

Brazil Facts



Rio de Janeiro - Amazonas



- **Population:** 213 million people live in Brazil (2021)
- **Capital:** Brasilia, with 4.2 million inhabitants is the country's fourth largest city. The largest city in Brazil is Sao Paulo with about 22 million inhabitants.
- **Name:** Republica Federativa do Brasil, Federative Republic of Brazil

Brazil Geography Brazilian Food

Brazil is located on the South American continent. Brazil also belongs to the Latin American countries. The country borders the Atlantic Ocean.

The largest Latin American country shares borders with all other South American countries except for Chile and Ecuador. The longest border is shared with Bolivia and is 3,400 km/ 2,113 miles long.

- The northern and western parts of Brazil are largely dominated by the Amazon Basin. In the South, you will find the Brazilian Highlands.
- The Amazon, the Paraná, the Madeira River, the Rio de la Plata and the Rio Negro are among the biggest rivers in Brazil.
- The climate in Brazil is mostly tropical with a temperate climate in the Southern parts of the country.
- The most famous landmark of Brazil is located in Rio de Janeiro. The Christ the Redeemer statue overlooks the city and Sugarloaf mountain.



Rio de Janeiro in Brazil

- Brazil is South America's biggest and the world's fifth largest country. The country covers three time zones!

- Brazil is also the largest country in the Southern hemisphere as it is bigger than Australia.
- The Amazon river is the world's second longest river. It is about 6,400 km/ 4,000 miles long. The river flows through Peru, Colombia and enters the Atlantic Ocean in Brazil.



Amazon rainforest in Brazil

- The Amazon rain forest is the largest rainforest in the world. About 60% of the world's rainforests are located in Brazil.
- Brazil is one of the 17 megadiverse countries in the world due to the many species of plants and animals.
- The highest lying area of Brazil is in the North and is called the Guiana highlands.
- Brazil's highest mountain is the 'Pico de Neblina' and is 2,994 m/ 9,822 ft. high.
- Brazil is the only country on the planet where the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn run through the country.
- The Pantanal is the world's largest tropical wetland and covers most of the country's western parts.

- Brazil shares the Iguazu Falls, the largest waterfall system in the world with Argentina. There are over 270 waterfalls in this waterfall system.

Brazil Festivals Brazil Attractions

- Rio de Janeiro: Copacabana and Ipanema are great for beach holidays



Ipanema Beach in Rio de Janeiro

- Capivara National Park is known for ancient rock paintings
- Recife, the country's fourth largest city is also nicknamed 'Venice of Brazil' because of its over 50 bridges and many waterways.
- Pantanal National park is also called the 'Brazilian Garden of Eden'



Florianópolis is located on Santa Catarina Island which stretches over 54 km/ 33 miles. The island has some of the most amazing beaches in the country.



Santa Catarina island

Brazilian People Brazil Language

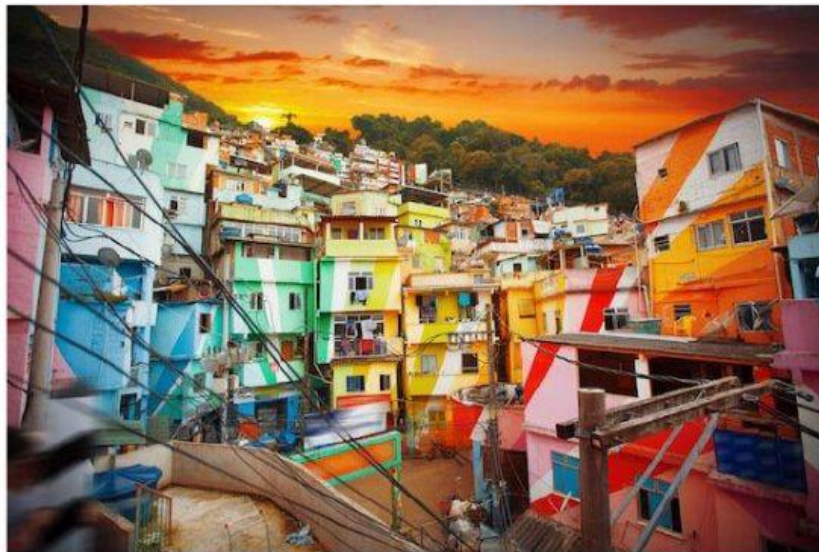
Brazil is the country with the fifth largest population in the world, after China, India, the USA and Indonesia.

Most Brazilians (87%) live in urban centres, mainly along the Atlantic coast and in the major cities.



Sao Paulo, the most populous city of Brazil

The biggest cities in Brazil are Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia. The Brazilian cities are known for the extensive *favelas*. These are the neighbourhoods or shanty towns, where mainly poor people live.



Favela of Rio de Janeiro

The northern parts of the country are the least populated area in Brazil.

Among the Brazilian people are more than 800,000 indigenous people, some of them Amerindians.

Brazil Language Brazil Geography

Brazil is the only Portuguese-speaking country in South America. The Brazilian Portuguese is slightly different to the Portuguese spoken in Portugal. The pronunciation sounds different and some of the words are used only in Brazil.

English

- hello
- cool/ok/good
- thank you (male speaker)
- thank you (female speakers)
- ice-cream
- juice
- bus

Portuguese

- *oi*
- *beleza*
- *obrigado* (male speakers)
- *obrigada* (female speakers)
- *sorvete*
- *suco*
- *ônibus*

Brazil Carnival Brazil Attractions

Brazil is known for its cheerful and vibrant atmosphere during Carnival time starting on the Friday before Ash Wednesday. *Carneval do Brasil* is celebrated in many cities such as in Sao Paolo, Salvador or Rio de Janeiro.



Carnival in Rio

The Brazilian carnival starts on the Friday before Ash Wednesday, or the beginning of the Christian period of fasting called Lent. This usually is in February.

In Brazil, carnival is celebrated with the parades of the various samba schools. The communities are usually widely involved as drumming, dancing and marching are practised all year round for this special annual event.

Festivals in Brazil Sports in Brazil

The people in Brazil love being outdoors, the main sports are soccer, volleyball and water sports.



Kids playing soccer on the beach in Brazil

The South American country hosted the soccer world cup in 2014. Brazil won the world cup five times in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002 and the country has participated in all the tournament since it began.

Brazil also hosted the last Summer Olympic Games in August 2016. The XXXVI (16th) Olympiad in Rio was the first Olympic Games on the South American continent! Over ten thousand athletes from 206 countries took part in these summer sports games. [Read more about the Rio Olympics here.](#)

Brazilian Animals Sports in Brazil



Jaguar

Brazil's national animal is the Jaguar.



Toucan

Brazil is home to many other fascinating mammals too, such as armadillos, tapirs and pumas.

The Amazon is home to many fish species, also the piranha. The national bird is the macaw. The colourful toucans with their big horned beaks also can be seen in Brazil.