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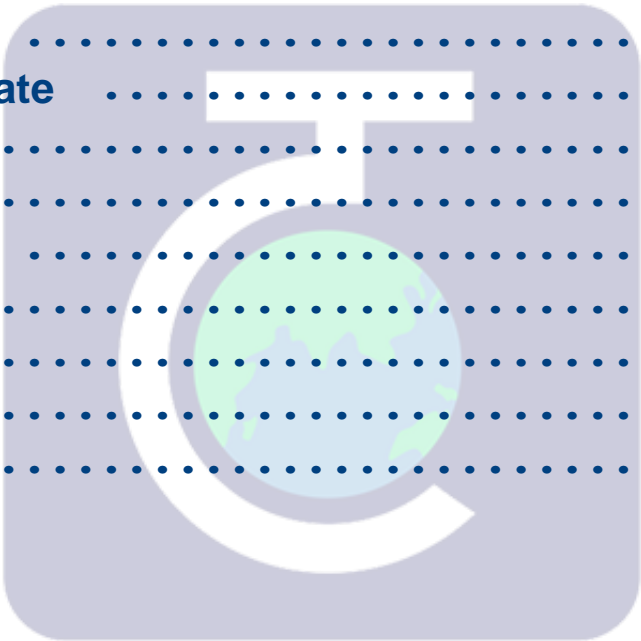
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1. Geographical location

Fortaleza is the fifth largest city in Brazil and is the capital of Ceara in North eastern Brazil. Atlantic Ocean is on the North of this city and Pacatuba is to the South. It has a tropical climate with dry winters. This is definitely one of the most vibrant cities in Brazil. Fortaleza has a coastline of around 570Kms and a predominance of low altitude interior lands. The areas in and around Fortaleza are famous for their beaches, natural forests, trekking paths and waterfalls.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Cities Close To Fortaleza Are Teresina (250 Kms), Caucaia (309 Kms), Sao Luis (328 Kms) And Juazeiro Do Norte (493 Kms).



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3. Significance

The Tropical Weather And The Dry Winters, The Pristine Beaches And The Night Place Makes This “The Brazilian Miami”, A Significant Tourist Attraction. The Nearest Heritage Site From Fortaleza Is At A Distance Of 350 Kms; A Place Called Jericoacoara Which Was Once An Isolated Fishing Village But Was Later Recognized Because Of The Huge Sand Dunes And Beautiful Sea Coast. There Are A Lot Of Lakes And Lagoons Here Making The Place A World Heritage Site.



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4. History

Fortaleza Was Discovered By Spaniard Vicente Pinzon When He Landed On This Place On February 2, 1500. The Discovery Was Not Officially Accepted Because Of The Treaty Of Tordesillas. In 1603, Colonization Began And The Portuguese Constructed The Fort Of Sao Tiago And Founded The Settlement Of The New Lisbon. In 1612, Martins Soars Moreno Expanded The Fort Of Sao Tiago Which Was Then Invaded By The Dutch In 1637. But In 1644, The Fort Was Destroyed In A War Between The Dutch And The Portuguese. In 1654, The Dutch Handed The Fort To The Portuguese, Who Renamed The Place Fortaleza Da Nossa Senhora De Assunção And The Place Was Later Named As Fortaleza. In 1799, Fortaleza Was Officially Announced As The Capital Of Ceara.



Index**5. Cultural identity**

After becoming the capital of Ceara, Fortaleza has become home to a number of cultural institutions. In 1887, the Ceara Institute was established to conduct the history, anthropology and geography of the place. Fortaleza is a site for the cultural movements and literature. There are a number of cultural centres here depicting the diverse and rich beliefs of the native groups who belong to this place. African and Syrian – Lebanese traditions also dominate the culture of Fortaleza.



Index**6. Natural resources**

Some of the cultural reserves of Fortaleza include the Quadrilhas juninas, where a large number of traditional folk dances are organized, Maracatu; dance and music form which is performed during the carnivals and Dança do coco; a dance form that was originated by the Afro – Brazilians.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Theatro José de Alencar

Located to the south of Plaza José de Alencar, the theatre is a beautiful nouveau art landmark of the city. Completed in 1912, Theatro José de Alencar is known for hosting socio-cultural and artistic programs every day. This building is an architectural mix of neoclassical and metal facade. The interior of the courtyard is made up of a metal framework with colored stained glasses that were imported from Scotland almost a century ago. Take a guided tour of the building to learn about the historical tales of the city and be fascinated by the Belle époque period that is still preserved in the designs that embellish the staircases, cabins and friezes.

Address : R. Liberato Barroso, 525 - Centro, Fortaleza - CE, 60030-160, Brazil

Zipcode : 60030-160

Location : -3.7277855, -38.53167559999997

Contact : +55 85 3101-2566

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/theatrojoseddealencar/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Gal Sampaio, 951 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: R\$6, Students: R\$3. Free entry daily from 17:00hrs & every last Sunday of the month.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 09:00hrs-21:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 14:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Museu da Cachaça

Located in the old colonial mansion in iPark Tourist Complex around 30 kilometers from the city, the Cachaça Museum is the first industrial unit of Ypióca. It features a collection of documents, maps, photos, machines, agricultural equipment, bottles and barrels that narrate the tales of production of the Cachaça (a drink made of Sugarcane) by Telles Family for 5 generations. Built by Dario Telles de Menezes, a patriarch in the 19th century, the museum exhibits

the largest wooden barrel in the world with 8 meters in height and a capacity to hold 374,000 liters. Visit the museum and walk through the archaic way (more than 160 years) to make this high-standard drink, as you see the oak barrels preserving the drinks made in 1968 and 1971. You can also taste the different flavors of the drink produced during different periods.

Address : Estrada Ypioca, S/N - Casarão 1851 - Sapupara, Maranguape - CE, 61950-000, Brazil

Zipcode : 61950-000

Location : -3.942715, -38.664733000000001

Contact : +55-8533410407

Website : <http://site.ipark.tur.br/museu-da-cachaca/>

Nearest Public Transport : Subway station: Vila das Flores

Entry Fee : R\$ 16

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Sunday 08:30hrs-17:00hrs, Closed on Monday & Tuesday.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Complexo Turístico iPark

Located in Maranguape, just 30-kilometers from Fortaleza, the iPark Tourist Complex was inaugurated in 2000 with more than 30 attractions. This 173-acre adventure hub invites you to explore various forms recreational activities like aquaball, zipline, wakeboard and archery to test your skills as well as guarantee an unforgettable time. The activities are divided into 3 main fields including leisure, tactical and adventure that will surprise you with its ingenuity. It segregates itself into multiple sections that cater to different age-groups. If you are a nature lover, there are various pathways for you to unravel the biodiversity of the protected forests housing some endangered fauna.

