



Travel Medicine Information for Countries in Sub Tropical South America from TRIPSETC.COM

Vaccine and Immunization Information for Travelers to Countries in Sub Tropical South America



Recommended Vaccinations and Preventive Medications:

- **Hepatitis A** or immune globulin (IG).
- **Hepatitis B**, especially if you might be exposed to blood or body fluids (for example, health-care workers), have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment.
- **Malaria:** your risk of malaria may be high in some of the countries in these regions.
- **Rabies**, if you might have extensive unprotected outdoor exposure in rural areas, such as might occur during camping, hiking, or bicycling, or engaging in certain occupational activities.
- **Typhoid**, particularly if you are visiting developing countries in this region.
- **Yellow fever**, a viral disease that occurs primarily in sub-Saharan Africa and tropical South America, is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected mosquitoes. The virus is also present in Panama and Trinidad and Tobago. Yellow fever vaccination is recommended for travelers to endemic areas and may be required to cross certain international borders.
- As needed, booster doses for **Tetanus-Diphtheria** and **Measles**.

Required Vaccinations:

- Yellow Fever is present in this region and vaccination is recommended if you travel to the endemic zones in any of these countries. A certificate of yellow fever

vaccination may be **required** for entry into certain countries if you have visited an endemic area. For detailed information, find the nearest authorized U.S. yellow fever vaccine center.

Diseases found in Sub Tropical South America (risk can vary by country and region within a country; quality of in-country surveillance also varies)

Malaria:

Malaria is always a serious disease and may be a deadly illness. Humans get Malaria from the bite of a mosquito infected with the parasite. Prevent this serious disease by seeing your health care provider for a prescription antimalarial drug and by protecting yourself against mosquito bites.

Sub Tropical South America:

Your risk of Malaria may be high in some provinces of Argentina. In Argentina, you are at risk for Malaria only in rural areas in the northern provinces bordering Bolivia and Paraguay.

There is **no risk** of Malaria in Chile, the Falkland Islands, and Uruguay.

Yellow Fever:

Sub Tropical South America:

Yellow Fever **is present** only in the northeastern forest areas of Argentina in this region. A certificate of Yellow Fever vaccination may be **required** for entry into certain countries in the region if you have visited endemic areas in South or Central America, Trinidad & Tobago, or sub-Saharan Africa.

Food and Waterborne Diseases:

Make sure your food and drinking water are safe. Food and waterborne diseases are the primary cause of illness in travelers. **Travelers' Diarrhea** can be caused by viruses, bacteria, or parasites, which are found throughout Sub Tropical South America and can contaminate food or water. Infections may cause diarrhea and vomiting (**E. coli, Salmonella, Cholera, and Parasites**), **fever (Typhoid Fever and Toxoplasmosis)**, or **liver damage (Hepatitis)**.

Other Disease Risks:

Sub Tropical South America:

Dengue, American Trypanosomiasis (Chagas Disease), and **Leishmaniasis** are diseases carried by insects that also occur in this region. In 2002, locally transmitted cases of **Dengue Fever** occurred for the first time in Chile on Easter Island. Protecting yourself against insect bites will help to prevent these diseases. Rodent-

borne **Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome** has been identified in the north-central and southwestern regions of Argentina and in Chile.



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