



## Playa Vik José Ignacio by Carlos Ott Architect

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Architects: [Carlos Ott Architect](#)

Area: 4,260 sqm

Completion date: 2010

Location: Maldonado, Uruguay

The avant-garde beachfront retreat features a central "Sculpture" building which is the heart of the compound boasting an important collection of international and contemporary Uruguayan art throughout. **Playa Vik José Ignacio's** fifty-five foot inclined façade features a vast sliding wall of glass allowing guests to enjoy the majestic views of José Ignacio's vibrant coastline.



The entrance to the sculpture building is a two story curved and inclined glass façade with a monumental sculpted bronze door, created by internationally celebrated Uruguayan artist Pablo Atchugarry as a modern interpretation of Ghiberti's legendary doors at Florence's Baptistery. The lateral walls and roof of the building are made of double curved titanium panels and rich Patagonian ebony floors are found throughout the expansive indoor and outdoor spaces, blurring the line between interior and exterior as they extend from the living room to the pool terrace. The sculpture includes expansive communal living and dining spaces, a library, three bedroom suites and an Italian designed kitchen by Strato Cucine.



Playa Vik's main house is flanked by six small houses or casaseach comprised of two or three bedrooms and private gardens, Each casa features a fireplace and has a distinctly unique design and art filled interior. These casasa once again blend the interior and exterior as fully retractable windows lead out to these unique private gardens. Dividing the casasa are large Bougainillea plants that grow upwards towards the the casasa' "living roof" of colorful rayitos del sol, Uruguayan wildflowers, which cover and sweep across the undulating earth roofscapes of the casa pavilion, creating a striking panorama of natural color.

The area under the casasa has been carved out to create additional space which holds the 40-foot long wine cellar, a playroom, gym and small spa featuring two treatment rooms. The space also includes an indoor dining room featuring large glass windows overlooking Playa Mansa and the outdoor barbeque. The outdoor terrace is situated just next to the beach; the epitome of Uruguayan casual dining, the barbeque area can accommodate two to sixty guests.









"The judgment that something else is more important than you."

*Thomas Merton*

"Happily it is the fact of life, property is divided, a matter of the world  
That you should be able to share that which you have not, and have a just  
arrangement to satisfy and support. It is not the whole world and then  
to share it, neither do I believe it is justly and that we should  
share it, and having that we should be able to share it with that."

*Thomas Merton*

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*Richard Wright*