Address : Estr. da Ypioca, S/N, Maracanaú - CE, 61950-000, Brazil

Zipcode : 61950-000

Location : -3.942715, -38.664733

Contact : +55 85 3341-0407

Website : <http://site.ipark.tur.br/complexo-ipark/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jereissati Subway Station (Not Recommended) and Maracanaú Subway Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Entry Fee- Adults: R\$ 32; Children under 12years, Students with a valid ID, Senior citizens over 60years and People with special needs: R\$ 16. Adventure Package (Entry Fee+ most Adventures)- Adults: R\$ 94; Children under 12years and Students with a valid ID: R\$ 78.

Open & Close Timing : January-July: Thursday-Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs August-December: Tuesday-Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs.

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Museu do Automóvel

Museu do Automóvel or Ceara's Automobile Museum revives the history of the city and country through its extensive collection of vintage cars manufactured in 19th and 20th centuries. Apart from displaying a collection of National, American and European luxury cars, the museum also exhibits ancient air pumps and fuel tanks (bought from old stations). The oldest car displayed in the museum is Ford T, which was manufactured in 1917. A paradise for all the car lovers, this museum is a must-stop as it will always surprise you with at least one new antique vehicle from your last visit.

Address : 870, Rua Jornalista César Magalhães, 862 - Guararapes, Fortaleza - CE, 60810-140, Brazil

Zipcode : 60810-140

Location : -3.7677459, -38.4890717

Contact : +55 85 3273-3129

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Museu-do-Autom%C3%B3vel-191271014238334/about/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Gontran Gifoni, sn Bus Station

Entry Fee : R\$ 10

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Universal Park

Opened in 1981, Universal Park is an amusement park featuring fun-filled attractions for visitors of all ages. Come to this unique theme park that boasts of over 25 entertainment attractions including a Giant LED Wheel, roller-coasters, Ghost Train and Cyclone to name a few. This place guarantees an enjoyable family time.

Address : Av. Washington Soares, 2315 - Edson Queiroz, Fortaleza - CE, 60811-341, Brazil

Zipcode : 60811-341

Location : -3.7804343, -38.481143299999

Contact : +55 85 98976-1591

Website : <http://www.universalspark.blog.br/>

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Washington Soares, sn Bus Station

Entry Fee : Tuesday-Thursday- Full: R\$ 60, Half: R\$ 30. Friday-Sunday- Full: R\$ 70, Half: R\$ 35.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 16:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Praia do Futuro

The Future Beach or Praia Do Futuro is a paradise for bathers and swimmers with its soft golden sand and strong waves. One of the cleanest beaches in the city, the beautiful shoreline is known for its calm atmosphere, dunes, and Barracas. A lot of rustic restaurants and bars are lined up along the beach front serving the best cocktails and regional seafood. The beach attracts most of its visitors during the weekends. Note: The waves are a little rough here, so be careful before you dive in or go for a swim. Beware of pickpocketers that roam near the restaurants at night.

Address : Fortaleza, State of Ceara, Brazil

Zipcode : 60183-696

Location : -3.7209233, -38.46199139999999

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Cesar Cals, 510 Bus Station, Avenida Zeze Diogo, 1426 Bus Station and Avenida Cesar Cals, 1060 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Parque Ecológico do Cocó

Set up in 1991, Parque Ecológico do Cocó or Cocó Park is the ideal place to lose yourself in the arms of nature. Built to protect the mangrove swamps from encroaching the highways and the industrial zone, the reserve is perfect for a walk with its paved paths. One of the most famous parks in the city, the park features places for sports and recreational activities, an amphitheater, a forest, outdoor events and shows, and a café. Do take the boat ride along Rio Coco to enjoy the flora and fauna of this park.

Address : Avenida Engenheiro Santana Júnior, S/n - Cocó, Fortaleza - CE, 60060-170, Brazil

Zipcode : 60060-170

Location : -3.7484399, -38.48587980000002

Contact : +55 85 3234-3574

Website : <http://www.semace.ce.gov.br/2010/12/paque-ecologico-do-rio-coco/>

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Eng Santana Junior, sn Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Museu do Ceará

This neoclassical building inaugurated in 1935 is a haven for all the anthropologists and history buffs. The magnificence of its architectural features are reflected in its windows, columns and triangular groundwork. Featuring a collection of over 13,000 art pieces, the permanent exhibitions of Museu do Ceará are based on historical themes of the state including revolts, well-known struggles, constituted powers and much more. The highlight of the museum includes a display of 4 fishermen who sailed from Praia de Iracema to Rio to highlight their deplorable life to the government in 1941.

Address : Rua São Paulo, 51 - Centro, Fortaleza - CE, 60030-100, Brazil

Zipcode : 60030-100

Location : -3.7264602, -38.52656530000001

Contact : +55 85 3101-2610

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/museudoceara/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Sena Madureira, 761 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 08:30hrs-17:00hrs, Saturday 08:30hrs-12:30hrs, Sunday 14:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on Monday.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Centro Dragão do Mar de Arte e Cultura

Reviving the neighborhood of Iracema, Centro Dragão do Mar de Arte e Cultura is a huge cultural space boasting of modern architecture. Within its massive area of 30,000 square meters, the Dragon of the Sea Center houses the Dragão do Mar theater, the museum of the culture of Ceara, the museum of contemporary art, the Rubens de Azevedo planetarium and other performance spaces. Learn more about the history and culture of the state on your visit, which is dedicated to Francisco José do Nascimento, a national hero who initiated the abolitionist

movement of the slave trade in the country.

Address : R. Dragão do Mar, 81 - Praia de Iracema, Fortaleza - CE, 60060-390, Brazil

Zipcode : 60060-390

Location : -3.7213002999999999, -38.520209799999997

Contact : +55 85 3488-8600

Website : <http://dragaodomar.org.br/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bus Station: Rua Alm Barroso, 411

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 3.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Centro de Turismo de Fortaleza

What previously served as a jail, today, is a place that is full of art and craft stalls. Come here to buy some traditional Ceara souvenirs.

