

## 2. COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO



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### Colonia del Sacramento - Excursions

#### **City Tour Colonia** (approx. 2,5 hours)

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#### **Vineyard Los Cerros de San Juan inclusive Wine tasting** (approx. 3,5 hours)

Los Cerros de San Juan is placed between the San Juan River and the Río de la Plata River, 30 km (19 mi) from Colonia del Sacramento city, 210 km (130 mi) from Montevideo, capital city of Uruguay. The winery has as its main tourist attractions its historic property, very old colonial buildings, and very strong contact with nature. Notably, the winery, the oldest and one of the most prestigious in the country, was declared a "Historic Monument" - Heritage of the Nation on December 2nd, 2004.

<b>Opening Times for Attractions in Colonia del Sacramento</b>				
<b>Site</b>	<b>Weekdays</b>		<b>Weekends</b>	
Museo Portugués (Portuguese Museum)	Mon, Tue, Thu	11.15h – 16.45h	Sat – Sun	11.15h – 16.45h
Museo del Azulejo (Tile Museum)	Mon, Tue, Thu	11.15h – 16.45h	Sat – Sun	11.15h – 16.45h
Museo Casa Nacarello (Nacarello's House Museum)	Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri	11.15h – 16.45h	Sat – Sun	11.15h – 16.45h
Faro (Lighthouse)	Mon – Fri	12.00h – 19.00h	Sat – Sun	12.00h – 19.00h