

Real-World "Retreats" From The Pressures of Civilization - Expatriate Destinations

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My wife and I did 15 years of life simplification in the country: growing most of our own vegetables, some fruit trees, etc. It was wonderful - but it is hard work, and after 15 years the axes and the pick and the chainsaw were 15 years heavier; and my bad back from a youthful injury would no longer take it. (For about the first 10 years we had no TV, no cell phone and minimal, at best, dial-up internet service.) We moved to a small apartment in a quasi-urban, fairly liberal university town, where we have lived happily for the past 9 years; still simple living. I am still a bit of a recluse most days.

I once looked at Uruguay. From Wikipedia:

"Uruguay is ranked first in Latin America in [democracy](#), [peace](#), [low perception of corruption](#),^[13] and [e-government](#).^{[14][15]} It is the lowest ranking South American nation in the [Global Terrorism Index](#), and ranks second in the continent on [economic freedom](#), [income equality](#), per-capita income, and inflows of [FDI](#).^[13] Uruguay is the third-best country on the continent in terms of [Human Development Index](#), [GDP growth](#),^[16] innovation, and infrastructure.^[13] Uruguay is regarded as one of the [most socially progressive](#) countries in Latin America.^[17] It ranks high on global measures of personal rights, tolerance, and inclusion issues,^[18] including its acceptance of the [LGBT community](#).^[19] The country has [legalized cannabis](#), [same-sex marriage](#), [prostitution](#) and [abortion](#). Uruguay is a founding member of the [United Nations](#), [OAS](#), and [Mercosur](#)."

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