



The 2016 Summer Games in Rio



# Greetings Travelers!



As we watch and marvel at the preparations being undertaken in Rio de Janeiro for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad, we are eager to extend our support and expert travel assistance so that your trip to Rio will be the best it can possibly be.

As an extension of that support and expertise, we have created this convenient travel guide as a companion for you as you plan your visit to Rio.

As Rio plays host to 33 separate venues, additional venues will be gearing up in São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Salvador, Brasilia and Manaus.

As soon as the Olympics wind down, the XV Summer Paralympics Games will kick off. This year ushers in the introduction of two new sports: canoeing and paratriathlon.

We are ready for an exciting, action-packed summer of sports and Olympic competition.

Feel free to visit our website or call us if you need any assistance with your travel plans to South America.

Safe travels and enjoy your trip!





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# 2016 Summer Games



Maraca Stadium, the famous soccer stadium in Rio de Janeiro that will host the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the XXXI Games of the Olympiad

The 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro are nearly upon us. The Opening Ceremony kicks off on August 5 and the Closing Ceremony wraps up on August 21. Then, the Paralympic Games begin on September 7.

These are a few facts you may want to know about Rio before you arrive:

Climate: Temperatures generally range from 64°-85° F (17°-30° C) in August, as it is the winter season in Rio. Given these moderate temperatures, you might want to plan for long sleeves and pants, especially during the evening hours to help defend against possible mosquito bites (see Health Notices for more details).

**Population**: The city itself has approximately six million while the entire metropolitan area is home to 11-13.5 million residents. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) estimates that approximately 480,000 visitors will travel to the area for the games. Visa Card, however, anticipates 1.2 million tourists during this same time period.

If you are planning to attend any of the events in Rio, you may find the information in this booklet very useful.



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# Travel Planning Musts

# General Aviation Airport of Entry for Rio and Surrounding Areas

 Rio de Janeiro-Galeão International Airport (SBGL/GIG) – the main airport serving Rio de Janeiro and the second-busiest international airport in Brazil

# Alternative International Airports of Entry outside of Rio

- <u>São Paulo-Guarulhos International Airport</u> (SBGR/GRU) also referred to as Cumbica Airport; the main international airport serving São Paulo and the busiest airport in Latin America (estimated drive time to Rio: 5.5 hours)
- <u>Cabo Frio International Airport</u> (SBCB/CFB) the main airport serving Cabo Frio (estimated drive time to Rio: 2 hours)
- <u>Viracopos-Campinas International Airport</u> (SBKP/VCP) the international airport serving Campinas, São Paulo (estimated drive time to Rio: 5.5 hours)
- <u>Tancredo Neves/Confins International Airport</u> (SBCF/CNF) the main airport serving Belo Horizonte (estimated drive time to Rio: 6 hours)
- <u>Brasília International Airport</u> (SBBR/BSB) named after Juscelino Kubitschek de Oliveira; located in Lago Sul region and services Brasília (estimated drive time to Rio: 14 hours)

# Domestic Airports in and outside of Rio

- <u>Santos Dumont Domestic Airport</u> (SBRJ/SDU) named for Brazilian aviation pioneer Alberto Santos Dumont; the second major airport serving Rio de Janeiro
- <u>Sao Paulo Congonhas Airport</u> (SBSP/CGH) named after the neighborhood where it is located, formerly called Vila Congonhas, is one of the three commercial airports serving São Paulo (estimated drive time to Rio: 5 hours)
- Zona da Mata Regional Airport (SBZM/IZA) also known as Presidente Itamar Franco Airport; located in Goiana and serves Juiz de Fora and the Zona da Mata region (estimated drive time to Rio: 3 hours)



The Santos Dumont Domestic Airport in Rio, with runways that extend to the Guanabara Bay

TRAVEL TIP

The busiest travel days will be the few days prior to the Opening Ceremony and the days immediately following the Closing Ceremony.



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# Travel Basics

# Visa Requirements

Typically, travelers from the U.S. are required to have Brazilian visas, however, that requirement is being waived for select countries during the Olympic Games. The U.S. is one of the countries benefiting from this temporary exemption, which takes effect June 1 through September 18, 2016. Other exempted countries include Canada, Australia and Japan. Passports will still be required.

# **Money Matters**

Before travelling to Brazil, contact your banks – specifically the banks that hold your credit cards and bank cards – and inform them of your travel dates and destinations. This is critical to ensure that you have full access to your cards when you need them most. If you plan to withdraw cash from your cards while in Brazil, your banks will require several weeks advance notice in order to issue you a personal identification number (PIN) for this purpose.

