account for about half of Uruguay's exports. Despite the severity of the trade shocks and ensuing recession, Uruguay's financial indicators remained more stable than those of its neighbors, a reflection of its solid reputation among investors and its investment-grade sovereign bond rating - one of only two in Latin America. Challenges for the government of incoming President Jorge BATLLE include expanding Uruguay's trade ties beyond its Mercosur trade partners and bolstering Uruguay's competitiveness by increasing labor market flexibility and reducing the costs of public services. Growth should recover in 2000, to perhaps 3%.

Industries: food processing, electrical machinery, transportation equipment, petroleum products, textiles, chemicals, beverages

Currency: 1 Uruguayan peso (\$Ur) = 100 centesimos

Railways: total: 2,073 km, standard gauge: 2,073 km 1.435-m gauge (1997)

Highways: total: 8,983 km, paved: 8,085 km, unpaved: 898 km (1999 est.)

Waterways: 1,600 km; used by coastal and shallow-draft river craft

Ports and Harbors: Fray Bentos, Montevideo, Nueva Palmira, Paysandu, Punta del Este, Colonia, Piriapolis

Airports: 65 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 15, 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1, 1,524 to 2,437 m: 5, 914 to 1,523 m: 8, under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.)

Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 50, 1,524 to 2,437 m: 2, 914 to 1,523 m: 15, under 914 m: 33 (1999 est.)

Visa: required by all except the following nationals of: British, Australian, Canadian, USA, other EU and Japanese.

Duty Free: 400cigarettes or 50 cigars or 500g of tobacco; 2 litres of alcohol.

Health: there is a slight risk of typhoid fever but no cases of polio have been reported in recent years. Tap water is considered safe to drink. Drinking water outside main cities and towns may be contaminated.

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