

2026 Grand World Voyage

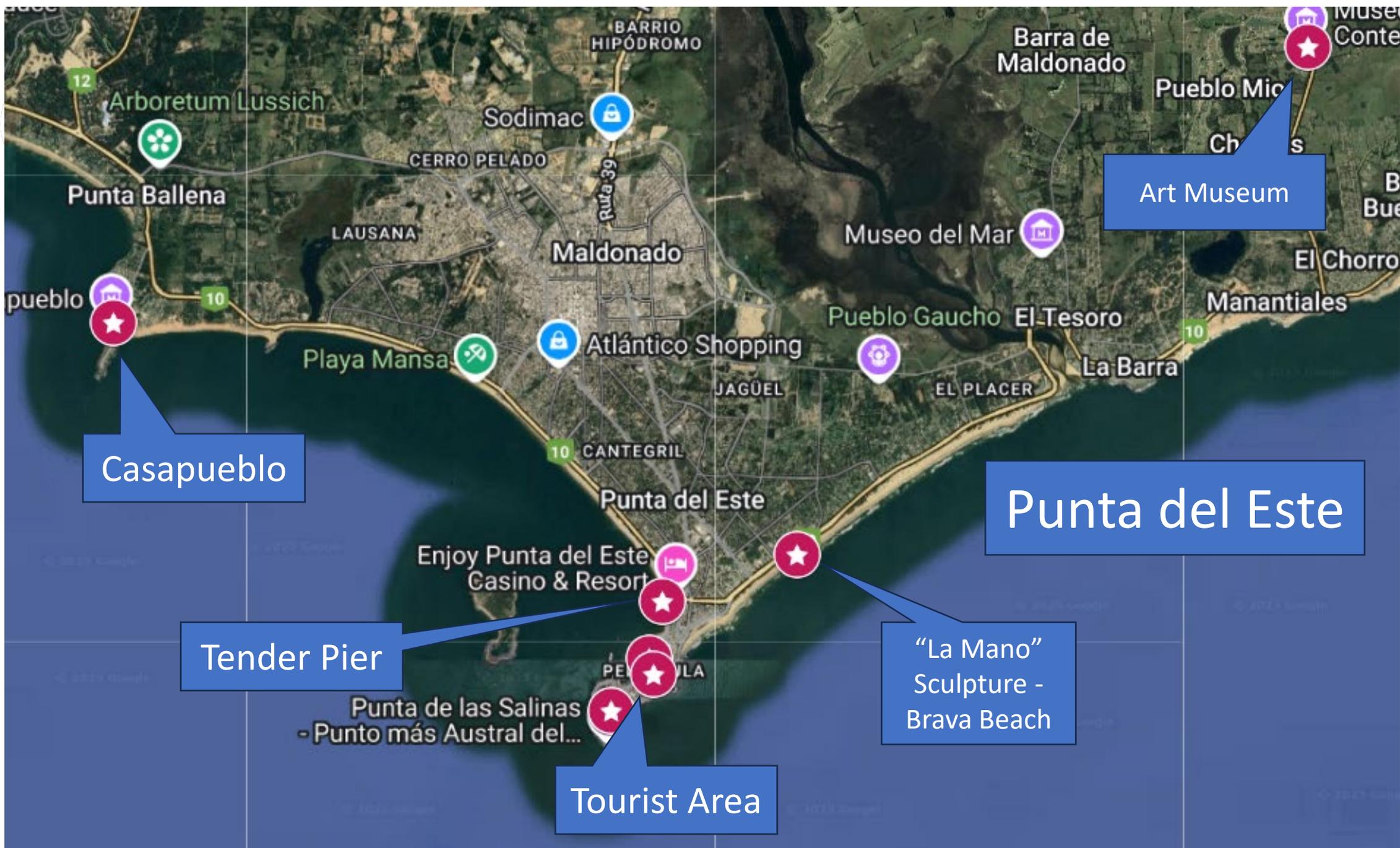
22 Jan 2026

Punta del Este, Uruguay



Punta del Este - Essentials

- In Port – 8 AM to 4 PM – 22 Jan 2026
- Tender Port
- La Pastora jetty – 10-15 min walk to tourist area
- Money - Uruguayan Peso (UYU) \$U – 40 UYU to 1 \$USD
- Safety – Normal Precautions
- No Visa Required
- Cell Service – All major providers
- Taxis – Uber is available – Taxi's accept UYU – maybe credit cards – ask. Verify meter use or negotiate fare upfront



Casapueblo

Art Museum

Punta del Este

Tender Pier

"La Mano" Sculpture - Brava Beach

Tourist Area



Tender
Pier

Manos del
Uruguay

Lighthouse

Punta del Este

Plaza General
Artigas



Top Attractions



Casapueblo



A dazzling white, Moorish-style complex on a rocky bluff overlooking the ocean, built by artist Carlos Paez Vilaró in 1958 using traditional tools. It serves as a home, workshop, and museum showcasing his art.

Why Visit: Iconic architecture, stunning coastal views, and cultural significance. Featured in HAL excursions like “Alto de la Ballena Winery” (photo stop) and “Punta del Este, Ralli Museum & Casapueblo” (interior visit).

