

USEFUL TIPS FOR YOUR ARRIVAL IN MONTEVIDEO

Montevideo is served by the Carrasco International Airport which is located approximately 25 minutes' drive from the center of Montevideo. However, your hotel is much closer, as it is located in the upscale suburb of Carrasco and only less than 10 minutes from the airport.

Upon arrival: It is not necessary to rent a car for transportation in Montevideo; travelers will find that the proximity of the airport to the center of the city is helpfully convenient. Travelers can hire a taxi in order to get to/from the airport to their hotel destination. Taxis are official as well, clearly marked and parked outside arrivals door.

(A private car with driver can be pre-arranged too: U\$ 45.00 for the car. Capacity 2 persons)

Taking taxis: Approximate taxi fare from airport to hotel: U\$ 25. Airport taxis can be pre-paid at "Taxi Aeropuerto" kiosk within airport premises, or paid directly to the driver in U\$, Euro, Credit Card, Reales or Argentine pesos. Airport taxis are clearly distinguished; they are generally cream color Mercedes Benz cars.

If you take regular city taxis during your stay in Montevideo, know they are abundant and can be white or black color with yellow roofs, or a combination of those colors, depending on the taxi company. There are no illegal taxi operations. Rates are official too. ** Please know that meter does NOT mark the price, the meter marks units. There is an official chart which matches units to price. That chart is normally displayed in the back seat for passengers to consult, and if not, the driver generally shows you the price on the chart itself. Evening fares (after 6 pm) differ slightly from daytime fares.

Taxi drivers don't expect tips, though it is customary to leave some "change" behind - generally \$U20 (20 Uruguayan pesos or little less than a dollar) is not bad.

***Lost Luggage:** In the event you need to fill out a lost luggage claim form, the address of your hotel is:

Your name

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XXXXXX Hotel

Address - XXXXXX

Ph. +5982XXXXXX

Luggage handlers: At the baggage claim area you will find baggage carts free of charge which you may roll all the way to your car. There will be luggage handlers who work specifically for the airport and who might approach you to offer assistance. It is a normal thing to see, and a few dollars tip (depending on amount of luggage) is appropriate.

Money exchange: Rates are official and can be checked online prior to arriving. (*Dollar exchange to Uruguayan pesos is approximately 21 - 22 pesos per dollar*). Please note that inside the airport, the exchange bureaus will pay a lower price per dollar than outside of the airport, reason being that a fee is included in the service. In the main avenue of Carrasco there are Exchange Bureaus open every day including Saturday morning for money exchange.

Departure time: When flying out of Uruguay you will be charged an airport usage fee. The charge is approximately 30 US\$ per person. If not prepaid with the ticket cost, fee needs to be paid prior to entering the security checkpoint at very clearly marked counters by the airline check in counters.

Meeting place: Posadas, Posadas y Vecino (distance 4 min from hotel by car or 25 min walk) *Mones Roses St. 6937 corner with César Cortinas St. - Carrasco. Phone: 26041604*