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# MUSEUMS

An Exhibition of Culture in the City





## MUSEO DE LA MEMORIA (MUME)

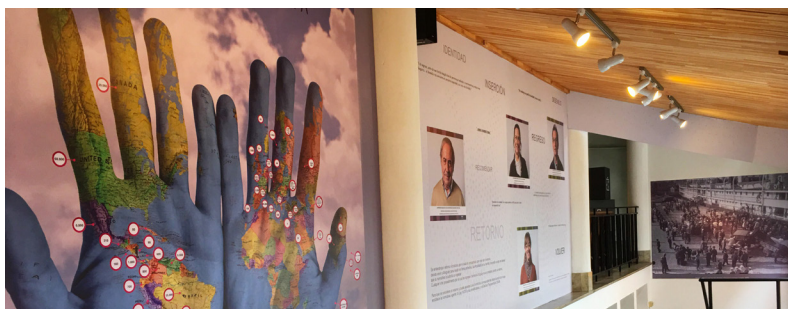
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Monday-Saturday: 12 pm-6 pm

The MUME (Museum of Memory) is devoted to maintaining the memory of state terrorism. This space advocates for human rights and the remembrance of the struggle for freedom, democracy, and social justice, understood as unfinished cultural concepts that are in ongoing development.

The museum has been conceived as a space for activities to promote critical

thinking and reflection about our society, given the fact that genocides and state terrorism are expressions of our own civilization.

The MUME carries out research and educational activities, issues publications, and has a collection which includes the audiovisual Archive of Oral Testimony.



## MUSEO DE LAS MIGRACIONES (MUMI)

[mumi.montevideo.com.uy](http://mumi.montevideo.com.uy)  
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Monday-Friday: 10 am-6 pm  
Saturdays and bank holidays: 10 am-4 pm

The MUMI (Migration Museum) focuses on spreading tangible and intangible heritage material on migration and its cultural contribution, through a permanent exhibition: Pasado y Presente de la Migración en Uruguay (Past and Present of Migration in Uruguay).

The Espacio Cultural Muralla Abierta (Muralla Abierta Cultural Center) displays archeological remains of the fortification that surrounded Montevideo in colonial times, evoking forced

migration and the first settlers.

The educational offering ranges from Montevideo's founding process to Uruguay's current cultural diversity, thus supporting the fight against racism, xenophobia, and other forms of discrimination.

As a public space, the museum also functions as a meeting point for contemporary and historic immigrant communities, as they have in it a landmark to search for and reclaim their own histories.



## MUSEO JUAN MANUEL BLANES

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Tuesday-Sunday: 12 pm-6 pm  
Last admission 5:45 pm

The Museo Juan Manuel Blanes (Juan Manuel Blanes Museum) was founded in 1930 and was given the name of the great national painter in celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth. The original building was acquired by the Departmental Government and expanded to transform it into a museum. Located in the Prado neighborhood, it is part of the most primeval and cultivated green space of the city, spreading over

the basin of the Miguelete River. Its collection includes works by Juan Manuel Blanes, Pedro Figari, and other national artists who represent the best of Uruguayan art. The museum also houses several sculptures by Uruguayan artists. Since 1940, works awarded with the Premio Salón Municipal (Municipal Art Contest Award) have been exhibited here, opening the collection to include contemporary art.



## MUSEO DEL AZULEJO

[azulejo.montevideo.gub.uy](http://azulejo.montevideo.gub.uy)  
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Tuesday-Friday: 12:15 pm-5:45 pm  
Saturdays and Sundays: 11:15 am-4:45 pm

The Museo del Azulejo (Tile Museum) exhibits architect Alejandro Artucio Urioste's collection of tiles. The remodeling of the building started in 1997 and the museum opened in December 1998 with a collection of 1,500 tiles.

The collection, which is the result of 45 years of research and rescue of art pieces that are representative of Uruguay's cultural heritage, was donated to the Municipality of Montevideo in September 2004.

