

# CARNIVAL URUGUAY

## Experience Carnival in Uruguay!

### Dates:

The Carnival months are from **January** to **March**, but there are rehearsals and practice parades all year round.

### Includes:

- ★ 2 weeks intensive Spanish course
- ★ 2 weeks accommodation
- ★ attendance of several carnival shows and parades
- ★ visit to the carnival museum
- ★ meetings with important members of Uruguay's carnival society
- ... and much more!

Carnival Week is considered the most important annual festival in Uruguay. While the celebrations extend throughout the country, with important events in several cities, the main activities are in the capital of Montevideo.

**CANDOMBE:** This unique Afro-Uruguayan style of drumming and dancing is the star of Montevideo Carnival, as it salutes the city's African heritage, the trials of black slaves during colonial times and the great capacity for renewal through the Carnival arts. Candombe is based on Bantu African drumming with some European influence and touches of Tango. Traditionally men drum while women dance and display their extravagant costumes.

**MURGA:** A traditional Murga group is made up of a chorus of about 12 singers, usually men, and a selection of percussion instruments derived from European military bands. They wear colourful jester-like costumes and the songs are satirical, comical, subversive and political. A prestigious annual competition takes place between murgas, humorists and satirists throughout carnival.

**SAMBA:** One of the highlights of Uruguayan carnival is the Samba parade, which has its origins in Brazil. Tropical rhythms, glamorous dancers and wild costumes combine to create an unforgettable event.

- :: The reservation, including arrival information, should be provided at least 2 weeks before the program start date.
- :: The promotion includes accommodation in a home stay, double room with half board, subject to availability.
- :: Spanish classes (20 lessons per week) are held in groups of a maximum of 6 students.
- :: Airport pick up is not included.
- :: This is a closed promotion package, subject to availability.



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