



Uruguay Logistics: A service platform for South America

Why Uruguay?

Uruguay stands out for

- + A reliable country with strong institutions.
- + A strategic location on the Atlantic coast of MERCOSUR.
- + Ease of doing business.
- + Commitment to sustainability.
- + A digital and innovative country.

Indicators

- + Investment grade for 12 consecutive years.
- + Lowest country risk in the region.
- + High performance in international rankings on democracy, freedom, and low corruption.

Investment-friendly environment

- + Equal treatment for domestic and foreign investors.
- + No requirement for a local partner.
- + Free repatriation of profits.
- + A single tax system across the entire territory.
- + Specific promotional regimes for logistics activities.

Sustainable Uruguay

- + 99% of the electricity matrix comes from renewable energy sources.
- + #6 in the world in solar and wind energy.
- + Advanced legal framework: soil conservation, protected areas, and waste management.

Digital and Innovative Uruguay

- + Full digital inclusion (Plan Ceibal – One Laptop per Child).
- + Multilingual and highly qualified talent.
- + #1 in TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) in South America.
- + High technological connectivity and digital adoption.

Uruguay Logistics

Located between Brazil and Argentina, Uruguay is the natural gateway to and from MERCOSUR. Its modern infrastructure and multimodal connectivity – ports, airport, highways, and waterways – enable efficient operations for the main regional and global markets.

The country offers a unique logistics ecosystem in the region: free ports and a free airport, free trade zones, and private bonded warehouses, all interconnected under a stable, transparent, and predictable legal framework.

This system allows goods to be stored, transformed, and distributed without the payment of taxes, and then shipped to the region and the world with full traceability and high value-added services.

More than 50% of the cargo handled across Uruguay's different logistics platforms corresponds to goods coming from the world destined for the region, or from the region destined for global markets, consolidating Uruguay as a reliable and efficient logistics hub and regional distribution center.



Free Port



Uruguay has the only free ports in South America, with the Port of Montevideo serving as the main hub for container transshipment and re-shipment. Goods can enter, be stored, split, and consolidated with other cargo without paying tariffs or taxes, as long as they are later sent to the region or the world.

Goods benefit from an initial tax exemption of 5 years, with the possibility of requesting an extension for an additional 5 years. In addition, extensive logistics facilities are offered for storage, splitting, consolidation, labeling, and high-level inventory control.

Free Airport

Carrasco International Airport is the only free airport in the Americas.

It allows cargo operations under the same regime as free ports, facilitating the entry, storage, and re-export of goods without taxes.

Its modern cargo terminal – internationally certified – combines efficiency, security, and traceability, offering a world-class air logistics service with direct connections to Europe, the United States, and South America.



Free Zones



Uruguay was the first South American country to implement this regime (1923) and today has 14 operational free trade zone platforms distributed across the country. Companies established in free trade zones enjoy full exemption from national taxes and the free circulation of goods and services. The Uruguayan State guarantees by law the stability conditions and tax benefits, promoting investment and the creation of skilled jobs.

Thus, goods can enter and leave the region and the world without having to pay taxes in Uruguay, and can be stored, split, consolidated, and even productively transformed under this regime, and then distributed to the region and global markets.

Bonded Warehouses

They are private facilities under customs control where goods can enter without paying duties for a period of up to 24 months.

They allow flexible logistics operations such as storage, repackaging, repair, maintenance, light processing, and productive transformation of goods before their re-export or nationalization.

This regime expands the options for companies seeking to operate regional distribution centers with added value and efficient inventory management.