Location: Punta Ballena, ~15-minute drive from the town center.



“La Mano” Sculpture - Brava Beach



Brava Beach is known for its powerful waves and the iconic “La Mano” (The Hand) sculpture by Mario Irarrázabal, depicting fingers emerging from the sand.

A must-see landmark included in the “Discover Punta del Este: Walking Tour” and “Punta del Este by Bike.” Walkable from the town center (~15-20 minutes from jetty).



General Artigas Square (Artisans' Square)



The vibrant heart of Punta del Este, named after Uruguay's national hero, with a statue and bustling market stalls selling local crafts, textiles, and souvenirs.

Featured in the "Discover Punta del Este: Walking Tour," it's in the town center, easily accessible from the jetty (~10-15 minute walk).

Location: Gorlero Avenue, town center.



Lighthouse

Description: A historic beacon built in 1860, guiding sailors and offering a glimpse into the city's maritime heritage.

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Food to Try

| Food | Description | Where to Try | Appeal |
|----------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Asado | Uruguayan BBQ with grilled beef, chorizo, chimichurri. | El Tonel, Lo de Tere (~5-10 min walk); Narbona Farm (HAL excursion, ~30 min drive). | Hearty, cultural staple, flavorful. |
| Dulce de Leche | Creamy caramel spread in alfajores, desserts. | Medialunas Calentitas, Artisans' Square (~5 min walk); Narbona (HAL excursion). | Sweet, indulgent, iconic. |
| Chivito | Steak sandwich with ham, cheese, egg, fries. | La Pasiva, Chivitería Marcos (~5-10 min walk). | Savory, filling, national favorite. |
| Empanadas | Baked/fried pastries with beef, cheese, or ham. | Artisans' Square stalls, Empanadas Carolina (~5-10 min walk). | Portable, diverse, affordable. |
| Seafood | Grilled corvina, mussels with olive oil, herbs. | Lo de Charlie, Virazón (~10 min walk). | Fresh, coastal, elegant. |



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- **Asado (Uruguayan Barbecue)**



Chivito



Restaurants to Try

| Restaurant | Cuisine | Location | Price (USD) | Transport | Appeal |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Lo de Tere | Asado, seafood, dulce de leche | Rambla Artigas y Calle 21 (~5-7 min walk from Gorlero) | ~\$20–\$50 | Walk; taxi/Uber (~\$3–\$5 from jetty) | Upscale, authentic, marina views |
| La Pasiva | Chivito, empanadas, dulce de leche | Gorlero y Calle 31 (~5 min walk) | ~\$10–\$20 | Walk; taxi/Uber (~\$3) | Casual, iconic chivito, central |
| Virazón | Seafood, asado, dulce de leche | Rambla Artigas, Parada 2, Brava (~8-10 min walk) | ~\$25–\$60 | Walk; taxi/Uber (~\$4–\$6) | Fresh seafood, oceanfront, elegant |
| Medialunas Calentitas | Dulce de leche (alfajores), empanadas | Gorlero y Calle 24 (~5 min walk) | ~\$5–\$15 | Walk; taxi/Uber (~\$3) | Budget-friendly, sweet treats, central |
| El Tonel | Asado, seafood, dulce de leche | Calle 27 y Gorlero (~5-7 min walk) | ~\$20–\$45 | Walk; taxi/Uber (~\$3–\$5) | Rustic, hearty, cozy vibe |



What to Buy

| Item | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| Leather Goods | Handcrafted purses, belts, mate gourds with gaucho motifs. |
| Mate Gourds & Bombillas | Decorated gourds and metal straws for yerba mate. |
| Handmade Jewelry | Silver/gold with local amethyst, agate; candombe motifs. |
| Hand-Dyed Yarn | Artisanal wool/alpaca yarn by Manos del Uruguay cooperative. |
| Ceramics | Hand-painted pottery with Uruguayan designs (e.g., coastal motifs). |



HAL Tours

| Excursion | Departs | Duration | Price | Summary | Highlights |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|
| Alto de la Ballena Winery | 10:00 AM | ~5 hrs | \$299.95 | Scenic drive, Casapueblo photo stop, vineyard tour, gourmet BBQ lunch with wine. | Wine tasting, gourmet dining, sierras views. |
| Best of Punta del Este & Narbona | 8:30 AM | ~6½ hrs | \$219.95 | Drive via beaches, Punta Ballena, Casapueblo (exterior), Ralli Museum, BBQ lunch & dulce de leche at Narbona Farm. | Art, coastal views, farm lunch. |
| Discover Punta del Este: Walking Tour | 9:00 AM | ~4 hrs | \$159.95 | Walk to Lighthouse, Candelaria Church, Punta Salinas (Graf Spee), Brava Beach ("La Mano"), Artisans' Square, 3-course lunch. | History, beaches, crafts, dining. |



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| Olivos de las Animas Olive Oil | 8:45 AM | ~4 hrs | \$134.95 | Countryside drive, tour olive groves, taste 3 oils with cheese & breads. | Olive oil education, tasting, scenic drive. |