

LAGUNA GARZÓN BRIDGE

Maldonado, Uruguay

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The Garzón Lagoon in Uruguay is one of a series of environmentally sensitive bodies of water along the country's coast. The Ministry of Transport has long held interest in developing a bridge over the 4,448-acre lagoon, where it edges toward the coast and cuts under National Route 10. Rafael Viñoly Architects' design was chosen for its alternative solution to a typical bridge

structure—a 202-meter (663-foot) ring of road that sits over but does not disturb the transparent water and ecosystem, slows traffic inherently, and creates a pedestrian-friendly point of interest. Opened in December 2015, the bridge's 16 round concrete pillars, placed 20 meters (65 feet) apart, support two ramps and a central rotunda road across the lagoon.

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FACTS + FIGURES

Completion

2015

Size

200 gsm

Media Coverage

The Architect's Newspaper, "A Circular Bridge Will Go Up this November Over Uruguay's Beautiful Laguna Garzón, Connecting Two Formerly Remote Shores," August 2015
Wallpaper, "Ring Road: Rafael Viñoly Unveils a New Bridge on a Uruguayan Lagoon," January 2016

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