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Brazil

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Brazil due to COVID-19 and crime. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp. A visa is not required.

US Embassy/Consulate

[55] (61) 3312-7000; US Embassy in Brasilia, SES – Av. das Nações, Quadra 801, Lote 03, 70403-900 – Brasília, DF; https://br.usembassy.gov/; BrasiliaACS@state.gov

Telephone Code

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Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 192 or 193; Fire: 193; Police: 190

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int

Climate

Mostly tropical, but temperate in south

Currency (Code)

Reals (BRL)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

No standard voltage, 127 V / others 220 V 60 Hz / plug type(s): C, N

Major Languages

Portuguese

Religions

Roman Catholic 64.6%, other Catholic 0.4%, Protestant 22.2%, other Christian 0.7%, Spiritis 2.2%

Time Difference

Federal District (UTC -3), Llha Fernando de Noronha (UTC -2), Manaus (UTC -4), Rio Branco (UTC -5)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit
Suggested; if you plan to drive in Brazil, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA.

Road Driving Side
Right

Tourist destinations
Rio Carnival; Iguazu Falls; Lencois Maranhenses National Park; Christ the Redeemer Statue; Fernando De Noronha archipelago; Amazon Theatre; Canoa Quebrada; Botanical Garden of Curitiba; Amazon Rain Forest

Major Sports
Soccer, volleyball, basketball, capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics, and music)

Cultural Practices
Street markets (feira) are a popular feature in all areas of Brazil. They offer a wide selection of unique foods. Coxinha (ko-sheen-ya), a type of minced chicken [croquettes], is especially popular.

Tipping Guidelines
A standard service fee of 10% is included at most restaurants and bars; if not, you may leave a 10-15% tip. Round up the fare for a taxi driver's tip. Leave loose change for housekeeping each night.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int


To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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