

Country Fact File: URUGUAY



Name of country	República Oriental de Uruguay named after the River Uruguay whose name means "bird-river" in Guaraní.
Continent	South America
Hemisphere	southern
Borders	Argentina, Brazil
Capital City	Montevideo
Official language	Spanish
Population	3,427,000 (2016 estimate)
Area	176,215 km ²
Currency	Uruguayan Peso
Time Zone	UTC -3
Motto	Libertad o Muerte
National Anthem	Himno Nacional de Uruguay
Highest mountain	Cerro Catedral 514 m above sea level
Longest river	Río Negro 750 km
National sport	football

- Other Uruguay facts**
- ◆ Uruguay is the second smallest nation in South America. Only Suriname is smaller.
 - ◆ Montevideo is the most southerly capital city in the Americas, and the third most southerly in the world.
 - ◆ Over half the Uruguayan population lives in Montevideo.
 - ◆ Uruguay hosted the first football World Cup in 1930.
 - ◆ Nearly 95% of its electricity comes from renewable sources.
 - ◆ The Uruguayan National Anthem is the longest in the world. It has 11 verses, each with a chorus.

Famous Uruguayans

Carlos Páez Vilaro	Luis Suárez
Jorge Drexler	Delmira Augustini
Diego Forlán	Gus Poyet
José Batlle y Ordóñez	China Zorrilla



southern lapwing
the national bird



ceibo
the national flower