Due to the increasing size of its collection, a new location was opened in 2009. It is now possible to appreciate there over 5,000 pieces that make up the collection, a reflection of the different types of tiles used in Uruguayan architecture from colonial times to the mid-twentieth century.

The museum's collection has been designated a National Historical Monument.





## CENTRO DE EXPOSICIONES SUBTE

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Tuesday-Sunday: 12 pm-7 pm

The Centro de Exposiciones Subte (Subte Exhibition Center) opened its doors for the first time in 1936. Since 1940, when the first Municipal Art Contest Award was given, the Subte started to become one of the first major spaces of Uruguayan contemporary art. Nowadays, the Subte aims at supporting national contemporary artists who, given their rigorous talent and professionalism, offer

critical and novel aesthetic experiences. The exhibitions in both of its rooms are defined by means of a public open call in which a specialized jury selects the projects that will be displayed. Additionally, talks, workshops, guided tours, and interviews with artists are held in the Subte, in the search for strategies to get closer to the public and promote knowledge of and from art.



## MUSEO DE HISTORIA DEL ARTE (MUHAR)

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Tuesday-Sunday: 12 pm-5:30 pm  
December 13-March 12: 1:30 pm-7 pm

The Museo de Historia del Arte (Museum of Art History) is eminently didactic. Its archive holds a collection of reproductions, models, panels, chronological displays, and regional maps, as well as several original pieces in an exhibition that touches on most milestones of universal art.

The MUHAR identifies itself as a space to educate through art, and its particular beauty makes it an attraction for local audiences and tourists alike. Among its original art pieces, the

Egyptian mummy of the Great Isis and the samurai armors stand out. The collection of Pre-Columbian art deserves special mention, for it is the main collection of its kind in the country. The highlights of the ethnographic collections are the Guatemala Mayan textiles and the African art pieces.

It also holds a library, an artists' archive, and a café, and its four floors offer universal access.



## MUSEO Y PARQUE FERNANDO GARCÍA

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Summer: 10 am-4 pm/Winter: 12 pm-6 pm

The Museo y Parque Fernando García (Fernando García Park and Museum) is located in Carrasco Norte, on the banks of the Carrasco River. Its 17-hectare park is the cultural bequest of Fernando García, a renowned Uruguayan entrepreneur and politician from the early 20th century. The park, designed by French landscape architect Carlos Racine, is part of a triad, along with the Roosevelt Park and the Carrasco Wetlands.

The collection is mainly made up of carriages, cabriolets, coupés, buggies, hansom cabs, landaulettes, Mylords, and an interesting collection of volantas can also be appreciated. All the pieces were built between 1860 and 1910.

The institution conducts research on means of transportation and the work culture of the related trades.



## MUSEO HISTÓRICO CABILDO

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Saturdays and bank holidays: 11 am-5 pm

The Museo Histórico Cabildo (Cabildo Historical Museum) has established among its goals presenting innovative museographic proposals, offering spaces for dialogue, and designing curations that encourage the audience to reflect on the historical narratives that help forge our identity.

Some of its most important action lines are:

- Sustaining a policy of collection conservation, prioritizing the urgen-

cies and necessities of its artwork.

- Designing strategies that trigger an emotional response from the audience, so that they can empathize and feel identified with the contents.
- Promoting democratic access to cultural goods, which requires offerings of excellent quality.
- Implementing innovative educational activities that foster the promotion of knowledge, reflection, integration, and social coexistence.

# ARCHIVO HISTÓRICO

The Historical Documentary Archive of the Departmental Government is made up of archival documents of any type and in any medium of historical, cultural, and social value that have been produced by institutions in the fulfillment of their purposes, and by all the documentation received by means of donations, legacy, custody, and/or acquisition.

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The archive plays an important role in the promotion of cultural extension activities to raise awareness of the importance of archives as a vital element in the construction of the city's identity.

The archive launches and supports pedagogical projects, documentary exhibitions, talks, enquiries, and other information and documentation services.



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