



Centro de Enseñanza de Español
LA HERRADURA

MONTEVIDEO: ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Before Arrival

Inform the school of your arrival time, so they can inform the person in charge of your accommodation. If you booked an airport pickup, make sure you send the arrival details to the school a week before your arrival, so that it can be arranged. If at the last moment your flight to Uruguay is delayed, or if for any reasons your arrival schedule changes, please contact the school.

Office: 0059824097894 (from Monday until Friday between 9am and 3pm)
Cell phone: 0059899252781 (24 hours)

At the Airport

If you booked a pickup:

On arrival, once you've collected your bags and been through immigration, make your way to the Arrivals area. The person picking you up will be waiting here. Look for someone holding a sign with your name. If your bags are delayed or lost, still proceed through to the arrivals area so that the person picking you up knows that you have arrived. Any problems or long delays, call the number for your "pick-up" contact: Margo Kros 0059899252781.

If you didn't book a pickup:

Taxis waiting outside the airport are inter-city taxis and tend to be expensive (about \$800). You can book one at the taxi office inside the airport, in the Arrivals area, opposite the main entrance, and a journey to the city centre takes about 20 minutes. The cheapest option is to take a public bus (about \$25). The bus stop is directly in front of the airport's exit and you should take any bus labelled "Montevideo". You can get off at *Tres Cruces* (the main bus terminal, which also has a shopping centre and a tourist information office, about 10 blocks from the school, 30 minutes from the airport), or at the end of the line at the *Río Branco* terminal in the city centre (40 minutes from the airport). Ask the driver or other passengers to let you know where to get off.

Taking a Taxi

City taxis don't wait at the airport as it is just outside the city limit. Once you get into Montevideo taxis are easy to recognise: black with a yellow roof. These are the only official taxis in Montevideo and they are the only ones you should use. They run on a meter system and the driver will show you the price on a photocopied chart. There is a separate chart for nighttime journeys. Call **141** to book a taxi.

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Changing money

There is a currency exchange office in the airport with exchange rates similar to those you'll find in the city centre. There are also several along Montevideo's main commercial street, 18 de Julio. Most banks will change cash. Exchange houses (*Casa de Cambio*) usually change traveller's cheques, but cash attracts a better exchange rate. ATMs are widely available in the airport, bus terminal and commercial areas of the city, and accept international cards such as Visa and Mastercard. Advise your card issuer that you plan to use it abroad before you leave home.

Using a Public Pay Phone

Public phones can be used to make calls anywhere in the world (some of them have clear instructions in English). Some public phones will accept coins, or you can buy a phone card (*tarjetas telefónicas*). You can buy these at newspaper kiosks and supermarkets.

To make calls in Montevideo, dial the 7-digit number with no prefixes. To call cell phones you dial a 9-digit number with no prefixes (cell phones always start with 09). To make calls to Montevideo from abroad, you dial **005982** and the 7-digit for landlines and you dial **00598** and a 8-digit number (you don't dial the first 0) for cellphones.

Getting to Class on Monday

The address is: Centro de Enseñanza de Español La Herradura, Joaquín de Salterain 1240 esquina Guaná (see map). You should plan to arrive before 09.00 a.m. (the school opens at 08:30) on the first Monday after you arrive.

To get to the school, you can walk or take the bus. From the centre take bus 60, 62, 141, 142, 144 and get off on the street José E. Rodó, at the corner with Joaquín de Salterain. Walk two blocks south to get to the school. The bus costs \$17 and the conductor will give change for a \$200 note or smaller.