Upon arriving at the airport, you should only exchange enough money the cover your transportation expenses to the hotel at the exchange kiosk. Any additional cash you need should be taken out of ATMs as they have a better exchange rate. Be selective of which ATMs you use: avoid ATMs in public places. If your hotel has an ATM, that would be preferred. Better still: try to locate a branch of Banco do Brasil, which has ATM machines that are more compatible with foreign cards. There are other international banks that are compatible; just look for ATMs that feature emblems for Visa, MasterCard, etc.

TRAVEL TIP Most ATMs in Brazil limit daily withdrawals to R\$1,000 per day, with some as low as R\$300. Some banks close down their ATMs during the evening hours so be sure to withdraw your cash during daylight hours.

If you should experience any fraudulent activity, contact your bank at home immediately. You will likely be reimbursed within a few days, as it is mandated by law in Brazil.

#### **Hotel Accommodations**

Rio de Janeiro is known for having limited inventory for hotel rooms. Several prominent hotel chains have built all-new facilities in the city to help accommodate Olympic goers.



A nighttime aerial view of Rochiha, the largest favela – or local neighborhood – in the South Zone of Rio de Janeiro, between São Conrado and Gávea

You can quickly browse hotel packages, some of which include event tickets, on <u>CoSport's</u> packages web page. Also, the Olympic organizing committee in Rio signed a formal agreement with <u>Airbnb</u> as the official alternative lodging supplier, with some 20,000-plus offerings. You can also check with <u>TAM Viagens</u> for complete hospitality packages. For further assistance with this, please contact <u>traveldesk@uas.aero</u>.



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# Travel Basics

# **Ground Transportation**

Though public transportation is not recommended for foreign travelers in Rio, the underground Metro Rio railway will be running, and it has two main lines. There will also be a new light-rail transit system, similar to a fast-moving tramway in place by the start of the Olympic Games called the VLT Carioca. The rapid transit bus system is called BRT TransCarioca and runs throughout downtown Rio to the airports. The bus system also runs to Barra da Tijuca, where a majority of the events will be held and is the site of the Olympic Village. You can purchase a RioCard, which will work for the bus system, the train and the subway. Keep in mind: the bus system can be potentially dangerous for unsuspecting tourists as it is routinely prone to petty crime.

Taxis and Uber are better options for tourists, especially if you want a little added security during nighttime rides through the city. In Rio, there are two types of taxis: the traditional one that is always yellow with a blue stripe down the side and the special ones, which will vary in color according to the company. But all taxis have red license plates, front and back. Some taxis may charge extra for luggage, and it's a good idea to agree upon the fare to your destination with your driver before you start the ride. Some drivers do not like to use the meter.

Try to have a general understanding of the routes you are taking so that you don't get roped into paying for extra-long rides that cost you more money than they should.

Car rentals are generally very expensive in Rio while parking is virtually impossible in some areas and flatly unsafe in others. You are better served by hiring a car and driver service, which is widely available the city. This is perhaps the best option of all because it frees you to sit back in comfort and enjoy the exhilaration of moving in unison with the exciting, rapid flow of traffic.

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BRT TransCarioca, the rapid transit bus system in Rio, uses bus-only lanes to help ease the congestion and shorten ride times

Unless you speak Portuguese, be sure to have your destination TRAVEL TIP written down on paper or take a snapshot with your smartphone If you want to pre-arrange a car and driver for your visit in Rio, contact so you can solicit assistance readily when using public transportation. The bus system especially can be a bit confusing for tourists.



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# Event Tickets

In order to ensure that the event tickets you purchase are authentic, and will ultimately promote your safety, you should only deal with authorized retailers. Each country has its own agency from which to secure event tickets. U.S. citizens will need to contact CoSport for tickets:

Website: Toll Free:

www.cosport.com +1-877-45-RINGS (1-877-457-4647)

+1-908-326-2660

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 905 Office Hours:

Far Hills, NJ 07931 Monday – Friday, excluding holidays

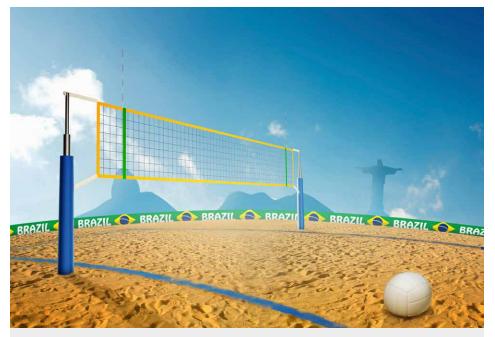
USA 9:00 - 17:30 EDT

Go to the CoSport website, create an account, login and begin searching for the tickets you want to purchase. Be sure to sign up for CoSport's email alerts if you want to be notified as tickets become available.