Address : Rua Senador Pompeu, 350 - Centro, Fortaleza - CE, 60025-000, Brazil

Zipcode : 60025-000

Location : -3.7222574, -38.528317000000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Ingleses Bridge

Often referred to as the Metallic Bridge, Ponte dos Ingleses is a pier elongation of the port on Iracema beach to improve the infrastructure. One of the most emblematic cluster of structures in the city, this historical bridge with its fascinating landscapes attracts visitors of all ages. Come to this tourist landmark and see the sun setting into the horizon as the peaceful sound of the crashing waves soothe your mind.

Address : Rua dos Cariris, Fortaleza - CE, Brazil

Zipcode : 60060-510

Location : -3.7179645999999999, -38.516835300000002

Nearest Public Transport : Bus Station: Avenida Alm Barroso, 668

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Passeio Público

Officially known as Praça dos Mártires or the Martyr's Square, the Public Garden is the most ancient square located in the heart of the city. A popular gathering place for the locals, this urban space is known for its exotic flora. The Baobab trees planted by Senator Pompey forms the highlight of the park. Dating back to the 1890s, the current square was renovated again in 1940 and has been serving as a favorite picnic spot since then.

Address : Rua Dr. João Moreira, s/n - Centro, Fortaleza - CE, 60025-100, Brazil

Zipcode : 60025-100

Location : -3.7226575, -38.52631489999999

Contact : +55 800 28 5088

Website : <https://www.fortaleza.ce.gov.br/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Dor Joao Moreira, 163 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Meireles Beach

A stretch of golden sand adorned by the handicraft fair Feirinha de Artesanato, Meireles Beach is a tourist magnet. Dotted with hotels, rustic restaurants and shopping areas, come here to relax by the waves with a drink. Always bustling with crowd, this beach serves as a great jogging area and the wide walkways are great for a romantic stroll in the evenings.

Address : Av. Beira Mar, 2841-2925 - Meireles, Fortaleza - CE, 60165-121, Brazil

Zipcode : 60165-121

Location : -3.7247875, -38.49822599999999

Contact : +55-8599033344

Nearest Public Transport : Bus Station: Avenida Historiador Raimundo Girão, sn

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Praia das Fontes

Located only an hour from the city, Fontes Beach offers magnificent landscapes with its red toned sand dunes. With an exceptional backdrop of shoreline and ponds, this beach with its beauty makes for a perfect place to take a bath in salt water. The buggeiros at the beach are always ready to take you on a ride through fine cliffs, grottos and the Uruaú Lagoon- the largest lake in the area. A small cave that is excavated by the sea water is located near the beach and can only be visited during low tides. Horse riding is also available here.

Address : Tv. Assis Moreira, 294, Beberibe - CE, 62840-000, Brazil

Zipcode : 62840-000

Location : -4.186288, -38.075698999999998

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Mae Manoel Mavignier, 7715 Bus station (Not Recommended)

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Praia de Morro Branco

Located about 80 miles from the city, the Morro Branco is a typical Ceara beach known for different tones of sand that are used mainly for sand art. Explore the Labyrinth Morro Branco formed between the cliffs due to the corrosion. Hike up the lighthouse that will stump you with its stunning landscapes of the sea and glorious sunset. Various open-air spaces on this beach serve as a favorite picnic spot for families. The silence and solitude of the beach, creativity of the artisans in the handicraft fair and the friendly nature of the buggeiros makes this beach one of the most sought after tourist destinations. If you are looking for some village experience, then the nearby fishing village of Tracoá is just the place.

Address : R. Cinco A, 45, Beberibe - CE, 62840-000, Brazil

Zipcode : 62840-000

Location : -4.152520000000001, -38.111702000000004

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Mae Manoel Mavignier, 7715 Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Fortaleza de Nossa Senhora da Assunção

Meaning "The Fort of Our Lady of Assumption", Fortaleza de Nossa Senhora da Assunção was the birthplace of the history of Fortaleza. Located on the left bank of the Marajaitiba river, this fortress currently serves as the headquarters of the 10th Military Region of the Brazilian army. Mostly occupied by the army, only some parts of the fortress are open for exploration. However, do visit the small museum inside the fort that is dedicated to General Antonio de Sampaio, a national hero who was buried in the fort. Do not forget to see the imposing statue of another hero, Martins Soares Moreno and the panoramic views of the sea from the courtyard.

Address : Centro, Fortaleza - Ceará, 60025-130, Brazil

Zipcode : 60025-130

Location : -3.722848, -38.52511130000005

Contact : +55 84 98726-2614

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Dor Joao Moreira, 163 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-11:00hrs and 14:00rs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Catedral Metropolitana de Fortaleza

Located in the heart of the city, the Metropolitan Cathedral of Fortaleza was opened in 1978 and is the third largest cathedral in the country. A massive blend of Roman and Gothic framework, the church was designed by George Maunier, an architect from France and took 4 decades for its completion. With a capacity to hold 5,000 visitors and 75 meters tall towers, it features crypts and chapels, impressive glass windows and an altar gifted by a faithful follower from Verona, Italy. Step into the cathedral and be impressed by the stunning grandeur of the biggest cathedral in the city.

Address : Praça da Sé, s/n - Centro, Fortaleza - CE, 60055-150, Brazil

Zipcode : 60055-150

Location : -3.7247119999999, -38.524420999999

Contact : +55 85 3231-4196

Website : <http://www.arquidiocesedefortaleza.org.br/regioes/regiao-metropolitan>

a-sao-jose/paroquias-da-regiao-sao-jose/paroquia-sao-jose-catedral-metropolitna/

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Sobral (Do3), 166 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Jardim Japonês

Nestled amidst the concrete buildings in one of the most expensive neighborhoods, this urban space is your serene getaway from the hustle of the city. This park was opened in 2011 to celebrate the completion of 285 years of the city as well as a tribute to Mr. Jussaku Fujita, the first immigrant from Japan. This lush shamrock space boasts of over 50 species of native flora and symbolizes the Japanese culture in Fortaleza.

