

**Culture, Candombe, and Carnival
with Edgardo Cambon
February 5-14th, 2025**

Wednesday, February 5th Montevideo- BienVenido (Welcome cocktail, Dinner)

AM Flight to MVD- the Carrasco International Airport. Please arrive by 2 pm for our group transfer. We will offer two arrival transfers this day.

3:00PM Check into our hotel.

5:00PM Welcome Meet and Greet Orientation Meeting with Welcome Clericó .

7:00PM Welcome Dinner at Jacinto!

Thursday, February 6th Colonia del Sacramento (Breakfast, Lunch)

8:00AM Breakfast.

9:00AM Check out of hotel and enjoy a 2-hour drive to Colonia Del Sacramento and transfer (or similar) located in the historic part of the town.

11:00AM We will stop on the way for a visit and lunch at La Vigna Cheese Farm.

3:30PM Check into our hotel.

4:30PM Upon arrival we start with a local cultural anthropologist to share the history of Uruguay and its unique cultural attributes. We are off to stretch our legs on a guided walking city tour along the cobbled streets of the old town of Colonia Del Sacramento; visit to the old buildings and forts and Spanish and Portuguese Museums and the most important tourist spots of this Old Portuguese City form the XVII century that has been declared Patrimony of Mankind by the UNESCO. We will see the lighthouse/el faro and the Plaza del Toros. Today we will also stop to experience a mate tasting!

Evening is free for dinner and live music perhaps at the Drugstore or Barbot.

Friday, February 7th Colonia del Sacramento (Breakfast, Lunch)

8:00AM Breakfast.

9:00AM We are off to explore more of the history and culture of the region as we visit the La Calera de las Huerfanas (the Orphans Lime Quarry) Jesuit Ruins where the Uruguayan history of wine begins. We will then continue to the El Legado winery for a tasting and then lunch at Cordano.

4:00PM Free time to explore the many craft and handmade items can be found at Feria Artesanal, a local market that lines the northern waterfront.

Evening is free for dinner and live music!

Saturday, February 8th Montevideo (Breakfast, Lunch)

8:00AM Breakfast.

9:00AM Check out of hotel and enjoy a 2-hour drive. On arrival, we are off for a lively guided walking tour of the Ciudad Vieja (the colonial historic neighborhood) and visit several museums and the Solis Theater.

12:30 PM Lunch at the vibrant Port Market where you will enjoy lunch at Cabana Veronica Restaurant.

2:00PM Learn about the history of Carnival with a docent at the Museo de Carnival.
<https://www.museodelcarnaval.org>

4:00PM Visit to Lobo Nunez atelier to learn about the history of Candombe and the creation of the drums.

Evening is free for dinner and live music

Sunday, February 9th Montevideo (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

8:00AM Breakfast.

9:00AM Enjoy a brief panoramic city tour of the neighborhoods of Montevideo including a visit to the FAC (the Contemporary Art Foundation) to learn about contemporary Uruguayan art . FAC was founded in 1999 as a collective of artists, whose objective is the dissemination and investigation of contemporary art and ways of thinking.

12:30PM Empanada Making Class! We get hands on for our lunch

2:00PM Visit to EAC Exhibition Centre and visit to a local artist's atelier.

6:00PM It is Carnival! Today we will participate in the LLAMADAS PARADE – we will “rent” a balcony and enjoy the show with local dinner.

Monday, February 10th Punta del Este Excursion (Breakfast, Lunch)

7:00AM Breakfast

8:00AM We are off to one of the most famous beach resorts of South America it is a 2-hour drive there (and later back). On your way we will visit Piriapolis, founded by Francisco Piria, who was an alchemist; this is why there are many symbols of alchemy, can still be seen throughout the small city. You will be able to enjoy a beautiful panoramic view from the San Antonio Hill. Continue to Casapueblo a strange, quirky and beautiful construction created by Uruguayan artist Carlos Páez Vilaró which was his residence, workshop, atelier, hotel and museum.

12:30 PM Lunch at the port.

2:00PM Afternoon visit to the MACA (Museum of Contemporary Art Atchugarry) and Sculpture park

4:00PM Enjoy free time for discovering the Mansa or Brava beach.

PM Dinner is together as we return back to Montevideo.

Tuesday February 11th Montevideo (Breakfast, Lunch)

8:00AM Breakfast.

9:00AM Visit the birthplace of Candombe over 200 years ago, the "Barrio Sur." We will be welcomed into the headquarters of the Silva Brothers, whose family is still deeply rooted in Candombe.

11:00AM Drumming Class!

1:00PM Lunch.

3:00PM Introductory Tango Class.

Dinner and Evening are free for local dining. Perhaps we will enjoy salsa dancing at the Bodequita del Sur, Son Habana, or one of the local milongas.

Wednesday, February 12th Montevideo (Breakfast, Lunch)

8:00AM Breakfast.

9:00AM Exchange with CUAREIM 1080, the most legendary Uruguayan Candombe Group. Learn about the history of the rhythm that has been declared "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity." As we learn from the Candombe Group, we will learn about Candombe passion.

10:30AM Candombe Dance Class!

1:00PM Lunch and then we will enjoy free time for shopping at the Mercado Agrícola de Montevideo <https://www.mam.com.uy>

6:00PM Participate in a candombe rehearsal.

Eve Free for local cultural events & milonga.

Thursday, February 13th Montevideo (Breakfast, Dinner)

8:00AM Breakfast.

10:00AM Exchange with a local community comparsa in Palermo. We will learn about the Afro-Uruguayan experience (<http://www.irisfilms.org/site/films/afro-uruguay/>)

1:00PM We will break for lunch on our own at a local café and finish time with the community.

3:30PM Afterwards we exchange at a local atelier studio of Luis Alberto Gutierrez who has been recognized by the UNESCO with the Award of Excellence for Handicrafts. He creates leather sculptures inspired in local popular elements as our famous "Tango", our "Murgas" and "Candombe" (both of them music elements of the Uruguayan Carnival) and the Gaucho iconic countryside figure.

5:00PM Time to rest.

8:00PM Farewell Dinner and show <https://www.elmilongon.uy> / Primuseum

Friday, February 14th

Hasta Luego!

(Breakfast)

8:00AM Breakfast.

9:00AM Check out of hotel and transfer to the airport!
Or stay on for a day or two on your own.

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