

# Symplectic Dynamics in Montevideo

## Practical information

**Location:** The location of the workshop is Room 101, 1st Floor of Facultad de Ingeniería, UDELAR. Address is Avenida Julio Herrera y Reissing 565, Montevideo, 11300.

**Transportation:** The easiest way to get to the hotel from the airport is by taxi or Uber (40~60 USD; but note that we will not be able to cover for this, so it is a good idea to share with another participant). Ubers leave from the Departures part of the airport. There is also a bus that goes to Tres Cruces, the central bus station, from which a taxi to the hotel is cheaper. Within the city, Uber or taxis are also the best choice.

**Accommodation:** it will be paid for in advance, in the vicinity of the workshop location; if you are a speaker, or we have told you we will cover accommodation for you, we will let you know as soon as we have booked it. If you are not being covered, here are a few hotel recommendations:

- Punta Trouville Hotel, Francisco A. Vidal 726.
- 27 Suites Apart Hotel, Juan María Pérez 2957.
- Vivaldi Hotel, Blanca del Tabaré 2903.
- Hotel Gema Luxury Suites, Roque Graseras 644.
- Hotel Ibis Styles Montevideo, 21 de Setiembre 2783.

**Tax discount for foreigners:** There is no IVA tax (normally 22%) for hotels, if you present a foreign ID. Similarly, IVA is only 9% for gastronomic services, if you pay with a foreign credit or debit card.

**Conference dinner:** The conference dinner will be held at Agustin Moreno's house, on Friday February 9, at 6 PM. We'll be grilling a whole lamb for ~ 7 hs, so arrive hungry. Address is 4 de Julio 3109, between Manuel Alonso and Maceachen. If you have dietary restrictions, please explain them on the registration form. We'll also have a vegetarian menu.

**WiFi:** there is eduroam, and an extra open connection.

**Food:** There are several options for lunch and dinner in the vicinity of the workshop location. If you have never done so, you should try *Biscochos* from the bakery (*Panadería*); they come in sweet and savoury versions. The *Panadería*

*Panes* is across the street; there is also the *Panadería del Lago* (Gonzalo Ramirez 2193). Also, do not miss the *alfajores de maizena*.

Some examples of restaurants (the list is very much non-exhaustive):

- *El Farolito*, Bv. Gral. Artigas 1079. Cheap student bar, good for math talk post workshop.
- *PYG*, Rambla Pte. Wilson 2133. Typical and low-key Uruguayan food, in a nice location by La Rambla.
- *Rodelú*, Av. José Requena y Garcia. Low key Uruguayan food, close to the University.
- *Sumi Sushi*, Patria 699. Nice Sushi place close to the University.
- *Cantina Club de Pesca El Morrito*, Rambla Pte. Wilson. Low-key Seafood by La Rambla.
- *La Pulpería*, Lagunillas 448. Typical and low-key uruguayan steakhouse.
- *Mercado del Puerto*. This is a very traditional marketplace in the Old Town (*Ciudad Vieja*); Montevideo's steak temple, and very worth a visit. *El Palenque* is one of the good quality age-old places.
- *Bar Tasende*, Ciudadela 1300. An old and typical bar of Spanish style, next to where the Presidential office is, very characteristic of the city. They offer the *Pizza al Tacho*, one of the most singular pizzas you will try. Very thick, cheesy and salty.
- *Namasté*, Bv. Gral. Artigas 1176. Great vegan place.

For foodies who can afford it: the following is a list of fancy restaurants which Agustin specifically recommends.

- *Tandory*, Libertad 2851. This is Agustin's personal favorite. Fantastic fusion of Mediterranean and Asian, located where Agustin's grandfather used to have his neighbourhood kiosk, and now under the baton of chef Gabriel Coquel.
- *Es Mercat*, Colón 1550. Trained in the kitchens of Mallorca and the United States, chef Roberto Connio set up a seafood-focused restaurant. He serves whole fish cooked on the grill or pan, bones and all (amazing).
- *La Vaca*, 26 de Marzo 3572. Gourmet steakhouse. The *picanha de cordero* is just to die for.
- *Panini's*, 26 de Marzo 3586. High-end italian food.
- *Francis*, Luis de la Torre 502. Mediterranean/European/seafood/steakhouse.

- *Café Misterio*, Costa Rica 1700. Offering cocktails and snacks in the posh neighborhood of Carrasco. The restaurant slowly turned into one of Montevideo's best restaurants, adding a sushi bar and inviting foreign chefs to take over the kitchen.

Here are some good cafés to meet and get some work done:

- *Escaramuza*, Dr. Pablo de María 1185. High-ceilinged bookstore with colorful tiled floors forms the entrance to this charming cafe. Beautiful spot.
- *The Lab Coffee Roasters* Pocitos, Av. Luis Alberto de Herrera 1109. Just great coffee.
- *Culto Café*, Canelones 2154. Hipster coffee-house with amazing coffee. The *alfajor de dulce de leche* they have is out of this world.
- *Estudio Café*, Bv. Gral. Artigas 1034. Good coffee and patisserie.

Here are some alternative places:

- *Bar Il Tempo*, Av. Gonzalo Ramírez 2121, gay bar with food and music.

**Travel suggestions.** If you would like to stay for some extra time to visit the country, here is a (very non-exhaustive) list with some recommendations of places to see:

- *Colonia del Sacramento*, one of the oldest towns in Uruguay, founded by the Portuguese in 1680. Its historic quarter is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Buenos Aires is just 1 hour away via boat. The food is great, and can be visited in a day.
- *Punta del Este*, internationally known resort, a high-end attraction for wealthy tourists. It has been referred to as "the Monaco of the South", "The Pearl of the Atlantic", "the Miami Beach of South America". The region has protected natural reserves such as Isla de Lobos, Gorriti Island, La Barra, or the Arboretum Lussich. Popular landmarks include the La Mano giant sculpture, the Santorini-styled complex Casapueblo, the Rafael Viñoly designed Puente Garzón bridge, and the Museum of the Sea.
- *Cabo Polonio*, a hamlet in the eastern coast of Uruguay, popular as an escape for those who love nature. It is *only* accessible by walking through the dunes or by locally run 4 × 4 vehicles. The region has no electricity or running water, and while it was originally a fishing village, it has become a popular tourist attraction, so expect that it is hard to find a *shack* to stay, which will not be cheap. However, the star gazing is out of this world, it houses a very large colony of sea lions, and a gorgeous lighthouse.
- Other interesting resorts towards the East of the country are: *Piriápolis*, *Punta del Diablo*, *La Paloma*, *La Pedrera*.