

## URUGUAY HIGHLIGHTS 9 DAYS

### ITINERARY:



#### Day 1 : Colonial del Sacramento

After arrival transfer to your hotel. Later enjoy a walking city tour along the cobbled streets of the old town of Colonia Del Sacramento. Visit the Spanish and Portuguese Museums and the most important sights of this Old Portuguese City from the XVII century that has been declared Patrimony of Mankind by the UNESCO. Finish your day with a traditional "Mate" tasting.

**Lodging:** Charco Hotel

#### Day 2 : Colonial Del Sacramento - Carmelo (B / L / D)

After breakfast transfer towards the area of Carmelo. The tour starts with the visit of La Calera de las Huérfanas Jesuit Ruins where the Uruguayan history of wine begins and where you can still see the Zubizarreta vineyards. Next visit one of the oldest vineyards in Uruguay, Almacen de la Capilla Bodega Cordano. Enjoy a selection of their different varieties and tour of the property before you continue to Bernardo's boutique winery, El Legado. Taste the flavors of a typical Uruguayan asado, sampling various meats and other savory dishes. Later make your way to the Finca Narbona Wine Lodge where you will enjoy dinner and spend the night.

**Lodging:** Finca Narbona

#### Day 3 : Carmelo - Boat tour (B / L)

After breakfast enjoy a morning at leisure. Later get ready for a picnic lunch in the vineyards and a wine and cheese pairing tasting in the cellar. In the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing tour through the islands of the Delta, where the waters of Río de la Plata and Rio Uruguay meet. Just before sunset at the secluded marina of Club del Faro board the boat and discover the legends of the Uruguayan coasts while toasting to an amazing sunset.

**Lodging:** Finca Narbona

#### Day 4 : Carmelo - Montevideo (B / L)

After breakfast make your way to Montevideo to start your walking tour of the old city. From the port market walk to the Carnival Museum to discover the Spanish tradition and African roots of the Uruguayan Carnival. Continue to the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art and Constitution square. Visit the Cathedral and Cabildo before arriving to the Torres Garcia Art Museum, one of the most renowned art schools in Uruguay. Onto the Solis Theatre for a visit. Then enjoy lunch at the lively port market. In the afternoon tour the different neighborhoods of Montevideo which started developing after the demolition of the Old City walls

**Lodging:** Alma Historica

### **Day 5 : Montevideo - Rocha (B / L)**

Today after breakfast, transfer towards Lote 8 olive oil boutique plant located in the area of pueblo Eden. Enjoy a visit to the production facilities followed by a tasting of their olive oil. Visit the charming Pueblo Eden located on the panoramic Route 12 and surrounded by hectares of olive trees and vineyards, making this region known as the "Uruguayan Tuscany". Visit Viña Eden Winery and enjoy a tasting of the Eden Wines. An exceptional place where wines combine the climate of the hills and freshness of the Atlantic ocean.

**Lodging:** Estancia El Charabon

### **Day 6 : Rocha - Cabo Polonio (B / L / D)**

After breakfast make your way to the small village of Barra de Valizas. Enjoy a barefoot trek along the coastline and the incredible shifting sand dunes. Climb the Buena Vista Hill and appreciate the gorgeous view of the ocean before continuing to Cabo Polonio. After a delicious lunch at a local seaside restaurant visit the light house and sea lions reserve. In the afternoon you have a 4x4 truck- drive to the main entrance of Cabo Polonio.

**Lodging:** Estancia El Charabon

### **Day 7 : Rocha - Jose Ignacio (B / L)**

After breakfast transfer to Bodega Garzon. Enjoy a visit with lunch overlooking the vineyards. Visit the town of Pueblo Garzón where time seems to have stood still for some decades. Watch the villagers peacefully drinking mate without the hurries of modern life while the neighbor next door feeds her horse.

**Lodging:** Casa Suaya

### **Day 8 : Jose Ignacio - Punta del Este (B)**

This morning you have a panoramic tour of Punta del Este with a visit to the lively La Barra where you cross the famous undulated bridge just before arriving to the Brava Beach of Punta del Este. On the way back to José Ignacio visit the Atchugarry Foundation of the Uruguayan sculptor Pablo Atchugarry located in Manantiales. In the evening a cooking class at the home of a local chef awaits.

**Lodging:** Casa Suaya

### **Day 9 : Jose Ignacio - Montevideo departure (B)**

After breakfast transfer to the international airport for your return flight.

