



## WHERE TO EAT JOSÉ IGNACIO

**La Susana** | La Susana Beach Restaurant offers beautiful people, young and old, the quintessential José Ignacio hip vibe. Located in the sand on the Playa Mansa beach of José Ignacio this cool restaurant has the ultimate in fresh, local and organic Uruguayan cuisine and great music to add to the experience of lunch, sunset cocktails, dinner and bonfires. Sitting in the shade of the bamboo pergolas with feet in the sand, capturing the scene around you and enjoying the spectacular views from Punta del Este to the Faro José Ignacio village with the sound of the Atlantic ocean surf, Chef Marcelo Betancourt and Chef Santiago Inzaurrealde highlight the flavors of the southern Atlantic and surrounding farm and ranch lands through his creative and delicious food. As the afternoon fades into sunset stay to enjoy La Susana's specialty drinks and music and experience nature's perfect art in the ever changing sunset that has been described as the best on the planet.

La Susana is open weekends beginning in November and daily in December for lunch from 12:30 and continuing on through sunset cocktails and dinner into the late night.

[www.lasusana.com](http://www.lasusana.com) | +598 4486 2823 // +598 95 192 555

[http://lasusana.com/upload/iblock/ba8/CNT\\_GoldList\\_LS\\_Feb2016\\_edited.pdf](http://lasusana.com/upload/iblock/ba8/CNT_GoldList_LS_Feb2016_edited.pdf)

**El Asador at Estancia Vik José Ignacio** | Experience the most authentic Uruguayan BBQ, delicious family style or three course meals in fantastic settings where gacho tradition goes hand in hand with contemporary Uruguayan art in this newly public restaurant. Lunch and dinner are served daily in the art infused Parrillero, the beautiful brick vaulted dining room, or by the Absolute Nero pool overlooking the pastoral landscape, the river and Laguna José Ignacio. Chef Marcelo Betancourt and his team pride themselves on celebrating Uruguayan tradition, always serving the freshest foods from the market and our gardens! Ask for the iconic VIK wine from the Millahue Valley or "Place of Gold!" Now open to the public by reservation from 1 pm to 4 pm and 8 pm to 11 pm daily. [www.asadorjoseignacio.com](http://www.asadorjoseignacio.com) | +598 94 605 212 // +598 94 605 314

**Cielomar at Playa Vik José Ignacio** | Indulge your senses at Playa Vik with our signature fish BBQ and three course meals overlooking the southern Atlantic with views down the Playa Mansa beach to Punta del Este and to the fishing boats next door where our chef chose the fish earlier that morning. Sit in the Parrillero dining room, on the terrace overlooking the beach or in the brasero fire pit and enjoy the delicious food with a glass of VIK wine. Sunset from Cielomar has been described as the best on the planet and the magnificent stars of the Southern Hemisphere a close second! Truly a memorable experience!. Now open to the public by reservation from 1 pm to 4 pm and 8 pm to 11 pm daily.

[www.cielomarjoseignacio.com](http://www.cielomarjoseignacio.com) | +598 4486 2619 // +598 4486 2611

**Zodiaco at Bahía Vik José Ignacio** | The contemporary bistro, Zodiaco, was inspired by Uruguayan renowned artist and colorist, Carlos Musso, whose striking ceiling murals command the attention of diners through his mystical depiction of muses, stars and the zodiac. Guests will enjoy a set menu by Executive Chef Marcelo Betancourt and team featuring a range of refined, contemporary and creative dishes, full of flavors and always using the freshest ingredients of the day, including Uruguay's grass fed meats, the freshest fish and seafood, and organic vegetables and fruits from Estancia Vik and our local purveyors. Now open to the public by reservation from 1 pm to 4 pm and 8 pm to 11 pm daily.

[www.zodiacojoseignacio.com](http://www.zodiacojoseignacio.com) | +598 95 444 451 // +598 95 444 452

**Marismo** | On a beautiful summer evening sit among the trees and the fire pit in the sand. Marismo is 5 minutes' drive from Playa Vik and Bahia Vik and 10 minutes' drive from Estancia Vik. Be sure to try the lamb!

[www.restaurantmarismo.com](http://www.restaurantmarismo.com)

**Parador La Huella** | Casual and simple food on José Ignacio's Brava Beach. Fresh ingredients and a cool vibe for lunch or dinner. In the village of José Ignacio and within walking distance from Playa Vik.

[www.paradorlahuella.com](http://www.paradorlahuella.com)

**Naam** | Located in the José Ignacio forests and built with bamboo, Naam offers a complete wine list and a varied menu, in a relaxed and friendly ambience.

**Il Faro** | Ristorante de Cocina Napoletana. Bar. Located in the heart of José Ignacio, near the lighthouse.

[www.ilfaroestaurante.com](http://www.ilfaroestaurante.com) +598 4486 2444

**Almacen El Palmar** | Jean Paul's new spot turns out to be a great place for "French" breakfast with delicious viennoiserie, casual lunches or early dinners. Open daily from 10 am. Live music is combined with special menus on summer nights.