You may also have luck finding tickets on eBay and Craigslist, but there may be some risks involved since these are secondary retailers.

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If you do not know your country's authorized agency, you can reference the <u>Olympic Games Authorised Ticket Resellers List</u>.



Some sporting event tickets sell out faster than others, so be sure and purchase early



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# Cultural Highlights & Event Venues

- Brazil has 4,000 airports and is surpassed in number only by the U.S.
- The local language is Portuguese for the vast majority of Brazilians; some people speak indigenous and European languages, but they represent an extremely small percentage.
- Rio de Janeiro was the capital of Brazil for 197 years; the capital moved to Brasilia in 1956.
- The local currency is the Brazilian real (pronounced "rey-al") and is designated as BRL.
- Events will be held in four Rio neighborhoods:
  - 1. Deodoro
  - 2. Maracana
  - 3. Barra
  - 4. Copacabana
- Official Olympics site with venue map: <a href="https://www.rio2016.com/en/venues">https://www.rio2016.com/en/venues</a>





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# Prime Locations to Stay

- Copacabana: Home to one of the most beautiful and most famous beaches in the world, Copacabana's sands extend for three miles (5 km) and is active and vibrant with a diverse collection of residents and tourists. Hotels and shopping are plentiful as well as theaters, nightclubs, and fine restaurants.
- Arpoador: Connecting Ipanema and Copacabana, Arpoador is the small peninsula known as the best and most competitive surfing spot in all of Rio. The natural outcropping of rock creates huge, stable breakers up to 7-10 feet (2-3 meters) high. Tourists flock to the numerous cafes and walking trails.
- **Ipanema:** An affluent neighborhood between Leblon and Arpoador, Ipanema is where the distinctive bossa nova sound got started and still thrives today. Known for its fabulous food and safe, hip beach, Ipanema is easy to navigate and considered to be one of the safest parts of Rio.
- Leblon: Widely considered the most affluent neighborhood in Rio and has the
  most expensive price per residential square meter in Latin America. The pace
  here is slower and the beach experience is quieter and more relaxed. Many
  celebrities call this slice of Rio their home for a good reason.
- Barra da Tijuca: Called "Barra" for short, this neighborhood is well known
  for its lakes, rivers and enviable lifestyle. It's rich with posh condominiums,
  mansions, gardens and fine shops. Considered the modern part of the city,
  Barra is also referred to as Brazil's Miami Beach, which is 11 miles (18 km) long
  and is home to celebrities and soccer stars alike.



World-renowned Copacabana Beach with a glimpse of iconic Sugarloaf Mountain off in the distance



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# Favorite Attractions

Rio has world-renowned beaches and fabulous cuisine. Juice bars are plentiful along the beaches and the region boasts an incredible selection of exotic fruits – and both are perfect for refreshing you while enjoying the outdoors.

# Some popular tourist attractions include:

- The Museum of Tomorrow is a science museum designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava and was dedicated upon its opening to a vision of a sustainable world.
- <u>The Niterói Contemporary Art Museum</u>, designed by Brasilia-architect Oscar Niemeyer, is a modern, saucer-shaped structure that sits on a slope that overlooks Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro, and Sugarloaf Mountain.
- <u>Christ the Redeemer</u>, a UNESCO World Heritage Site was named one of the "New Seven Wonders of the World" in 2007.
- <u>The Olympic Rings in Madureira Park</u> is located in the north of Rio with one of three giant screens for watching the events.
- <u>Sugarloaf Mountain</u> is a popular tourist spot with spectacular views of nearby Ipanema and Guanabara Bay; also known for amazing sunrises and sunsets.
- The Botanical Gardens is a calm, peaceful oasis in a bustling, active city.
- The Rio City Zoo is a great outlet for communing with nature and experiencing more than 2,000 species of fauna showcased there.



