

# **Foundation Project Uruguay Activity report 2019**

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## **1. Project Description**

In 2003 Lama Ole Nydahl expressed his wishes for a retreat place in Uruguay or Argentina. Uruguay was voted the ideal location due to its strategic location and proximity to the nearest sanghas of Buenos Aires and Porto Alegre.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, the Foundation bought a plot of land of about 54 hectares in a very good location in Lavalleja, in the rural area of the 7<sup>th</sup> judicial section of the state mentioned, consisting of Fraction No. 1 registered with No. 6.116 (approx. 47 hectares) and Fraction A registered with No. 15.089 (approx. 7 hectares).

### **Location and access**

The retreat place lies about 200km northeast of Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay. Inter State Route (ISR) 8 is the main highway which connects Montevideo with the city of Minas, the capital of the state of Lavalleja where the retreat place is located. Recently completely overhauled and repaved, it is in excellent driving condition and allows for a quite speedy and comfortable drive of about 2hrs until reaching the first gravel road access to the property which is about 30 km northeast of the city of Minas on ISR 8. In total there are three access roads which lead to the retreat place from the highway. Two of these access roads are the most useful although they differ in conditions and distance to the retreat place. Both start as major gravel roads and narrow down to basically farm roads that need the open-

ing cattle gates to pass through. The first is about 30 km long from the highway to the retreat place and serves approximately 15 to 20 neighboring farms. The second one is 19 km long and serves approximately 10 to 15

neighboring farms. Following is a list of approximate distances to the most important cities: Buenos Aires 380 km W / Porto Alegre 550km NE / Montevideo 200 km W / Minas 50 km W / Punta del Este 150 km SW / Vil la Serrana 26 km W.





## **2. Buddhism Foundation Diamond Way local**

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The document authorizing the representatives, Axel Dross and Fernando Romero: date on the power will document 2nd November, 2007. Out of Uruguayan consulate in Stuttgart: 13th November, 2007. Legalization in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Uruguay: 13th December, 2007.

### **3. Activities 2019**

#### **January 2019:**

18th-20th: Group retreat

#### **February 2019.**

15th to 17th : Course with dharma teacher Heinrich Vollmer.

#### **March 2019**

2nd-5th: Carnival regional retreat.

#### **April 2019**

12th-14th. Course with Dharma teacher Victor Burley from Australia.

#### **May 2019**

20th. First stage Dream Big Project construction begins.

#### **June 2019**

Construction work.

## **July 2019**

19th-21st: Course with Dharma teachers Heike and Gerhard Bucher from Austria.

## **August 2019**

29th-1st september: Moving out of existing kitchen to start new kitchen construction

## **September 2019:**

5th: Kitchen remodelling starts.

## **October 2019**

Construction work.

## **November 2019**

**8th-10th:** Dharma teacher Olga Komarova from Belarus course done in Montevideo center due to construction activity in KDL.

**22nd-24th:** Summer course building up

## **December 2019.**

**12th to 15th:** International summer course.

## **4. Plans for 2020**

**Building Plans:** Finishing of final touches of Dream Big first stage. Central

Heating; electricity and water automatization.

**Projected Activities for 2020**

Dharma teachers visits

Lama Ole Nydahl's visit