**La Olada** | This cozy and intimate restaurant serves delicious homemade local food. VISA or cash only.

<http://culture.oasiscollections.com/the-best-restaurants-in-jose-ignacio-top-5-for-uruguayan-summer/>

**REX Diner** | A very casual dining option in the José Ignacio town square, Rex Diner named the 'Best Chivito In Town' is a great choice for families with small kids. Walking distance from Playa Vik. Remember to stop next door for a Freddo dulce de leche ice cream on the way home! <http://www.rexbestchivitoontown.com/>

**Casa Lobos** | Just outside José Ignacio village this local restaurant offers coffee, light lunch and early dinner.

[https://m.facebook.com/CasaLobosJoseIgnacio/?ref=page\\_internal&mt\\_nav=1](https://m.facebook.com/CasaLobosJoseIgnacio/?ref=page_internal&mt_nav=1)

**La Juana** | This cozy and intimate restaurant serves homemade local food.

[www.facebook.com/juanacocinabar/](http://www.facebook.com/juanacocinabar/)

**GARZÓN** (30 minutes drive inland from Estancia Vik)

**Garzón** | Take an outing to the restaurant of Argentinean chef Francis Mallmann in the colonial village of Garzón to experience the world of Mallmann. During daytime, stroll along the square and visit the couple of shops and the village's art gallery in this "one horse town" out of the past. Cash only.

[www.restaurantegarzon.com](http://www.restaurantegarzon.com)

**Bodega Garzón** | Now known as Uruguay's Tuscany, Bodega Garzón has more than 4000 acres of olive trees and vineyards with good food and the vineyard's featured wine. Enjoy the beautiful view over the vineyard!

[bodegagarzon.com/en/](http://bodegagarzon.com/en/)

**MANANTIALES** (15 minutes drive from José Ignacio)

**O'Farrell** | A longtime local favorite in the area by Hubert O'Farrell, one of the greatest restaurateurs in Argentina, offers Mediterranean and international cuisine and a nice ambience. AMEX or cash only.

[www.ofarrellrestaurant.com](http://www.ofarrellrestaurant.com)

**No me olvides** | Great pizza place, always crowded!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/No-Me-Olvides-Manantiales/182684595087715>

**The Fish Market** | Stylish ambience, fresh grilled seafood/beach menu in this open-air restaurant. Great for sunny days! Cash only.

<https://www.facebook.com/Fish-Market-Manantiales-216881814991852/>

**La Linda** | A foodie hideaway yielding an all-day bakery of homemade breads, pastries and cakes plus a breakfast and lunch menu of grilled specialties, pizzas and sandwiches. Perfect for a light lunch.

<http://www.lalindabakery.com/>

**Elmo** | A casual but oh so charming pizzeria tucked in the middle of nowhere is certainly worth a visit. The place is always packed with a good crowd and a happening bar. Reservations are a must!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Elmo-Resto-Bar/431383803698032>

**Mistura** | A mixture of flavors and an extensive wine list in this sophisticated restaurant decorated by the chef's wife.  
[www.misturamanantiales.com](http://www.misturamanantiales.com)

**LA BARRA** (25 minutes from José Ignacio)

**Flo** | Great sandwiches, salads, and omelets with a choice of an ocean view on the terrace or people watching from the sidewalk tables, both of which are highly recommended.  
<https://www.facebook.com/FLO-Cafe-Bar-240119966039461/>

**Medialunas Calentitas** | A Punta Institution, on a street corner right before the iconic “wavy” bridge that divides La Barra from Punta del Este makes the best warm medialunas (Uruguayan style croissants). Impossible to eat only one, stop by and buy a dozen to take with you. Open late nights in summer.  
[www.medialunascalentitas.com/sitio/](http://www.medialunascalentitas.com/sitio/)

**Crepas** | The place to have dulce de leche crepes.  
[www.crepas.com.uy](http://www.crepas.com.uy)

## PUNTA DEL ESTE

**La Bourgogne** | Jean Paul Bondeaux brings his exceptional French cuisine to Punta during the summer (near the Punta Shopping Mall). His La Bourgogne at the Alvear Palace in Buenos Aires and at The W Hotel in Santiago de Chile are world renowned restaurants.  
<http://labourgogne.uy>

**L'Auberge** | Teatime with waffles at the traditional L'Auberge Hotel along with a stroll amidst the flowers at their charming garden is an experience not to be missed. This is a Punta del Este classic, and a favorite for families with children. No reservations! Arrive early (5:00 pm).  
[www.laubergehotel.com](http://www.laubergehotel.com)

## MALDONADO

**Cantina del Vigia** | Off the beaten track. Located in Maldonado, this cantina offers great uruguayan food with beautiful outdoor seating area. Same owner as Marismo.  
<http://cantinadelvigia.com/>