Address : Av. Beira Mar - Meireles, Fortaleza - CE, 60165-121, Brazil

Zipcode : 60165-121

Location : -3.7254187, -38.490908999999

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jardim-Japon%C3%AAs-FortalezaCE/110612249067443>

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Abolicao, 3207 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Praça Luíza Távora

Learn more about the romantic tales that hide within Luiza Távora Square. Named after the wife of Virgílio Távora, the former governor of Ceará, this square houses the famous handicraft center 'CEART' and hence, is popularly known as the Ceart Square. Built in the space where the castle constructed by Plácido de Carvalho was demolished, today, the square is a leisure point for locals and tourists. The Wagon, a Braille-based mini library attracts various book-lovers.

Address : Av. Santos Dumont, 1589 - Aldeota, Fortaleza - CE, 60160-150, Brazil

Zipcode : 60160-150

Location : -3.7322633, -38.5099731

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pra%C3%A7a-Lu%C3%ADza-T%C3%A1vora/239837569493588>

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Santos Dumont, 1400 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Zoológico Municipal Sargento Prata

Zoológico Municipal Sargento Prata or Fortaleza Zoo is situated in the Passaré neighborhood and boasts of over 40 species of exotic native fauna. The zoo is dedicated to Sergeant Prata who looked after various animals in the children's square of the city earlier. These animals were then shifted to the current ecological park in 1979 and today, the zoo houses over 140 animals including mammals, reptiles and birds. It also features an environmental education room for curious young minds.

Address : Rua Prudente Brasil, 685 - Passaré, Fortaleza - CE, 60743-770, Brazil

Zipcode : 60743-770

Location : -3.8094568, -38.531627599999

Contact : +55 85 3105-2001

Website : <https://m.facebook.com/pages/Zoologico-Sargento-Prata/418164204885029>

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Prudente Brasil, 770 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 08:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Casa de José de Alencar

The former childhood home of José de Alencar, the writer and main hero of Ceara's history, this lush green cultural space today features his work. The site currently comprises of the 19th-century well-preserved house of the writer, ruins of an old mill as well as the Artur Ramos Museum that exhibits instruments and objects from the slavery period. Learn more about slavery and the Afro-Brazilian

culture as you stroll through 9 hectares of tranquil urban area.

Address : Av. Washington Soares, 6055 - Messejana, Fortaleza - CE, 60830-641, Brazil

Zipcode : 60830-641

Location : -3.8116698, -38.4783598

Contact : +55 85 3276-2379

Website : <http://www.cja.ufc.br/index.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Washington Soares, 6000 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 08:00hrs-17:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 09:00hrs-12:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Aterro Praia Iracema

A tribute to the wife of Martim Moreno, the lead character of Iracema novel by famed writer José de Alencar, the Iracema beach and its walkway is always buzzing with both locals and tourists. The beautiful shoreline of the beach, the ancient English bridge, the statue of Iracema and his family at the seafront, its historical past linked to the culture and the lively atmosphere around the inviting restaurants and bars makes it a popular social hub. The highlight of the neighborhood, however, is the Dragão do Mar Cultural Center which guarantees you a diversified perspective of the city.

Address : Av. Historiador Raimundo Girão, 800 - Praia de Iracema, Fortaleza - CE, 60165-050, Brazil

Zipcode : 60165-050

Location : -3.7220435, -38.507017

Contact : +55 85 99237-0101

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Historiador Raimundo Girão, sn Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Museu de Arte da Universidade Federal do Ceará

Opened in 1961, the Museum of Art of Federal University of Ceara (MAUC) was founded by Antônio Martins Filho and preserves the artistic treasure of Ceara. The museum aims at bridging the gap between artwork and people through its collection of intellectual works. The museum features 5 rooms exhibiting works of renowned personalities including Raimundo Cela, Antonio Bandeira, Descartes Gadelha, Chico da Silva and Aldemir Martins.

Address : Av. da Universidade, 2854 - Benfica, Fortaleza - CE, 60020-181, Brazil

Zipcode : 60020-181

Location : -3.7410295, -38.539473999999

Contact : +55 85 3366-7481

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Museu-de-Arte-da-UFC-MAUC-536047356533050/>

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 08:00hrs-12:00hrs & 13:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Lagoa da Messejana

Dig deep into the history of Messejana as you make your way to the second largest lagoon of the city. The statue of Iracema that sits in the center of the lagoon enhances the space and attracts visitors. The statue signifies the history of Indis Iracema, a work by author José de Alencar and is made of fiberglass. It was built to celebrate 178 years of the writer along with 278 years of the city. The sculpture faces a fountainhead and is laved by a hydraulic source.

Address : R. Padre Pedro de Alencar, 44 - Messejana, Fortaleza - CE, 60840-280, Brazil

Zipcode : 60840-280

Location : -3.8284297, -38.4968182

Nearest Public Transport : Rua Pde Pedro de Alencar, 61 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. Museu de Imagem e Som do Ceará

Inaugurated in 1196, Museu de Imagem e Som do Ceará or The Museum of Image and Sound of Ceara preserves the audiovisual memory of culture of the state. The conservative and harmonious decor of the building along with the 2 imported porcelain lions guarding the entrance form the hallmark of the building. Apart from the collection of documents cassettes, videos, pictures, books and personalities on religiosity and music, the museum also features a projection room, a specialized library, exhibition spaces and more.

Address : Av. Barão de Studart, 410 - Meireles, Fortaleza - CE, 60120-000, Brazil

Zipcode : 60120-000

Location : -3.7274339999999, -38.5046079999999

Contact : +55 85 3101-1207

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/misceara/>

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida Rui Barbosa, 492 Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.21. Central de Artesanato do Ceara (CEART)

This handicraft center in the heart of the city is your place to be to buy some traditional art pieces made from wood, textiles and ceramics. This is a fascinating spot as the local artisans show off their artistic skills and present you with their masterpiece.

Address : Av. Santos Dumont, 1589 - Aldeota, Fortaleza - CE, 60120-013, Brazil

Zipcode : 60120-013

Location : -3.7316034, -38.5097094

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.22. Feira de Artesanato da Beira-Mar

This shopping arcade on Meireles Beach features bags, hammocks, necklaces and other pieces of jewelry. One of the most sought out destinations, the vendors have been attracting numerous tourists for more than 2 decades.

Address : Av. Beira Mar, s/n - Meireles, Fortaleza - CE, 60165-121, Brazil

Zipcode : 60165-121

Location : -3.7256212, -38.4956603

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.23. Mercado Central de Fortaleza

Spread over 5 floors, this massive handicraft market boasts of over 500 shops selling traditional goods like finely crafted attires, jewelry, accessories, bags and more.

