

Local Experiences

TOUR TO MACA & ATCHUGARRY FOUNDATION SCULPTURE PARK

Pablo Atchugarry founded the Atchugarry Foundation in 2007 with the intention of making art accessible to everyone. Known as one of Uruguay's most famous artists for his work with marble, Pablo has dedicated great efforts to promote Uruguay in the world of contemporary art. In January 2022, he inaugurated the MACA museum, an incredible structure considered a work of art in itself, which houses permanent and temporary exhibitions. The tour includes a private visit to his personal studio and a guided tour of the premises with special access exclusive to art specialists.

- > Duration | 3-4 hours
- > Starting/ending point | Vik José Ignacio
- > Price | Group of 2: \$ 260 per person | Group of 4: \$ 175 per person
- > Group Size | Min. 2
- > Includes: Transport, specialized guide, and privileged exclusive access

BIKE TOUR TO THE SLEEPY TOWN OF GARZON & BODEGA GARZON

The guide will pick you up at the hotel and take you to the sleepy town of Garzón, 40 minutes from José Ignacio. Bike around the main square, chapel, and train station before continuing to Bodega Garzón. Be amazed by the views of the vineyards located within rocky hillsides. Taste their exquisite wines and have lunch there (not included) before the transfer takes you back to the hotel. The average distance ridden is 12 km but this may be adapted to guests' skills and interests.

- > Duration | 4-6 hours
- > Price | Group of 2: \$ 400 per person | Group of 4: \$ 350 per person
- > Group Size | Min. 2
- > Includes: Transfers, guide, support vehicle, visit with tasting at the winery, snacks, water, bikes, helmet and handlebar bag

CASAPUEBLO & PUNTA DEL ESTE: Art, Charm, and Coastal Beauty

Discover the beauty of Punta del Este and its surroundings on this private tour. Start with a visit to the iconic Casapueblo, a hillside masterpiece overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, designed by Uruguayan artist Carlos Paez Vilaró. Explore Punta del Este's main attractions, including the marina and port, home to a sea lion colony. Journey across La Barra's famous undulating bridge and visit charming nearby towns, known for their antique shops and boutique stores. Conclude the tour with a visit to the MACA and Atchugarry Foundation & sculpture park.

Includes: Transport, guide, entrance fees to museums. Lunch not included.

- > Duration | 4-6 hours
- > Price | Group of 2: \$ 260 per person | Group of 4: \$ 175 per person
- > Group Size | Min. 2
- > Starting/ending point: Your Vik Retreat in José Ignacio

ART EXPLORATION with artist Martín Pelenur in José Ignacio

Discover the vibrant art scene of José Ignacio through an exclusive tour led by internationally acclaimed Uruguayan artist Martín Pelenur.

This immersive experience introduces art lovers to the creative heart of the region with three inspiring stops: explore Fundación Cervieri Monsuárez, where exhibitions showcase both emerging and established artists, celebrating the transformative power of art in the local community. Continue to MACA (Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Atchugarry), an iconic destination with seven galleries, an open-air amphitheater, and over 75 sculptures nestled in Manantiales' serene landscape. Finally, conclude with a visit to La Pecera, Martín Pelenur's private studio, for an intimate look at his creative process and latest works—an experience that captures the pulse of contemporary Uruguayan art.

- > Duration | 3-4 hours
- > Price | \$190 for small groups up to 6 people
- > Starting/ending point | Vik José Ignacio

OLIVE OIL TASTING AND FARM EXPERIENCE AT OLIVOS DE LAS ÁNIMAS

Embark on a journey into the world of olive oil at Los Tocayos, a family-owned olive farm nestled at the base of Cerro de las Ánimas, Uruguay's second-highest peak. Just 74 kilometers from José Ignacio, this unique experience introduces visitors to "oleotourism" in a serene and picturesque setting surrounded by olive groves and breathtaking views of the Sierra de las Ánimas.

The tour begins with a guided walk through the olive groves, where you'll learn about the varieties, cultivation methods, and harvesting processes that go into producing premium olive oil. Next, step inside the almazara to discover the full production cycle - from fruit to bottle - and gain insights into their sustainable and organic practices, including innovative waste management techniques. This highly personalized experience is led by one of the farm's owners, ensuring an intimate connection to the land and its story.

- > Duration | 3-4 hours
- > Price | From \$110 per person for visit with tasting and \$155 for visit with lunch
- > Group Size | 2 - 12 people
- > Starting/ending point | Vik José Ignacio

