

Colonia, Uruguay--Food and Wine, Jesuit mission and Uruguay's farming colonies

March 19-21, 2027



Friday, March 19

We'll meet at the Buquebus port in Buenos Aires this morning to travel together on a regularly-scheduled service to Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay. Be sure to bring your passports. (Holders of passports from the EU, Australia, New Zealand, other countries in the Americas--including the U.S. and Canada, and most other western countries do not need a visa to enter Uruguay.) The ferry trip takes just over an hour. On arrival in Colonia, our private transport will take us to the hotel where we'll drop our bags. We'll relax with a brief walk around Colonia's old quarter. This afternoon, we'll explore the historic farming area around Colonia Valdense and Nueva Helvecia, two agricultural colonies from the 1850s on what had been sparsely populated ranchland. We'll return to the hotel in Colonia late in the afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

Hotel: Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay

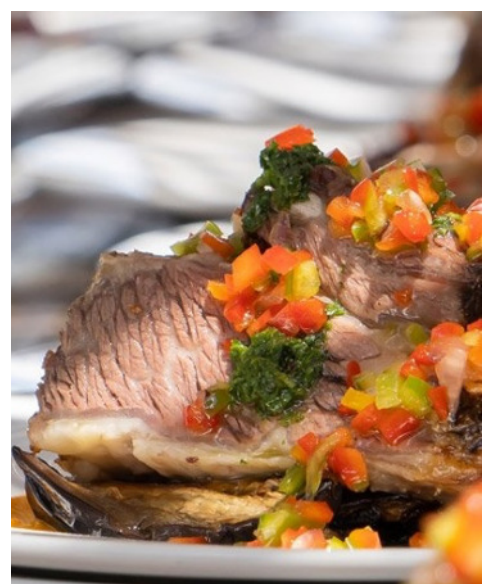




Saturday, March 20

Continental, self-serve breakfast at the hotel is included each day of our stay in Colonia. We'll enjoy a brief guided walk this morning in the old quarter of Colonia, founded by the Portuguese as a military post in the 1600s to challenge the Spaniards' dominance of the River Plate, and declared a World Heritage Site by the United Nations in 1995. Then we'll take our private transport for a day-long outing in the department (province) of Colonia, stopping first for a tour, winetasting and lunch at the Cerros de San Juan, the country's oldest winery. After a leisurely lunch, we'll continue to the old Jesuit mission known as the Calera de las Huérfanas, a church, ranch and lime quarry founded by the Jesuit order in the 1700s and the proceeds of which were destined for the upkeep of the brotherhood's orphanage and school in Buenos Aires. We'll have a short walking tour here before heading back to the hotel in Colonia in the late afternoon. Dinner this evening near the hotel.

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Sunday, March 21

After breakfast, we'll take a half-hour drive to Anchorena Park, a large estate bequeathed by Aaron Anchorena (from the Anchorena family of Buenos Aires) to the Uruguayan government in the 1960s. In accordance with Anchorena's will, the house and 1370 hectares became a retreat for Uruguay's president. In 1990, the estate opened to the public for guided tours, one of which we'll join today. The park features pathways, scenic views of the River Plate and large sections of native and exotic trees and grazing grounds for exotic Axis deer. We'll return to Colonia for lunch and a chance to wander through the historic streets before our transport takes us back to the Buquebus port for a return to Buenos Aires in the early evening.





Fees and payments

Fee for the two-night Colonia--Food and Wine, Jesuit Mission and Uruguay's Farming Colonies program is \$670.00 per person, in a double-occupancy room. The fee includes:

--Roundtrip Buquebus ticket between Buenos Aires and Colonia.

--Tourist-class, double-occupancy lodging for two nights in central Colonia del Sacramento, with buffet-style breakfast each morning.

--Ground transportation from the Port of Colonia on arrival in Uruguay throughout the itinerary and return to the Port of Colonia at tour's end.

--Guided visit in English in the historic quarter of Colonia and in the farming colonies. The visit to the Cerros de San Juan winery, the Calera de las Huérfanas mission and the Anchorena Park may be conducted in Spanish.

--Entrances to the Calera de las Huérfanas mission and the Anchorena Park.

--Lunch at the Cerros de San Juan winery.

--Gratuities to drivers and hotel staff.

Fee does not include meals or entrances not specified in the program, or travel insurance.

Supplement for a single room is \$200.00.

This fee is based on a minimum of eight passengers.

Payment in full is due on December 5, 2026.

Payments should be made to Mark McMeley, Education Travel LLC by check at this address: Mark McMeley, Education Travel LLC, 1001 Brynlor Lane, Orlando, Florida 32818 USA, or through Venmo at Mark-McMeley-1, or through Zelle at phone number 321-977-1389, or by wire transfer to the following account:

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