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HOW TO SCHEDULE **A DEPOSITION** IN URUGUAY



URUGUAY DEPO BASICS

When it's time to schedule your deposition in Uruguay, we want you to have the most comprehensive information available at your fingertips. That is why our experts have put together this easy-to-follow guide on setting up a deposition in Uruguay. First, let's answer some of the most important questions:

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Are there any restrictions on holding a U.S. depo in Uruguay?

Taking U.S. depositions in Uruguay is permissible. However, depositions must take place before U.S. consular officers. Attorneys may wish to consult a local Uruguayan attorney to determine if other procedures are available under Uruguayan law.

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Can depositions in Uruguay take place at any venue?

Depositions of willing witnesses must take place before U.S. consular officers. Contact the U.S. Embassy directly to make arrangements to schedule the availability of U.S. consular premises for the taking of a deposition before a U.S. consular officer. For the current U.S. consular schedule of fees see 22 CFR 22.1 and the federal register.

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Does a U.S. passport holder need a visa to enter Uruguay?

U.S. passport holders may enter Uruguay for up to 90 days for tourist or business purposes without a visa.

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How early should we plan for a depo in Uruguay?

Give yourself a minimum of 6-8 weeks to plan. The further you plan ahead, the more likely it is that you'll be able to locate and book the right professionals for your deposition.

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Are there court reporters in Latin America for U.S. depositions?

Optima Juris has region-based court reporters for depositions in Uruguay, which means lower travel costs for you.

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Depo Options: should the attorney attend the deposition in person or remotely?



Attending Deposition In-Person

Attorneys, court reporters, legal videographers, and/or deposition interpreters travel to the location of the witness.

Advantages:

Typically this an ideal scenario to get the clearest record and you are less likely to encounter technical issues.

Disadvantages:

Travel costs can add up quickly, with additional fees for a conference room and consular services can reach more than USD \$1100 per day.



Videoconference Facility

Attorneys participate remotely at a videoconference facility. Reporter, videographer, and interpreter should attend deposition with the witness.

Advantages:

Videoconferencing offers the most reliable remote connection and allows attorneys to see the witness while not having to travel to the deposition destination.

Disadvantages:

Videoconference facilities are expensive. Costs typically fall within the USD \$400 per-hour range.



Moving depo to nearby country

If you're under time constraints and don't have six weeks ahead of time to plan, moving your depo outside of Uruguay is a good way to expedite matters.

Advantages:

U.S. deposition friendly countries like Colombia or Argentina are less restrictive than Uruguay.

Disadvantages:

Some additional travel costs if your witness has to travel to a neighboring country.

*For the best and clearest record we always recommend that the court reporter, videographer and interpreter be physically present with the witness.

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How can we swear in a witness outside of the U.S.?

When attorneys need to swear in witnesses abroad, the time-honored solution is for both sides to stipulate on the record that the court reporter can swear in the witness. Using a U.S. certified court reporter is not enough, because notary powers do not apply when they venture outside of U.S. territory. Stipulating on the record is an excellent solution and it works in all cases, with both U.S. certified and foreign certified reporters (i.e.: British or Canadian reporters). Stipulating on the record is the easiest way to assure the admissibility of your witness's testimony.

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Whether you're an attorney, paralegal, or a court reporting firm looking to set up an international depo, we've got your back.



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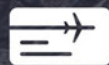
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\$U CURRENCY

Uruguay uses the Uruguayan Peso. Before you leave, notify your bank, credit card company, or other financial institutions that you are going overseas.

% GENERAL TIPPING

In restaurants tipping a flat 10% of your entire bill. For taxi drivers depending upon the distance of your cab ride, \$U 5-10 pesos is fine for a cab ride.



MAJOR AIRPORT

Carrasco International Airport,
Montevideo, MVD

URUGUAY DEPO CHECKLIST

Optima Juris' comprehensive checklist for your deposition in Uruguay.

When scheduling an international deposition, we ideally recommend getting started four to six weeks in advance. Of course, it's possible to work within a much shorter timeframe, just keep in mind you need to allow sufficient time for noticing your witness, arranging for resources on the ground (like court reporters, interpreters, conference rooms), and planning travel.

Getting there

3-1 weeks before your deposition

- ☐ If the attorney is traveling, be sure to make all travel arrangements, including air, hotel, and any travel insurance or special shipping arrangements for the deposition exhibits. The earlier you book your travel, the cheaper it will be.
- ☐ Prepare and send your deposition notices.
- ☐ Submit any relevant documents to the case that you would like the team to review prior to the deposition.
- ☐ Send a list to the Consulate of all participants attending the depo, and any electronic equipment at least three business days before deposition.



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Plan ahead

4-6 weeks before your deposition

- ☐ Determine whether the witness in question is willing to be deposed. If the witness is willing, mutual stipulation of the parties can allow for depositions to be planned quickly. If the witness is unwilling, contact us for your options.
- ☐ To reserve the Consulate these items must be submitted six weeks before your deposition:
 - ☐ Preferred deposition dates
 - ☐ Payment for the reservation fee
- ☐ Determine which deposition services will be required:
 - ☐ Court reporter (realtime or standard delivery)
 - ☐ Legal videographer
 - ☐ Deposition interpreter (determine language pair needed)
- ☐ Contact Optima Juris to book your reporter and any other depositions services you require.

That's it

Everything has been set...

- ☐ Upon conclusion of the deposition, the attorney will place their orders with the court reporter for the transcript and/or video copies.
- ☐ Submit payment for transcripts and video, and await the arrival of your order.
- ☐ You deserve a pat on the back - your international depo went off without a hitch. Bravo!