**Almacen del Caballito** | Tapas Bar & Restaurant. Located in Maldonado, Uruguay  
<https://www.facebook.com/almacendelcaballito/>

## FOR COCKTAILS

**La Susana - José Ignacio** | Sunset on the Mansa beach in the dunes is a daily must! This hip lounge restaurant features great music, a great South American vibe and creative cocktails. Dig your toes into the sand and marvel at the best sunset on the planet!  
[www.lasusana.com](http://www.lasusana.com)  
[http://lasusana.com/upload/iblock/c00/CNT\\_GoldList\\_LS\\_Feb2016.pdf](http://lasusana.com/upload/iblock/c00/CNT_GoldList_LS_Feb2016.pdf)

**Moby Dick - Punta del Este** | The icon pub in Punta del Este. Young people. Tourists mixed with locals.  
[www.mobydick.com.uy](http://www.mobydick.com.uy)

**Tequila** | The one and only disco in the area with great music and drinks featuring different DJ's every night. Popular with tourists.  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tequila-Night-Club-Punta-Del-Este-Uruguay/208569169236364>

**La Barra** | The main street of La Barra is where the nightlife is concentrated with hundreds of young people congregating every evening all summer to stroll from bar to bar listening to music and mingling. Popular places to see and be seen include 3 Mundos and Café El Tesoro.

## WHERE TO SHOP

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**El Chiringuito** | New this season at La Susana, El Chiringuito offers bespoke Uruguayan handmade goods & Vik Retreats unique items. Also buy VIK Wine here! Opening hours: 1 pm to 9:30 pm every day.

**Bahia Vik Shop** | Find something special and unique at Bahia Vik's shop, located next to the reception at Bahia Vik José Ignacio. In addition to boho chic clothing and personalized items, this year exceptional Uruguayan caviar will be offered as well as VIK Wine!

**Sentido** | Located next to La Huella, this creative furniture, home decoration and clothing shop has a little bit of everything!

**Bajo el Alma** | Facing José Ignacio's main square this local favorite has beautiful, hand-made accessories and clothing.

**Takkai Casa** | Next door to Tutta on José Ignacio's square offers clothing, accessories and home décor.

**Santas Negras** | Located just outside the village, this shop offers products from decorations to clothing and unique handmade wool pieces.

**El Canuto** | Interesting clothing, next door to Playa Vik.

**La Esteña** | Decor shop run by the architect Martin Gomez.

### MANANTIALES

**Victoire** | It is a small new spot owned by a french couple. This new location offers a sampling of Saint Tropez exclusive designs.

**Capadoccia** | Mainly carpets.

**Occidente** | Designer furniture.

**Mónica Melhem** | Great for decorative pieces.

**El Camarín** | 1900's hand-restored dresses and accessories.

**Osklen** | This well known Brazilian designer shop is an ideal place to buy cool, modern clothes.

**Roberta Roller Rabbit** | Pop up store in Manantiales and Punta del Este. It is a travel-inspired lifestyle brand, offering exotic, sophisticated and affordable leisurewear, accessories and home goods.

**Masinfinito Casa** | Design for everyday life – home goods.

### LA BARRA

**Mar Abierto** | A new shop by the "way" bridge with decorative furniture and nice home accessories.

**Paul deco** | Owned by Pablo Chiappori, an Argentinian interior designer, you will find original furniture and decorative pieces.



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**La Martina** | Polo shirts and other clothing are offered by the “Ralph Lauren” of South America.

**Manos del Uruguay** | A cooperative of local artisans who create original pieces in wool, leather, and alpaca. Nice original souvenirs from Uruguay.

## WHERE TO GO -ART LOVERS

**Atchugarry Foundation** | Uruguay’s most prestigious sculptor, Pablo Atchugarry, receives people from all over the world at his museum, exhibition center, atelier and performing arts center. See examples of Atchugarry’s work at Estancia Vik and Playa Vik. Located on Route 104, in Manantiales, 15 minutes’ drive from José Ignacio. Free entrance. Closed on Mondays.  
<http://www.fundacionpabloatchugarry.org/es/eventos>

**Galería Las Misiones – José Ignacio** | This gallery specializes in artworks from some of the most important Uruguayan and regional contemporary artists.  
<https://www.facebook.com/galeriamisiones/>

**Casa Pueblo – Punta Ballena** | Casa Pueblo was the home and atelier of Carlos Paez Vilaró, one of the cultural icons of Punta del Este and Uruguay. This is a great place to enjoy a sunset over Punta del Este.  
[www.carlospaezvilario.com](http://www.carlospaezvilario.com)

**Museo Ralli Punta del Este** | This museum and foundation showcases the works of Latin-American contemporary artists.  
[www.rallimuseums.org](http://www.rallimuseums.org)

**Galería Ciudadela – Punta del Este** | Located near the port, this gallery features works from the traditional to the contemporary, specializing in Uruguayan artists.  
[www.galeriaciudadela.com](http://www.galeriaciudadela.com)

