

# Travel Resources for Brazil

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### USEFUL WEBSITES ON BRAZIL

Note: The symbol “P” indicates the site is only in Portuguese.

#### General Planning

Official Brazilian Tourist Websites

[www.embratur.gov.br](http://www.embratur.gov.br)

[www.braziltour.com](http://www.braziltour.com)

Consulate General of Brazil in Chicago  
(Online Visa Application Form)

[www.brazilconsulatechicago.org](http://www.brazilconsulatechicago.org)

BrazilMax

[www.brazilmax.com](http://www.brazilmax.com)

Brazil Travel Blog

[www.braziltravelblog.com](http://www.braziltravelblog.com)

Guia Quatro Rodas (P)

[www.guia4rodas.com.br](http://www.guia4rodas.com.br)

Maria-Brazil

[www.maria-brazil.org](http://www.maria-brazil.org)

#### Travel Agencies Specializing in Brazil

BACC Travel

[www.bacctravel.com](http://www.bacctravel.com)

Brazil Nuts

[www.brazilnuts.com](http://www.brazilnuts.com)

Brol.com

[www.brol.com](http://www.brol.com)

Discoverbrazil.com

[www.discoverbrazil.com](http://www.discoverbrazil.com)

#### Fernando de Noronha

Official Tourism Website

[www.noronha.pe.gov.br](http://www.noronha.pe.gov.br)

Tourist Info on Fernando de Noronha

[www.noronha.com.br/english/index.html](http://www.noronha.com.br/english/index.html)

#### Porto de Galinhas

Official Tourism Website

[www.visitportodegalinhas.com](http://www.visitportodegalinhas.com)

#### Recife & Olinda

Official State of Pernambuco Tourism Website

[www.destinopernambuco.com.br](http://www.destinopernambuco.com.br)

Official Tourism Website of Recife

[www.recifecvb.com.br](http://www.recifecvb.com.br)

Tourism Portal for the State of Pernambuco

[www.ipernambuco.com.br](http://www.ipernambuco.com.br)

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## São Paulo

Official Tourism Website for São Paulo	<a href="http://www.cityofsaopaulo.com">www.cityofsaopaulo.com</a>
Tourist Guide to São Paulo	<a href="http://www.fiquemaisumdia.com.br">www.fiquemaisumdia.com.br</a>
Insider's Guide to São Paulo	<a href="http://www.totalspguide.com">www.totalspguide.com</a>
São Paulo Metrô (Subway System)	<a href="http://www.metro.sp.gov.br/ingles/index.asp">www.metro.sp.gov.br/ingles/index.asp</a>
State of São Paulo	<a href="http://www.saopaulo.sp.gov.br/en/conhecasp">www.saopaulo.sp.gov.br/en/conhecasp</a>

## Rio de Janeiro

Official Rio de Janeiro Tourist Website	<a href="http://www.rcvb.com.br">www.rcvb.com.br</a>
Great Website on Rio de Janeiro	<a href="http://www.ipanema.com">www.ipanema.com</a>
Subway System	<a href="http://www.metrorio.com.br/en">www.metrorio.com.br/en</a>
Information on Rio's Carnival	<a href="http://www.rio-carnival.net">www.rio-carnival.net</a>
Gringo-Rio Guide	<a href="http://www.gringo-rio.com">www.gringo-rio.com</a>
TurisRio (Info on Rio de Janeiro State)	<a href="http://www.visitrio.com.br/site/home">www.visitrio.com.br/site/home</a>
Information on Carnivals Around the World	<a href="http://www.carnaval.com">www.carnaval.com</a>
<i>National Geographic Traveler</i> Guide to Rio <a href="http://rio-de-janeiro-brazil/">rio-de-janeiro-brazil/</a>	<a href="http://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/city-guides/">www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/city-guides/</a>

## Travelers' Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>
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## Accommodations

Hostelling International	<a href="http://www.hihostels.com">www.hihostels.com</a>
Federação Brasileira de Albergues da Juventude (FBAJ)(Brazilian Federation of Youth Hostels (P))	<a href="http://www.hostel.org.br">www.hostel.org.br</a>

## Airlines

TAM Brazilian Airlines	<a href="http://www.tam.com.br">www.tam.com.br</a>
Gol Airlines	<a href="http://www.voegol.com.br">www.voegol.com.br</a>
TRIP Linhas Aéreas (P)	<a href="http://www.voetrip.com.br">www.voetrip.com.br</a>

## Brazil Travel Blogs & Newsletters

Brazil Travel Blog	<a href="http://www.braziltravelblog.com">www.braziltravelblog.com</a>
About.com: Brazil (Travel newsletter)	<a href="http://gobrazil.about.com">http://gobrazil.about.com</a>

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## Blogs on Brazil

by Michael Sommers, author of travel guidebooks on Brazil and Rio de Janeiro [www.moon.com/blogs/brazil](http://www.moon.com/blogs/brazil)

## News About Brazil in English

Brazzil Mag [www.brazzil.com](http://www.brazzil.com)

News about Rio in English <http://riotimesonline.com>

## Learning Brazilian Portuguese

Tá Falado (podcasts, blogs, entries) <http://tltc.la.utexas.edu/brazilpod/tafalado>

Sonia-portuguese.com [www.sonia-portuguese.com](http://www.sonia-portuguese.com)

Blog for learning Portuguese [www.transparent.com/portuguese](http://www.transparent.com/portuguese)

## Brazilian Music

All Brazilian Music [www.allbrazilianmusic.com](http://www.allbrazilianmusic.com)

## USEFUL BOOKS ON BRAZIL IN ENGLISH

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Poelzl, Volker, *Culture Shock! Brazil*, Marshall Cavendish Corporation, Tarrytown, N.Y., 2009.

## **Travel Health**

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Young, Isabelle, and Gherardin, Tony, *Healthy Travel Central & South America*, Lonely Planet Publications, Footscray, Victoria, Australia, 2008.

## **USEFUL BOOKS ON BRAZIL IN PORTUGUESE**

Camargo, José Eduardo (ed.), *Guia Quatro Rodas: Viajar Bem e Barato*, Editora Abril, São Paulo, 2009. (This is an excellent budget guide for travelers.)

Nogueira, Kiko (ed.), *Guia Quatro Rodas: Brasil 2010*, Editora Abril, São Paulo, 2010. (This comprehensive guide is packed with great food and lodging recommendations, maps, and sightseeing suggestions.)

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