



Working Holiday in Uruguay

Complete guide to requirements and applications for foreign citizens.



Universal Requirements

Key rules and main documentation required by the National Directorate of Migration for nationalities with agreements.

General Conditions

Proof of Funds and Tickets

Initial support: It is necessary to prove the availability of sufficient financial means for maintenance during the first few weeks. In addition, you must have a return ticket to your home country or prove additional funds to purchase one.

Stay and Renewal

The authorized stay in Uruguay under this program has a strict maximum period of 12 months. The main objective must be to vacation, allowing work as an accessory activity. As a general rule, it is not renewable or extendable under the same category.

Essential Documentation



Valid Passport

Hold a valid passport issued by the country of origin (with agreement), with sufficient validity to fully cover the planned stay in Uruguay.



Criminal Records

Criminal record certificate from the country of origin. This document must be duly apostilled or legalized to be valid before the Uruguayan State.



Official Translation

Any official document (such as criminal records) not in Spanish must be accompanied by its respective certified public translation.

Medical Insurance & Restrictions

- **Mandatory insurance:** Having comprehensive international health insurance is strictly necessary. The policy must provide medical coverage throughout the entire stay.
- **Purpose of the trip:** You must declare that the objective is tourism and cultural exchange. Employment is considered a secondary activity.
- **First Participation:** As a general rule of the program, the applicant must not have previously participated in the Working Holiday for Uruguay.
- **Dependents:** The visa holder cannot travel to Uruguayan territory accompanied by dependents or children in charge.



Studies and Education



Can I study with the Working Holiday?

- **Conditional permission:** Yes, the visa allows you to study, as long as it does not become the main purpose of your trip.
- **Short courses:** Enrollment in language courses (ideal for perfecting Spanish), cultural workshops, or short technical training is allowed.
- **Time limit:** Generally, bilateral agreements restrict the study period to a maximum of **3 to 6 months** in duration.
- **Formal degree programs:** It is not allowed to enroll in full university degrees. For this, it is essential to process a Student Visa.

Bilateral Agreements

Find out which nationalities are eligible to apply for the Working
Holiday visa to Uruguay according to current treaties.

Eligible Nationalities

Country of Origin	Allowed Age	Stay Limit	Additional Notes
Germany	18 to 30 years	12 months	Process at the UY Embassy in Berlin
Australia	18 to 30 years	12 months	Requires tertiary/university studies
France	18 to 30 years	12 months	General consular application
Japan	18 to 30 years	12 months	General consular application
New Zealand	18 to 30 years	12 months	General consular application
United Kingdom	18 to 30 years	Up to 2 years	Youth Mobility Scheme (Quota 500)
Sweden / Netherlands	18 to 30 years	12 months	General consular application

Application and Flexibility

Open Calendar

Unlike programs for Uruguayans that usually sell out quickly, Uruguayan embassies abroad generally receive applications from foreigners year-round, allowing for greater flexibility when planning your trip.

Age Variation (Up to 35)

Although the standard rule dictates an age limit between 18 and 30 years, it is important to check the specific bilateral agreement, as some modern treaties allow applications from foreigners up to 35 years old.

Application Checklist

 **Valid Passport:** Issued by an eligible country, with validity exceeding the planned year of stay.

 **Form and Photo:** Complete the visa form provided by the Embassy of Uruguay and submit a passport-style photograph.

 **Financial Solvency:** Bank statement in the holder's name proving the minimum required funds.

 **Return Ticket:** Outbound ticket from the country, or extra funds to justify its future purchase.

 **Legalized Records:** Apostilled criminal record certificate and with a public translation if it is not in Spanish.

Key Visa Facts

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Months (Base Maximum Stay)

18–30

Years (Standard Age Limit)

Travel to Uruguay!

Discover the South

Uruguay stands out as one of the safest and most prosperous countries in Latin America, offering an excellent quality of life, beautiful Atlantic beaches, and a warm and vibrant culture.

Gather your documentation, contact the nearest Uruguayan embassy or consulate in your home country, and get ready for an immersive experience combining work and tourism.



Must-See Destinations

 Montevideo Rambla

Montevideo

The vibrant capital. Enjoy the historic Ciudad Vieja (Old City) and stroll along its extensive Rambla bordering the Rio de la Plata.



Punta del Este

The iconic resort town. Famous for its stunning beaches, nightlife, and the architectural marvel of Casapueblo.



Colonia

A journey through time. Its colonial historic center, a World Heritage Site, will make you fall in love with its cobblestone streets.

Questions?

We look forward to welcoming you soon in Uruguay!

More information: www.volare-global.com

State Procedures: gub.uy (Foreigners)

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