Address : Av. Alberto Nepomuceno, 199 - Centro, Fortaleza - CE, 60055-000, Brazil

Zipcode : 60055-000

Location : -3.7231548, -38.5238104

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.24. Shopping Iguatemi

A major shopping mall in the city, Iguatemi is swamped with over 430 stores selling traditional as well as international brands.

Address : Av. Washington Soares, 85 - Edson Queiroz, Fortaleza - CE, 60811-340, Brazil

Zipcode : 60811-340

Location : -3.755851, -38.4889458

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.25. Shopping Jardins Open Mall

Zipcode : 0

Location : -3.7351092, -38.497762599999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.26. Shopping Del Paseo

A large shopping mall in the center of the city, Shopping Del Paseo is home to more than 100 shopping stores, a movie theatre and numerous food outlets.

Address : Av. Santos Dumont, 3131 - Aldeota, Fortaleza - CE, 60150-162, Brazil

Zipcode : 60150-162

Location : -3.7362229999999, -38.496759999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.27. Shopping Aldeota

Zipcode : 0

Location : -3.734088, -38.496995999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.28. RioMar Fortaleza

Address : R. Des. Lauro Nogueira, 1500 - Papicu, Fortaleza - CE, 60175-055, Brazil

Zipcode : 60175-055

Location : -3.7418287999999, -38.471886799999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.29. North Shopping Fortaleza

Address : Av. Bezerra de Menezes, 2450 - São Gerardo, Fortaleza - CE, 60325-902, Brazil

Zipcode : 60325-902

Location : -3.7352953, -38.5660871

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.30. North Shopping Jóquei

Zipcode : 0

Location : -3.7645047, -38.574870199999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.31. Shopping Benfica

Zipcode : 0

Location : -3.7389979, -38.540110799999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.32. Shopping Parangaba

Zipcode : 0

Location : -3.7759161, -38.5621512

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.33. Emcetur

Address : Rua Senador Pompeu, 350 - Centro, Fortaleza - CE, 60025-000, Brazil

Zipcode : 60025-000

Location : -3.72197, -38.5285538

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Soccer Is The Local Sport Of Fortaleza. A Professional Soccer Game Can Be Enjoyed At The Fortaleza Esporte Clube, Which Is The Best Soccer Stadium Here In Fortaleza.

- **Arena Castelao:**

Address : Av. Alberto Craveiro, 2901 - Castelão, Fortaleza - CE, 60861-211, Brazil

Location : -3.807294,-38.522444

Contact No : +55 85 3304-4501

Website : <http://arenacastelao.com/>



9. Spas and relaxation

- **Sea Spa:**

Address : Av. Beira Mar 3960, Fortaleza

Location : -3.723414,-38.485564

Contact No : +55(85)30623136

- **Osheanic Spa:**

Address : Avenida 13 de fevereiro, 3059 | Prainha,Fortaleza

Location : -3.903346,-38.360266

Contact No : +55 85 997411444

- **Dragon Health Club:**

Address : Rua Almirante Jaceguai, 239 | Praia de Iracema, Fortaleza

Location : -3.722919,-38.519235

Contact No : +55 85 3219 1052

- **California Thermas Club:**

Address : Rua Barbara de Alencar, 424, Fortaleza, State of Ceara, Brazil

Location : -3.735887,-38.520646

Contact No : +55 (85) 3226 6550

10. Events calendar

Month

Events

Vida e Arte

This festival is celebrated to celebrate the Brazilian art and music.

Gay Parade

Locally known as Parada pela Diversidade Sexual de Fortaleza, the gay parade takes place on the last Sunday of June.

Fortal

This is the carnival time in Fortaleza. It is celebrated during the last week of July from Thursday to Saturday; all day and night.

Ceará Music



The Brazilian rock and pop music plays here for three days at the Marina Park.

Christmas and New year's eve

Christmas and New year's eve is celebrated with full enthusiasm, music and dance parties.

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11. Key local guides and tours

 Paulo Vans This company provides airport transfers and good day tours. Their service is really nice and the tour guides are very accommodating.  Felipe Tur This company also specializes in local airport transfers and provide specialized tours and transfers to the beaches of Ceara.



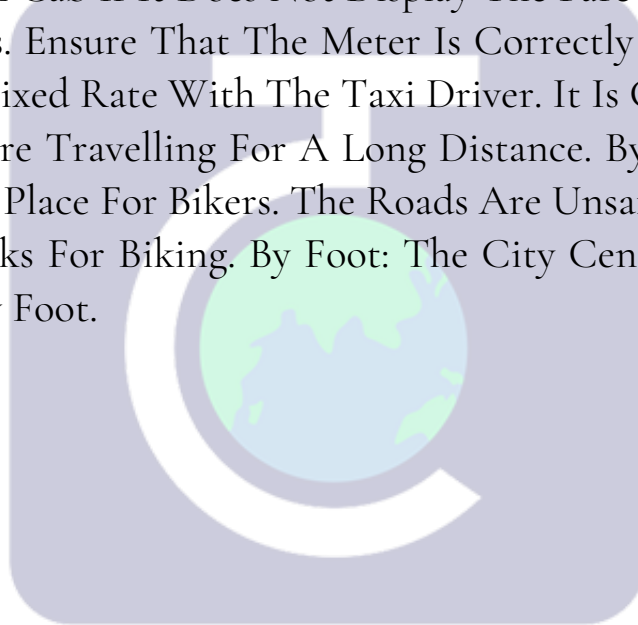
12. Transportation hubs

By Air: Fortaleza Has An International Airport Pinto Martins. This Airport Was Expanded And Reopened In 2014 But Still It Is Not Big Enough To Handle Lots Of Air Traffic. All Major Airlines Fly To All Major Cities Of Brazil, Mostly Via Sao Paulo. There Are Weekly Flights To International Destinations From This Airport. It Takes Around An Hour Or Two To Get The Immigration Process Completed, If Travelling From A Foreign Destination. For Reaching The City Center From The Airport By Bus, Take Urban Bus 404 Aeroporto/Benfica. This Bus Runs At Frequent Intervals From The Airport To The City Centre And Charges R\$ 2.20 Per Person. Avoid Taking The Bus At Night Due To Safety Reasons. Taxis Are Also Readily Available And They Charge A Fixed Rate (R\$ 32-40). The Distance Of The Airport From The City Center Is Around 10 Kms.