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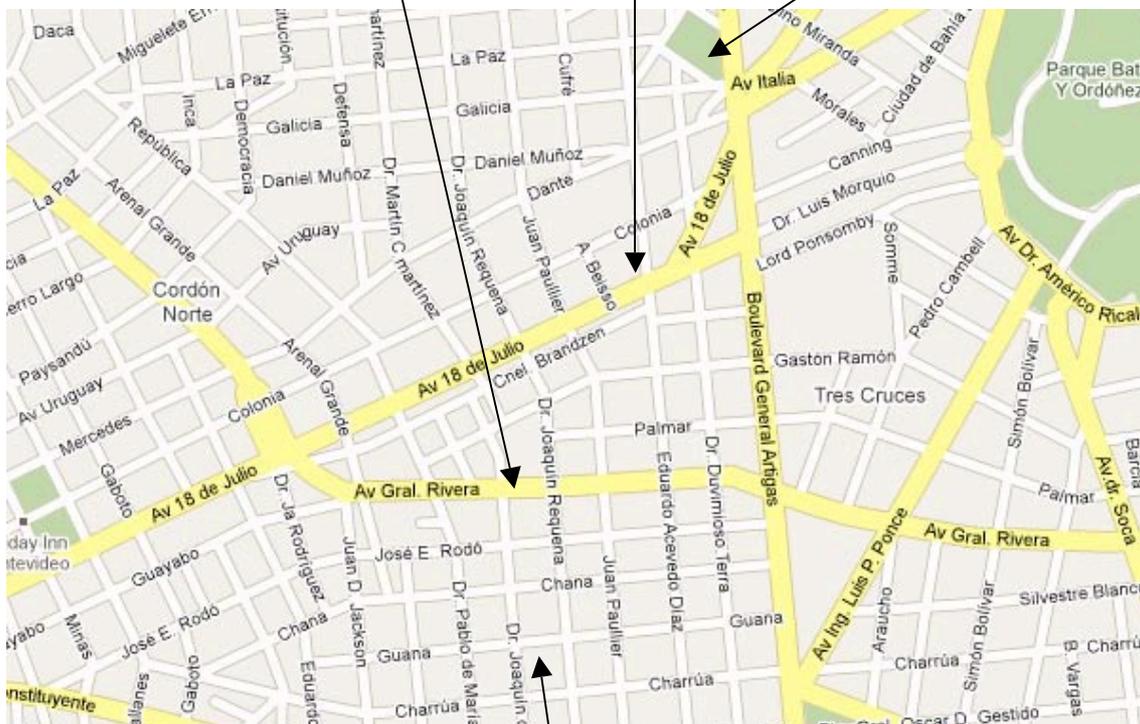


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Many buses from all over the city run along the main street, *18 de Julio*.

Buses from the city centre stop here (60, 62, 141, 142 and 144).

Tres Cruces, the main bus terminal for intercity and international buses. The terminal also has shops, a post office, a currency exchange office, ATMs, banks and a tourist office.



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Public Transport

Montevideo has an excellent public transport system to help you get around. This is how most locals travel. There are few trains and Montevideo doesn't have a subway system but there is an extensive bus network both within Montevideo and between cities. You can even get an international bus to destinations in Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Chile. Tickets for the buses in Montevideo can be purchased from the bus driver or conductor. Find the bus you need on www.montevideobus.com.uy.

Tickets for the buses to other parts of Uruguay or to other countries can be purchased online or at the main bus station, *Tres Cruces*. The website address is: www.trescruces.com.uy

Leaving Montevideo

We know you won't want to leave Montevideo, but when you do you have several options.

Buquebus:

You can buy tickets in *Tres Cruces* for the bus-boat combination to Buenos Aires via Colonia, or the direct boat to Buenos Aires. Book tickets in advance. If you get the direct boat, you will board at the dock in Ciudad Vieja. If you are going to change to the boat in Colonia you will board the bus at Tres Cruces.

Bus:

Tres Cruces is also the place to buy bus tickets to other parts of Uruguay and other countries.

Aeroplane:

A normal yellow-and-black taxi to the airport costs about \$300, or you can book a remise in advance for about \$450. Taxis will leave you right at the entrance to the Departures area. There is an exit tax at the airport, payable in US dollars or Uruguayan pesos or by credit card. Flights to Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay: U\$S 17. International flights U\$S 31. The airport's web address is www.aic.com.uy.

Rental car:

Renting a car is a good way to travel independently in Uruguay and there are several rental agencies in the city centre and around *Tres Cruces* bus terminal.