The Christ the Redeemer monument, perched aloft Corcovado Hill, overlooking Guanabara Bay



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# Favorite Attractions

# **Nearby excursions:**

- Amazon River adventures start and finish in Manaus and show you the magnificence of the Amazon Rainforest from the comfort of world-class river boat accommodations, great food, and a captivating itinerary.
- <u>Pantanal</u> is an ecological sanctuary located south of the Amazon River basin and to the east of the Andes Mountain and showcases some of the most incredible wetland flora and fauna on the planet.
- <u>Ilha Grande</u> is a lush island free of noisy traffic teaming with spectacular wildlife: monkeys, squirrels, fireflies, and exotic birds. It's perfect for hiking and beach-going!
- Petrópolis, called the Imperial City of Brazil, is a gorgeous mountain retreat with a distinct European flare. Located 42 miles (68 km) from Rio in the scenic hills of Serra dos Órgãos, it is a longstanding favorite winter vacation spot.
- <u>Natal, Rio Grande do Norte</u>, is host to amazing, sprawling sand dunes with a
  picturesque lagoon and features a sixteenth-century star-shaped Portuguese
  fort called Forte dos Reis Magos.
- Foz do Iguaçu, meaning the Iguazu River Mouth, is known for its spectacular view of the Iguaçu Water Falls, located near the Brazil-Argentina border.
- Porto de Galinhas, a major tourist destination on the Atlantic coastline south
  of Recife is known for its aqua-blue water and natural pools a beach lover's
  paradise.



Iguacu Water Falls, located near the Brazil-Argentina border



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# Health and Safety Tips

Like in any large city, you should plan to take commonsense precautions when walking around in public.

These are some suggestions from law enforcement in Rio:

- Always be mindful of where you are and what's happening around you; be vigilant at all times.
- You should not walk alone, especially along dimly-lit streets at night and never walk in public while intoxicated; taking a taxi would be a smarter move in all of these instances.
- Avoid wearing jewelry, especially nice watches and gold necklaces and rings; flashiness will get you noticed.
- Do not handle camera equipment, smartphones or cash in open, public spaces; make and take phone calls inside of stores and restaurants; expensive items may attract the wrong kind of attention to you.
- Avoid using public ATMs on the street, subway stations and international airports; locate banking institutions with ATMs inside or use the ATM at your hotel instead.
- Be aware that protests are commonplace in Rio; check daily to ensure that the areas you are visiting do not have protests scheduled.
- Do not resist if someone mugs you; muggers are less likely to inflict harm if you cooperate with their demands.
- Find the nearest police precinct immediately and report any crimes committed against you.

#### **Immunizations**

Immunization requirements for entry into Brazil will vary by country. For example, some foreign nationals entering the country may be required to be immunized against yellow fever, t etanus/diphtheria, typhoid and hepatitis. Some travelers, however, like those from the U.S., may already be immunized against some of these illnesses and may not require vaccinations. Additionally, if visitors to Rio plan to travel to rural areas outside of the city, like the Amazon or Pantanal, they may be required to get additional vaccinations for polio, MMR, hepatitis B and rabies. Anti-malaria drugs may also be prescribed.

The best thing to do is to check with the World Health Organization to find out exactly which immunizations are required for you. The website is <u>www.iamat.org</u>. They provide general information on <u>routine vaccinations</u> for Brazil, and you can also access the <u>World Immunization Chart</u> from the site.



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# Travel Insurance for Medical and Security

If you want short-term travel insurance to cover any unforeseen medical and healthcare expenses, you should contact your insurance provider to find out if it offers this kind of policy. Most policies will have medical and security coverage and will provide each traveler with a hotline to call in the event of an emergency. Once the call is placed, it will either be sent to a medical or a security company that can help guide you on what to do and where to go.

#### **Health Notices**

**Zika**: It's expected that the Zika Virus, transmitted to humans via mosquito bite, may still be an issue in Rio during the Olympic Games. Symptoms are generally mild, lasting from two to seven days, and include fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The disease is rarely serious enough to require hospitalization or to cause fatality. Here are some commonsense precautions to take:

- Be sure to wear long sleeves and long pants.
- Try to stay indoors with air conditioning; make sure there are screens on windows and doors.
- Only use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved and registered insect repellents.
- Do not use insect repellents on infants under two years of age; use clothing and mosquito netting to protect them.
- Permethrin is also affective for treating clothing.
- Use a mosquito net over your bed if you are sleeping in a tropical area or outside.

Zika poses a particularly serious risk to pregnant women. If you are pregnant and plan to attend the Summer Games in Rio, please consult with your doctor prior to your departure.

**Sunburn**: When sunbathing on the beaches in Rio, be sure to apply SPF 50-plus sunscreen and avoid falling asleep for an extended period of time in the sun. Reapply sunscreen generously every time after entering the water even if the product label claims it is water resistant. You don't want severe sunburn to interfere with enjoying your time at the Summer Games.

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Additionally, make sure to stay properly hydrated with plenty of bottled water while outdoors.



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