By Bus: Fortaleza Has A Major Airport Where Buses Come From All Nearby Cities. The Most Extensive Bus Network Is Called The Expresso Guanabara. The Last Long Distance Bus Leaves Around 7 PM. It Is Not Advisable To Travel In Bus Especially During Night For A Long Distance. Rodoviária São Tomé Is A Major Bus Station Located A Few Kms Away From The Airport.

Index**13. Transportation cost**

By Bus: Fortaleza Has Good Bus Route Connectivity And You Can Travel In A Very Economical Way. A Bus Ticket Costs Around R\$ 2 And You Do Not Even Need To Purchase New Tickets If Changing The Bus Terminal. It Is Good To Know Your Bus Stops And The Locations You Are Heading To, While Traveling In The Local Bus. By Taxi: Fortaleza Has A Good Number Of Metered Taxis As Well. Do Not Take A Cab If It Does Not Display The Fare System On The Rear Side Of Its Windows. Ensure That The Meter Is Correctly Running Unless You Have Negotiated A Fixed Rate With The Taxi Driver. It Is Good To Negotiate A Fixed Price If You Are Travelling For A Long Distance. By Bicycle: Fortaleza Is Not A Very Friendly Place For Bikers. The Roads Are Unsafe And There Are No Special Cycling Tracks For Biking. By Foot: The City Center And The Beaches Are Best Explored By Foot.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

Do Not Carry Large Bags When Riding In A Public Transport, Neither Is It Convenient Nor Is It Safe. It Is Better To Take A Local Taxi If You Have Large Bags With You. Carrying A Large Suitcase Is Allowed In Subways After Security Clearance, But Again It Is Better To Avoid. One Can Carry A Backpack Easily When Exploring The City, And Avoid Carrying Lots Of Cash Or Expensive Items With You. Take Minimum Things With You Even When Heading Out On The Beach.



Index**15. Must try food and local savouries**

Coconut Water Is Adequately Available Here And At R\$ 2, It Is A Must Have When On The Beach. Being A Fishing Port, Almost All Restaurants In Fortaleza Serve Fresh Seafood. Fresh Fruits And Suco (fresh Fruit Juice) Are Also Commonly Had In Fortaleza. Note: Thursdays Are A Crab Day In Fortaleza.



16. Restaurant & Nightlife

Food -

- **Colher De Pau:**

Address : R. Ana Bilhar, 1178 - Varjota, Fortaleza - CE, 60175-040, Brazil

Location : -3.731592,-38.489501

Contact No : +55 85 3267-6680

Website : <http://colherdepaufortaleza.com.br/>

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **50 Sabores:**

Address : Av. Beira Mar, 2982 - Loja 1 - Meireles, Fortaleza - CE, 60165-121, Brazil

Location : -3.726025,-38.494136

Contact No : +55 85 3032-0050

Website : <http://www.50sabores.com.br/>

Open / Close Time : 09:30hrs-00:00hrs

- **Maciel Lanches:**

Address : Av. Monsenhor Tabosa 1010, near the corner of Rua Ildefonso Albano

Location : -3.805248,-38.572390

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Hong Kong:**

Address : Av. Beira Mar, 4550 - Mucuripe, Fortaleza - CE, 60165-121, Brazil .

Location : -3.722281,-38.480682

Contact No : +55 85 3263-6404

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-15:00hrs, 18:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **La France:**

Address : Just off Av Desembargador Moreira, two blocks from Beira Mar

Location : -3.728762,-38.495312

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Churrascaria Gheller:**

Address : Av. Monsenhor Tabosa 825, corner of Antonio Augusto, Praia Iracema

Location : -3.723871,-38.511179

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Pulcinella:**

Address : R. Osvaldo Cruz, 640 - Meireles, Fortaleza - CE, 60125-973, Brazil

Location : -3.731434,-38.499165

Contact No : +55 85 3261-3411

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Parque Recreio:**

Address : Av. Rui Barbosa, 2727 - Aldeota, Fortaleza - CE, 60115-222, Brazil

Location : -3.746288,-38.512559

Contact No : +55 85 3535-1111

Open / Close Time : 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Mucuripe:**

Address : Travessa Maranguape, 108.

Location : -3.740602,-38.600764

Contact No : +55 85 3254 3020

Open / Close Time : Open till 02:00hrs

- **Subsolo Pub:**

Address : Rua Frederico Borges, 409 | Embaixador Do Restaurante Vojnilo, Fortaleza, State of Ceara, Brazil

Location : -3.733173,-38.489172

Contact No : +55 85 3067-0046

Open / Close Time : Open till dawn

- **Music Box:**

Address : R. José Avelino, 387 - Praia de Iracema, Fortaleza - CE, 60060-182, Brazil

Location : -3.722213,-38.520034

Contact No : +55 85 3219-3699

Open / Close Time : This place is open till 01:00hrs on weekends.

- **Meet Music & Lounge:**

Address : Rua Coronel Jucá, 273 - Varjota, Fortaleza - CE, 60170-320, Brazil

Location : -3.733897,-38.489891

Contact No : +55 85 3267-5689

Open / Close Time : Open till dawn

- **Republik Lounge Bar & Discotheque:**

Address : Av. Antônio Sales, 2760 - Aldeota, Fortaleza - CE, 60135-102, Brazil

Location : -3.746601,-38.499357

Contact No : +55 85 3224-3237

Open / Close Time : Open till dawn

- **Donna Santa:**

Address : R. Dragão do Mar, 308 - Praia de Iracema, Fortaleza - CE, 60060-390, Brazil

Location : 3.721874,-38.518388

Contact No : +55 85 3219-1164

Open / Close Time : Friday and Saturday 23:00hrs-06:00hrs

- **Pirata Bar:**

Address : Rua dos Tabajaras, 325 - Praia de Iracema, Fortaleza - CE, 60060-510, Brazil

