

Cultural Agenda Montevideo 2023 English



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January

San Benito y San Baltazar (Three Kings Day)

Date:
January 6th.

Location:
Isla de Flores street. Sur and Palermo neighborhoods.

The traditional parade on Three Kings Day on Isla de Flores street have the greatest meaning within candombe. "Comparsas" show their performance commemorating the celebrations that took place during slavery every January 6, in honor of San Benito and San Baltazar considered the black saints.

Carnival

Dates:
1/19 – Opening parade on 18 de julio Avenue.
1/20 – Samba parade on 18 de julio Avenue.
Since the 1/23 until the end of February – Official Competition in the Teatro de Verano.

With joy and enthusiasm, carnival groups parade along the main avenue of the city to welcome the longest carnival in the world.

Ramírez Gran Prix

Date:
January 6th.

Location:
National Hippodrome of Maroñas.

The José Pedro Ramírez Grand Prix is the greatest turf event in Uruguay, the race has been run every year since 1889 and is one of the oldest horse riding in South American.

Montevideo Art Festival

Date:
From January 4th to January 29th.

Location:
Various halls and cultural centers in the city.

It is a theater festival that gathers plays premiered in the city throughout the season. It goes through different theaters in different neighborhoods, thus giving everyone the opportunity to have a wide panorama of the theatrical offer. Sponsored by Montevideo government.

February

Llamadas Parade

Date:

February 10th and 11th.

Location:

Isla de Flores street. Sur and Palermo neighborhoods.

The contagious rhythm of the drum introduces us to the biggest festival of Afro-Uruguayan culture and its candombe dance, was declared Intangible Heritage of Humanity by Unesco.



Official Carnival Competition

Date:

Every night.

Location:

Teatro de Verano and tablados (scenarios) in different neighborhoods.

Iemanjá Celebration

Date:

February 2nd.

Location:

City beaches mainly Ramirez beach.

Celebration of the Goddess of the Sea according to the Umbanda culture brought by slaves in colonial times. The main celebration takes place on Ramirez beach but they also gather to a lesser extent on other beaches in the city.

March



Harvest season

Location:

Wineries in rural Montevideo.

During the month of March, a series of activities celebrate the grape harvest in the wine-growing areas of Uruguay. The grape harvest is an event for the whole family and a heritage expression where the charm of local and regional traditions related to migrants and wine production is revived.

Fiesta del Río y de la Convivencia (River Festival)

Date:

March 18th and 19th.

Location:

Santiago Vázquez town.

“Fiesta del Río” is an excellent opportunity to learn about the cultural richness of the Santa Lucía River. This traditional festival has the uniqueness to happen in the only town in Montevideo and has a wide variety of activities such as the National Regatta Championship, a walking marathon, a meeting of auto parts, musical events and the classic opening of the bridge of the Santa Lucia River.

Montevideo + Tour

Date:

The whole month.

Location:

Different points in the city.

Cultural tourism. The architectural, candombe, tango, bicycle, rural and wine tours and guided circuits invite you to discover the cultural secrets and explore the corners and history of the city.

April

Semana Criolla (Rural week)

Date:
April 2nd to 9th.

Location:
Asociación Rural del Uruguay. Prado neighborhood.

The countryside and the city meet at the Rural Festivity for nine consecutive days, to share traditional activities and enjoy Uruguayan popular music.



International Movie Festival

Date:
April 5th to 16th.

Location:
Cinematca. 1236 Bartolomé Mitre st.

Documentary, experimental, Latin American and international feature films and short fiction films are showed in different movie theaters in the city, with the aim of promoting cinematographic quality and human creative values.

May

Montevideo marathon

Date:
May 7th.

Location:
Downtown and Rambla (the coastline).

The marathon that puts the Uruguayan capital within the international racing circuit of 42 km, goes through areas of greatest tourist attraction in the city. Simultaneously it is possible to run a half marathon.



Montevideo + Museums

Date:
The whole month.

Location:
Different museums in the city.

Throughout May, museums, exhibition halls and cultural centers offer a diverse agenda of cultural activities to celebrate the International Museum Day, which takes place every May 18th.

Children's and youth book fair

Date:
To be defined.

Location:
Montevideo City hall.

With a wide range of activities that includes workshops, storytelling, book presentations, musical and theatrical performances, meetings with writers, copy signing and contests, the fair promotes the habit of reading in childhood and youth.

June



Noche de San Juan (St. John's Night)

Date:
June 23th.

Location:
Farms and others public spaces.

During the night of St. John, the traditional bonfires are lit filling the celebration with light and color.

Tannat and Lamb Festival

Date:
At the end of June.

Location:
Wineries in Rural Montevideo.

This gastronomic festival takes place in the month of June in the wineries of Uruguay. The festival has Tannat wine and lamb as protagonists, in a wide variety of gastronomic proposals, together with artistic presentations and other activities. Montevideo's wineries offer to the visitors the chance to discover the secrets of Tannat wine and its excellent pairing with lamb meat, two gastronomic emblems of the country.

21st edition of Montevideo Comics

Date:
June 3rd.

