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This season, explore the new and rediscover the iconic with our global travel guides. Carefully curated by local residents, we give you the low down on the best kept secrets from Copenhagen to Cartagena.



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When is the best time to visit Punta Del Este?

I love Uruguay all year-round, but travelers often choose spring and summer to visit, which spans from November through March.

What to pack for Punta Del Este?

It depends on the time of year. For our summer I recommend swimsuits, flip flops, sun protection, sunglasses, and a sweater or sweatshirt just in case, because the breeze at night is always fresh.

Where to stay?

In Jose Ignacio! If you want to be right on the beach, I recommend Bahia Vik. If you want the most exclusive resort, Playa Vik, but my favourite is still Estancia Vik. It's quiet, beautiful, unique, and only 10 minutes from the beach.

Best view?

The best view is the sunset from La Susana.

What to do in the day?

I recommend enjoying a leisurely breakfast around 10:00 a.m. and then spending time in the sea until the early afternoon. Lunch at La Susana is a must for visitors, followed by siesta at the mansa beach and another sea bath. Sunset drinks at La Susana are very popular and for dinner there are a number of great options. My favorites include Zodiaco, La Susana (sorry to insist but it is so good!) Marismo, La Olada, La Huella, and El Palmar. On Saturdays we also host an authentic Uruguayan barbecue at El Asador, the restaurant a Estancia Vik. Other activities I always suggest are both surfing and kite surfing, horseback riding or polo lessons at the Estancia, exploring the many art galleries in the area and shopping at Chiringuito.

What are your favourite dinner spots?

There are a number of great restaurants, but my favourites include Zodiaco, La Susana, Marismo, La Olada, El Palmar and La Huella

Best nightlife?

La Barra

Best kept secret?

The best kept secrets are Zodiaco, which is the restaurant at Bahia Vik, and the small new restaurants in La Juanita.

3 reasons to visit Punta Del Este?

Uruguay is the best place to be for its pristine beaches, cool restaurants, and bohemian-chic atmosphere

Best local tip?

Come in March! It's quieter, the weather is still beautiful and the prices are lower than they are in peak season.

