

## Visas and Residence Permits in Uruguay

First of all: Uruguay Tourist Visa

Before buying a property we strongly recommend you see it first. What's more, if you are planning on moving to your overseas property we advise you to spend some time in the country before taking such an important decision. Traveling in Latin America is easy for American and most European Countries passport holders. Tourist visas are not always necessary and, if they are, getting one is not a problem. In this section we provide some general information on visas and residence permits. Since this information might change, particularly regarding red tape and form filling, in January First Real Estate we are always ready to answer your questions and provide research in order to give all necessary answers with up-to-date information. Once you have been in the country and decided to become a resident the staff in January First Real Estate will gladly help you out finding out requirements and most advantageous choices for your residence status.

### Tips on applying for a visa

Several things need to be considered here, including whether you're living part-time or full-time in the country, and what you intend to do there. There are many kinds of visas, but here are a few common elements that may be required of you:

Verify that your passport is valid for the required length of time.

Some countries require that you have a passport valid for at least six months when the visa is granted.

Find a notary (or other approval authority) acceptable to the consulate.

Get a physician's health certification.

Most countries require some sort of health certification. Find out what they need, and make sure the doctor addresses it specifically.

Visa photos will likely be a different size than any photo you have so far, so check this in advance.

Criminal record checks are required in many cases. Allow plenty of time for this, as the process to get one from your state police or other law enforcement agency may not be quick.

Pension verification is your most important document if you're applying for a pensioner's visa, while your foreign property deed will be needed if you're getting a visa based on property ownership.

In some cases the copy of the property deed needs to be notarized in the country where the property is located, so allow time for this if it hasn't been done already.

Document certification: Be sure to allow enough time to notarize or certify all required documents—and resolve any issues your country's notary may have—and then submit your visa application.

It is helpful to make an interim stop or two at the consulate to have them review how you're processing the required paperwork. This can help to avoid any surprises at the end when you turn in your final visa application for approval.

In case you need more information or have doubts on any of these issues, do not hesitate to contact us.

### Entrance requirements

American, Australian, British, Canadian, Japanese

Passport Required? Yes

Visa Required? No

Return Ticket Required? Yes

Other EU

Passport Required? Yes

Visa Required? No [1: See below]

Return Ticket Required? Yes

### Visas

Required by all except the following for stays of up to three months:

(a) nationals of countries referred to in the chart above, except [1]. nationals of Estonia who do need a visa;

(b) nationals of Argentina, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia,

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Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Romania, Seychelles, South Africa, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey and Venezuela.

## Passports required

Valid passport required by all except:

- (a) nationals of Uruguay who arrive from Argentina, Brazil, Chile or Paraguay with a national identity card;
- (b) nationals of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay and Peru with a national identity card for stays of up to 90 days.

## Types of visa

- \* Tourist
- \* Business

Enquire at Consulate (or Consular section at Embassy) for cost as it may vary with the exchange rate.

## Validity

Visas are for stays of up to three months, except for visas issued to Malaysian nationals which are valid for one month. Extensions for a further three months are possible; apply at the Immigration Office in Uruguay.

## Application requirements:

- (a) Valid passport.
- (b) One passport-size photo.
- (c) Completed application form.
- (d) References in Uruguay (name, address and phone number) or hotel booking confirmation.
- (e) Return ticket and travel documentation (including the flight number and the dates of arrival and departure).
- (f) Postal applications should be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
- (g) For business visits, a letter from the company in the country of origin.

Working days required: 14.

Temporary residence: Enquire at Embassy.