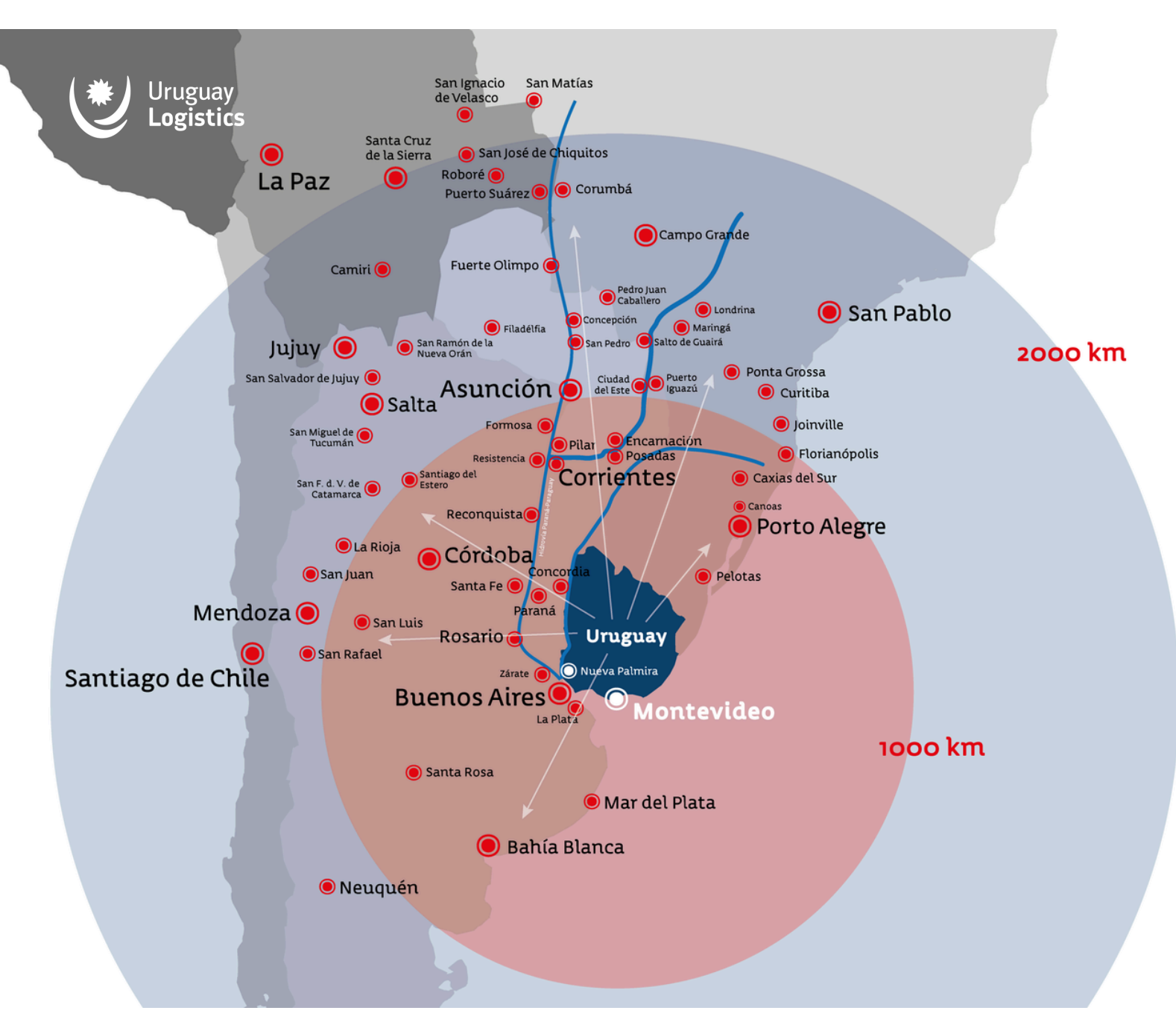


Regional Connectivity

Uruguay's strength lies not only in its special logistics regimes, but also in the strong connectivity of its logistics platforms with key markets across South America and the rest of the world.

Thanks to its strategic location, multimodal infrastructure, and the combination of free ports, a free airport, free trade zones, and private bonded warehouses, **companies can use Uruguay as a regional distribution center** to consolidate, store, transform, and redistribute goods throughout MERCOSUR and other international markets.

Competitive transit times, together with efficient land, sea, and air connectivity, enable companies to serve millions of consumers across the region, positioning Uruguay as a **reliable, efficient, and secure logistics hub for South America**.



ORIGIN	DESTINATION	TRANSIT TIME (IN DAYS)
UY	BOGOTÁ	1
UY	ASUNCIÓN	1
UY	LIMA	1
UY	EZEIZA	1
UY	SANTIAGO DE CHILE	1



ORIGIN	DESTINATION	TRANSIT TIME (IN DAYS)
UY	BUENOS AIRES	1
UY	PORTO ALEGRE	2
UY	ROSARIO	2
UY	ASUNCIÓN	3
UY	CÓRDOBA	3
UY	SAN PABLO	3-5
UY	SANTIAGO DE CHILE	3-5
UY	SANTA CRUZ	8



ORIGIN	DESTINATION	TRANSIT TIME (IN DAYS)
UY	BUENOS AIRES	1
UY	SANTOS	6
UY	RIO DE JANEIRO	9
UY	ASUNCIÓN	9
UY	SAN ANTONIO	20

Global Companies Trust Uruguay

Leading companies from sectors such as technology, pharmaceuticals, agribusiness, manufacturing, logistics, and global services have chosen Uruguay as a base for their regional operations and international business activities.

The combination of institutional stability, connectivity, doing talent, and investment promotion regimes positions Uruguay as a reliable platform for doing business.



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