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Montevideo

Capital of Uruguay

Montevideo, Uruguay's capital, is a major city along Montevideo Bay. It revolves around the Plaza de la Independencia, once home to a Spanish citadel. This plaza leads to Ciudad Vieja (the old town), with art deco buildings, colonial homes and landmarks including the towering Palacio Salvo and neoclassical performance hall Solís Theatre. Mercado del Puerto is an old port market filled with many steakhouses.

The coach tour was a very comprehensive overview of Montevideo"s, parks, statues and gardens. Highlights included the Old City Constitution Square, Cathedral and Colonial Town Hall, Solis Theatre, and Independence Square. We got a view of the Government House and the Congress Building, constructed between 1908 and 1925. Driving through the Prado neighborhood, home to one of the oldest parks in the city and the Stagecoach Monument, the Monument to the last Charruas Indians, and Rose Garden, We went through Parque Batile, passing the Obelisk, the La Carreta (Oxcart) monument and the Estado Centenario. A quick stop to view the monument dedicated to the Fallen Soldiers of the Navy and impressive views of the city's coastline. On the way back we drove along the coast and its man beaches.

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Salvo, Montevideo Carmelitas Church (left to right), Fourth:La Carreta Monument, Bottom:View of Fortaleza del Cerro, from Montevideo Port