URUGUAY GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Before you go -

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office provides travel advice by country. It covers safety and security, local laws and customs, entry requirements, health and natural disasters along with a host of other useful information. We strongly recommend that students read the section related to their destination prior to departure and before undertaking any trip to another part of the country/region.


VISA REGULATIONS
British passport holders don’t need a visa to visit for up to 90 days. For information on how to extend your stay or take up residency in Uruguay visit Dirección Nacional de Migración (in Spanish). If you have another nationality please contact the nearest Uruguayan Embassy for entry requirements. Your passport should be valid for at least the proposed duration of your stay. No additional period of validity beyond this is required.

PASSPORT VALIDITY
Your passport should be valid for at least the proposed duration of your stay. No additional period of validity beyond this is required.

HEALTH
Medical and dental treatment is expensive in Uruguay. Make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation.

TERRORISM
There is a general threat from terrorism, but you should be aware of the global risk of indiscriminate terrorist attacks, which could be in public areas, including those frequented by expatriates and foreign travellers.

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<td>Crime</td>
<td>Street crime including bag snatching and pick-pocketing occurs in Montevideo. Mugging and robberies</td>
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<th>(occasionally armed) do also occur.</th>
<th>possible use machines that are not on the street. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or wearing expensive jewellery.</th>
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<td>Travellers should make themselves aware of fare rates for taxis in Montevideo.</td>
<td>In Montevideo, taxis are fitted with a solid glass screen between the driver and rear passenger seats. The meter next to the driver should be at zero when you start your journey. When you reach your destination the number on the meter tallies with a number on the pricing card you will be shown. Next to the number is the actual cost in Uruguayan Pesos. The pricing card should always be visible or available for you to check.</td>
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**Please also note and be sensitive to the following:**

- Some beaches in Uruguay have lifeguards during the summer season. Take care when swimming in the rivers and the Atlantic Ocean taking into account currents, rocks and sand banks that have sudden descents. Beaches with lifeguards display red, amber and green flags depending on the conditions.
- Forest fires can break out during the summer (December to March) in dry areas. Make sure you extinguish cigarettes and fires appropriately.
- There are occasional large storms that can last 2-3 days and cause severe damage. The Presidency normally issues statements with warnings, precautions and updated information.
- Carry a copy of your passport for identification purposes and keep the original in a safe place.
- Strict customs controls prohibit visitors from importing animal and dairy products, fruit and vegetables. All baggage is x-rayed on arrival and may be searched.