Location : -3.719129,-38.516689

Contact No : +55 85 4011-6161

Open / Close Time : 20:00hrs-03:00hrs



Index**17. Average meal cost**

Average Meal Cost Per Head Ranges Around 30-40 BRL In Fortaleza



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18. Shopping

There Is A Large Textile Industry In The State Of Ceara And The Cheapest Of The Clothes Are Available Here. The Best Shopping Places In Fortaleza Are: I) Feirinha Da Beira Mar: This Is A Beachfront Fair Which Sells The Best Of Handicrafts. It Is Open From 4 PM – 10 PM. Due To A Large Number Of Shops And Stalls, The Prices Are Very Competitive Here. Ii) Sebo O Geraldo: This Is The Biggest Place To Buy Portuguese Books. There Are Also A Few Good English Books That One Can Pick Up From Here. Iii) Livaria Cultura: This Is A Shopping Mall That Has The Best Of Shopping Brands To Select From. There Is Also A Cinema In The Mall. Address: Av. Dom Luís, 1010 - Aldeota, Fortaleza - CE, 60160-230, Brazil Iv) Fish Market: Fortaleza Has The Best Of Seafood And The Fish Market Is A Good Place To Buy Fresh Fish, Shrimp, Lobsters And Squid. V) Shopping Iguatemi This Is One Of The Best And Biggest Shopping Malls In Fortaleza. It Has All Major Shopping Brands, A Round The Clock Supermarket And A Cinema. Address: Av. Washington Soares, 85 - Edson Queiroz, Fortaleza - CE, 60811-340, Brazil Vi) Shopping Del Paseo This Shopping Mall Is Open From 10 Am Till 10 Pm. It Has A Cinema Too And Is Located Near Shopping Aldeota. Address: Av. Santos Dumont, 3131 - Aldeota, Fortaleza - CE, 60150-162, Brazil

Index**19. Tourist benefits**

As Such There Are No Benefits That The Tourists Get When Shopping Here. Duty Free Products Can Be Purchased From The International Airport Of Fortaleza.



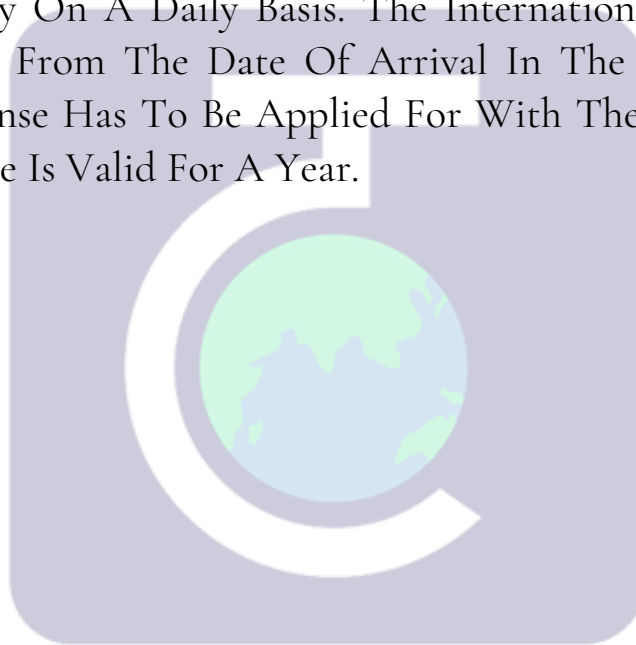
Index**20. Essential local apps**

- Meu Onibus Fortaleza – Available For Android And ITunes
- Bus-KFortaleza - Available For Android And ITunes



Index**21. Driving**

The Driving Experience In Fortaleza Will Not Be A Pleasant One If You Are Used To The Disciplined Way Of Driving. International Drivers Can Drive On The Rental Car On Their Home License Only. You Need Your Passport, A Proof Of Identification, A Credit Card And Your Home Country's Driving License To Show It To The Rental Car Company. Insurance Can Be Purchased From The Rental Car Company On A Daily Basis. The International Driving License Is Valid For 6 Months From The Date Of Arrival In The Country. After This Period, A Local License Has To Be Applied For With The Licensing Authority And The New License Is Valid For A Year.



22. Travel essentials

A Power Plug Type “C”, “N” Is Advisable To Be Carried Along When Travelling To Fortaleza. The Voltage Varies From 100 To 240 Volts, 50 To 60Hz. The Standard Plugs Are NBR 14136 With A Frequency Of 60 Hz And The Residential Voltage Of 127 V, 220 V.



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23. Essential clothes

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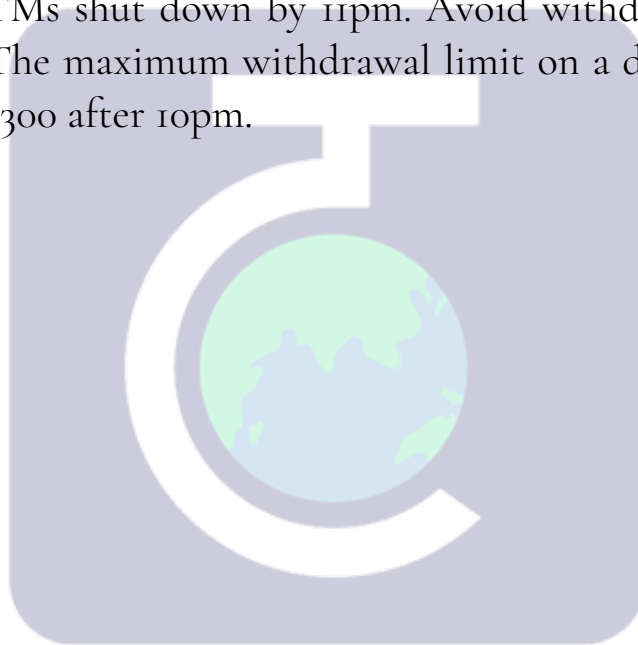
Index**24. Local currency**

The Official Currency Of Brazil Is Brazilian Real. 1 US Dollar = 3.98 Brazilian Real



Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Authorized banks remain the best source for currency exchange. It is advised that you avoid exchanging money at the airport as there are long queues and the exchange rate is quite poor. The ATM charges and fees for international withdrawal vary from bank to bank. Brazilian banks charge a fee of 10 BRL upon withdrawal from ATMs. Avoid using ATMs on the street and use only authorized bank ATMs. The ATMs shut down by 11pm. Avoid withdrawing large sums of money at one time. The maximum withdrawal limit on a daily basis is R \$ 1000 before 10pm and R \$ 300 after 10pm.