Location:
Sodre Auditorium.

Comics, animation and games Festival, since 2002, shakes the capital of the country during a weekend.

July



Winter Holidays

Date:

July 10th to 21st.

Location:

Different places in the city.

Children's activities. During the holidays, museums, theaters, cultural and sports centers belonging to the government of Montevideo propose recreational activities to share with the family.

August



Noche de la Nostalgia (Nostalgia night)

Date:
August 24th.

Location:
Different places in the city.

Great national and international musical successes from the past are remembered and celebrated at more than 300 parties throughout the city. A nostalgic and fun night for different generations.

September

Expo Prado

Date:
September 8th to 17th.

Location:
Rural del Prado.

A great exhibition that brings together the most relevant of the agro-industrial and livestock sector. Specimens of the equine, bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine breeds with the best genetics are presented, as well as the highlights of poultry and rabbit farming. During the event there are awards for breeders, exhibitions of machinery, technology and local products and live music shows

Diversity month

Date:
The whole month.

Location:
Different activities in different points in the city.

The LGBTQ+ community and friends do cultural and artistic activities claiming diversity in all its forms. The recognition of diversity has its special end with the huge march.

Llamale H

International Movie Festival about Sexual and Gender Diversity.

Date:
The whole month.

Location:
Different movies theaters in the city.

Since its first edition in 2006, "Llamale H" has established itself as the main national film festival focused on making the LGBTQ+ community visible.

Diversity march

Date:
September 29th.

Location:
Mercedes street and Del Libertador Avenue towards Legislative Palace.

Every year, thousands people march to claim for their rights and for diversity celebrating the achievements reached. The social movement is articulated and integrated by different organizations focus on sexual diversity: feminists, Afro-descendants, the student movement and the labor movement.

October

Book Fair

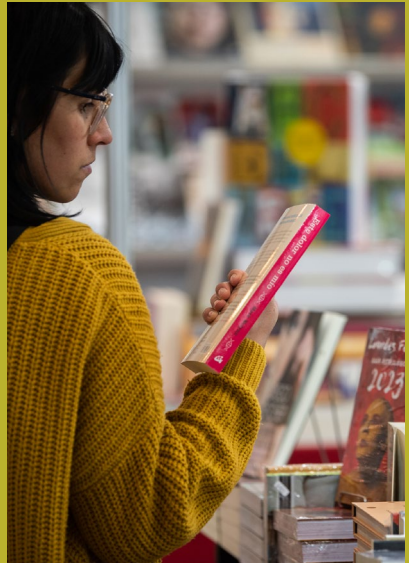
Date:

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Location:

Montevideo City Hall.

In addition to book sales, the program includes dozens of exhibitors and a wide variety of cultural activities such as book presentations, conferences, courses, workshops, talks, round tables, book signings, poetry recitals, music, theater and readings.



Heritage weekend

Date:

October 7th and 8th.

Location:

Meaningful buildings in the city.

Along the weekend, government buildings, museums, educational institutions, churches, and even private houses with historical and architectural interest are open to the public for free.

November

Bookstore night

Date:
November 17th.

Location:
Bookstores and cultural centers
in the city.

More than 80 bookstores and cultural centers had many activities and promotions when buying books with an extended timetable until dawn. This event represent the heritage and identity of the country found in the Uruguayan bookstore

Temples night

Date:
November 18th.

Location:
Churches in Montevideo.

This touristic event allows to discover the historical value as well as the artistic and architectural beauty of several churches in Montevideo. In each of them you can enjoy concerts, cultural and artistic activities

World wine Tourism Day

Date:
November 12th.

Location:
Wineries in Rural Montevideo.

On the second Sunday of November, Montevideo wineries celebrate the International Wine Tourism Day, proposing guided tours of the vineyards and cellars, carrying out special tastings with different food proposals and artistic shows.

San Felipe y Santiago Running

Date:
To be defined.

Location:
Rambla de Montevideo (the coastline).

San Felipe and Santiago is one of the most important running sporting events in Montevideo, with a 10-kilometer route along the city coastline.

December

Museums night

Date:

December 8th.

Location:

Museums in the city.

Event that gather all the museums in the country participating in one of the biggest festivals of Uruguayan culture. A night for the whole family showing the enjoyment of museums, their exhibitions and collections, mobilizing the entire national territory.



Candombe National Day

Date:

December 3rd.

Location:

Isla de Flores street. Sur and Palermo neighborhoods.

Every 3 December, the Candombe National Day where Afro-Uruguayan Culture and Racial Equity are celebrated with various activities that have candombe as its maximum expression. The date recalls December 3, 1978 when the candombe drums sounded for the last time in the "Mediomundo tenement" before its eviction and demolition by the civic and military dictatorship of the country.

Ideas+ Fair

Date:

December 1st to 24th.

Location:

Parque Rodó.

This market is one of the traditional year-end activities and is self-managed by more than one hundred artists, craftsmen, designers and publishers. Those who visit this space can enjoy every night a large schedule of cultural activities, musical shows, book presentations and interviews, as well as appreciating and purchasing high-quality craft products.

