

Brazil Travel Guide



Brazil is best known for its beautiful beaches.

Brazil is the land of marvelous beaches, carnivals, soccer, coffee, and of course, the Amazon rainforest. Add to the list great people, cities, and a mix of different wonderful cultures and you would do anything to be in Brazil. The tourists are mostly seen at Rio de Janeiro, the Fernando de Noronha Island, Sao Paulo, and Salvador. The city Brasilia is the capital of Brazil. The best time to visit Brazil is during the dry period from December to February. [Rio carnival](#) takes place usually in the month of February and you should not miss it at any cost.

Except for Chile and Ecuador, Brazil shares its border with all other nations of the South American continent. There are various attractions here like the carnival in Brazil, which is a sight to behold. The people of Brazil come out onto the streets and have a blast. There is a lot of dancing on the streets, accompanying some great music being played out. The carnival begins 40 days before Easter. The carnival is the time when you will see Brazil at its colorful and decorative best.

If you take a flight to Brazil, you would, in all likelihood, land in the city of Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo. You can also reach Brazil by car, bus, boat or train, if you happen to be at any of its neighboring countries. English is not spoken by too many people in Brazil. The official language of Brazil is Portuguese.

A few places of interest for the tourist are:

[Christ the Redeemer Statue](#)

[Ipanema Beach](#)

[Copacabana Beach](#)

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Getting In

Brazil is well linked to other parts of the world. Be it by flight, bus, train or boat, you will get all the options here.

Airways

The international airports in Brazil are located at São Paulo or Rio de Janeiro. Regular flights from Europe (Lisbon) connect to Recife, Fortaleza, Natal, and Salvador. The regional airports Belem and Manaus also have by flights from Miami, French Guiana, Suriname, and Guadeloupe. Direct flights operate from Sao Paulo and/or Rio de Janeiro to Lisbon, Porto, Madrid, Paris, London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Milan and Zurich. You can also fly from North American cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Miami, New York, Toronto, and Washington which are linked by daily flights. There are direct flights from South American as well as Asian countries.

Car

The main routes which you can take to reach here by car are :

If you are coming from Uruguay then Chuy/Chuí, Bella Unión/Barra do Quaraí, Artigas/Quaraí, Aceguá/Aceguá, Río Blanco/Jaguarão, and between Rivera/Santana do Livramento

Paso de los Libres/Uruguaiana, Santo Tomé/São Borja, Bernardo de Irigoyen/Dionísio Cerqueira, Tobuna/Paraíso (Santa Catarina), Comandante Andresito/Capanema, and between Puerto Iguazu/Foz do Iguazu is the route travelers from Argentina need to follow

If you are coming from Paraguay then Ciudad del Este/Foz do Iguazu, Salto del

Guaira/Guaíra, and between Pedro Juan Caballero/Ponta Porã

Travelers coming from Peru will have to cross borders at Iñapari/Assis Brasil

Letícia/Tabatinga for Columbian travelers

Santa Elena/Pacaraíma if you are arriving from Venezuela

Lethem/Bonfim is the border crossing from Guyana

Bus

There is a long-distance bus service which links Brazil to its neighboring countries. You will get buses from Buenos Aires, Asunción, Montevideo, Santiago de Chile, and Lima. Here the Brazil land transport authority has international bus lines connecting it to different countries.

Boat

Go to Brazil by boat cruise on the mighty Amazon river. The waterways connect northern Brazil with Peru, Venezuela and Colombia. But be prepared for a 12-day cruise which may get tiresome in the end.

Train

Though train service is practically nonexistent, you can still try out Trem da Morte, or Death Train, which connects Santa Cruz, Bolivia, to a small town just across the border from Corumbá in the State of Mato Grosso do Sul.

Transport

All the major cities are linked by air service. Though you should be aware of one fact that you have to pass through hubs like Brasilia or Sao Paulo, even if you are going to a different location altogether. The airlines operating are Varig and TAM as well as budget airlines BRA, Gol and Webjet.

Brazil's railway system suffered much damage during military regimes and transportation in Brazil by train is possible with the presence of few passenger lines like running from Curitiba to Paranaguá; the one from São João del Rei to Tiradentes ; from Belo Horizonte to Vitória , the route from São Luis to Carajás, and the one from Macapá to Serra do Navio .

For long-distance travel, buses are suitable as well as affordable options. Metered taxis are another option. You must use taxis parked at ponto de taxi (taxi stand) or you can call a radio taxi service. There are taxi services at the international airports in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo to different parts in the city.

If you want to opt for car, then you have that choice as well. You will find many car rental agencies with booths present at the airport or you can talk to your travel agent for hiring a car. Here a driver's license is needed. There are attractive and unusual options as well for transportation in Brazil like going by boat in the Amazon region or west coast of Sao Luis.

If you want transportation in Brazil in the villages then look no further and choose a bicycle. You will get good roads with little traffic, but of course outside the city limits. And most charming aspect is that Rio de Janeiro and Recife have cycle tracks along the beaches.

Choose the suitable mode of transport in Brazil and just go and indulge in an exciting holiday here.

Leisure

Brazil is full of life and here the effervescence of the people rubs on the tourists who arrive here as well. The gaiety and the merry-making of the people here is surely going to enchant you.

The most spectacular attraction of all here in Brazil is the Carnival at Rio de Janeiro. Just like Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the carnival in Rio is regarded as the most popular and extravagant celebration in the world. This carnival takes place in the beginning of the year on the Saturday before Shrove Tuesday. Here you will find perfect blend of zest, merry-making and boisterous celebrations which are surely going to enamor you. The traditional Brazilian dance, the samba and the parades of dancers in vibrant hues and the pulsating rhythm all conjure a magic of their own.

Another festival is the Parintins Folk Festival which is held on June 28th, 29th and 30th every year and it takes place on the banks of the Amazon.

The main highlight of the festival is the mystical 'Boi Bumba', a tussle between two groups representing the legendary bulls, Caprichoso and Garantido. This folk festival is much milder than the carnival and it sees three and a half thousand boats bringing tourists from different parts of Brazil.

At Bahia Carnival, Salvador, you can hear the best of Afro-Brazilian music. Here, you will also find colorful processions and folk dances as well. If you find car races fascinating, then the Brazilian Grand Prix at Sao Paulo awaits you. Here, the track is only about ten miles and people gather here to indulge in engrossing grand prix. People here are passionate about football and it shows in the way the sport is played here. In fact, it is accepted as a religion here.

The Marcana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro is the largest stadium in the world. Brazil was the winner of the World Cup in 1958, 1962, 1970 and in 1994 ,2003 and when you come here don't miss a football match being played.

There are lot of other options for entertainment in Brazil like boat rides, nature hiking, surfing, diving, eco-tourism, kite-surfing, wakeboard and banana ski etc. Come and have an exciting Brazil tour.

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