26. Staying connected

It Is Easy To Get A SIM Card In Fortaleza. The Four Major Wireless Mobile Carriers Are Claro, Vivo, Oi And TIM. A SIM Card Can Be Purchased From Anywhere, But To Activate The Card, One Needs To Visit The Mobile Carrier Store Along With A Photo Identification Proof. A SIM Card Costs Around US \$ 4 - 5. Additional Recharge Coupons Can Be Purchased From Almost Anywhere, From A Newspaper Seller To Malls. Incoming Calls Are Free In Fortaleza. Internet Connectivity Is Also Good Here. Almost All The Hotels Provide A Complimentary Wi-Fi That Has A Good Connectivity. Internet Can Be Purchased At Tourist Spots For R\$ 3 - 4 Per Hour.



27. Time Zone

Fortaleza time zone: UTC-03:00 or BRT which is 2 hours ahead of the Eastern Standard Time (EST).



Index**28. Languages**

The Commonly Spoken Language Of Fortaleza Is Portuguese. Tourists Can Take Portuguese Classes Here At R\$ 20 An Hour.



Index**29. Political Scenario**

The Workers' Party Is A Political Party In Brazil. It Was Launched In 1980 And Is One Of The Largest Left-wing Movements Of Latin America. It Governs At The Federal Level In A Coalition Government With Several Other Parties Since January 1, 2003



30. Economic Scenario

The Backbone Of Fortaleza's Economy Is Industry, Commerce And Tourism. Shopping Iguatemi And RioMar Shopping Are The Seventh And Eight Of The Largest Of Ten Shopping Malls Of The Country. The GDP Of Fortaleza Is R\$ 42 Billion. Textiles, Footwear, Leather And Processed Food And Beverages Are The Main Part Of The Manufacturing Industry. A Lot Of National And International Meeting, Conventions And Conferences Are Also Held Here Annually Because Of The Growing Economy Of This City.



Index**31. Religious belief**

Majority Of The People In Fortaleza Are Catholics Followed By Protestants.



Index**32. Visa requirements**

EU Passport Holders And British Nationals Do Not Need Visas To Visit Brazil. All That Is Required To Visit Brazil Is A Valid Passport That Has An Expiration Period Of 6 Or More Months And A Return Ticket. All Other Nationals Including Those Of US, Canada And Australia Require A Valid Visa To Enter Brazil.



Index**33. Essential vaccination**

Zika Virus Outbreaks Have Been Reported In Brazil. Because Of The Risk Of Birth Defects In Babies Born To Women Who Were Infected With Zika While Pregnant, Women Who Are Pregnant Should Not Travel To Brazil. For Most Travelers With Standard Itineraries And Accommodation, Vaccination Of Hepatitis A Is Recommended. Vaccination For Yellow Fever Recommended For All Travelers Of The Age Of 9 Months Or More Going To The Following Areas: The Entire States Of Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Distrito Federal (including The Capital City Of Brasília), Goiás, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso Do Sul, Minas Gerais, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima, Tocantins, And The Following States: Bahia, Paraná, Piauí, Rio Grande Do Sul, Santa Catarina, And São Paulo (state). Vaccination Is Also Recommended For Travelers Visiting Iguaçu Falls.



Index**34. Theft and Safety**

Although The City Is Safe But Avoid Carelessly Wandering Around Especially During The Night, Else You Will Be Robbed. Pick Pocketing And Snatching Are Somewhat Common In The City Centre. Tourists And People With Fair Skin Are Always High Targets For The Local People. Stay Safe From The Prostitutes Here.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

For Information About Embassies And Consulates In Fortaleza:
[Http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/brazil](http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/brazil)



36. Accessibility

There are a lot of hotels, B&B's, restaurants and bars in Fortaleza that are wheelchair accessible. But it is difficult to get on a public transport as they do not have any special wheelchair accessibility.

















37. Emergencies

Avoid Drinking Tap Water In Fortaleza. Yellow Fever And Zika Virus Are Also Common Spreading Diseases Here. An International Certification Of Vaccination Can Be Taken Free Of Charge At The Airport Or At The Medical Center At Avenida Antonio Justa For The Yellow Fever. Pregnant Woman Must Avoid Travelling To The Places That Are Affected By Zika Virus As It Has An Adverse Effect On The Unborn Baby. The Hospitals Here Accept The International Health Insurance Plans And The Travel Insurances Thereby Making It Easy For Foreign Tourists To Avail Medical Assistance Emergency Contact Numbers For Fortaleza Are: Medical - 192 Fire - 193 Police - 190



38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's:  Always Keep An Eye On Your Kids When On A Beach.  Do Not Allow Them To Go Anywhere Alone.  Be Careful While Crossing The Streets, Vehicles Will Never Stop For You To Cross.  Do Check The Prices Of The Products While Shopping And Negotiate A Lot.  Do Carry Your Regular / Prescribed Medications With You.  Single Men Should Be Cautious Here As Fortaleza Has Become One Of The Largest Prostitution Areas In The Recent Years. People Will Generally Assume You As One Of Their “business Clients”.
Don'ts:  Do Not Travel Alone Especially During The Night Time.  Do Not Go To The Beach At Night.  Do Not Buy Anything From The Vendors Selling Food, Souvenirs Or Clothes On The Beach. They Are Cheap Quality Stuff. Instead Buy From The Local Restaurants Or Shops On The Beach.  Do Not Give Any Money To The Child Beggars, You Will End Up Having A Crowd Of Beggars Around You And In No Time All Your Stuff Will Be Lost!  Never Share A Taxi With Unknown People.  Do Not Even Try To Take Drugs Out Of The Country. You Will Be Caught At The Airport.  Do Not Withdraw Money From ATM Machines That Are Located At Public Places, Instead Use The Ones That Are At Safe Places Like Hotels, Banks Or At Shopping Centres.  If You Are Driving A Rented Car, Do Not Stop In Any Parking Area For Long, Else You Will Be Robbed!

Index**39.Tipping basics**

It Is Not Compulsory To Tip In Fortaleza And Local People Have No Concept Of Tipping. A Service Charge Of 10% Is Generally Added To The Bills. It Is Not Important To Tip Even The Taxi Drivers. Additional Tips, However, Are Considered As A Gesture Of Good Service And Goodwill. Bellboys Are Expected To Be Tipped Around R\$ 5 – R\$ 10. It Is Good To Tip The Housekeeping Staff Also. Tip The Person Who Rents Your Chair Or Umbrellas At The Beach.

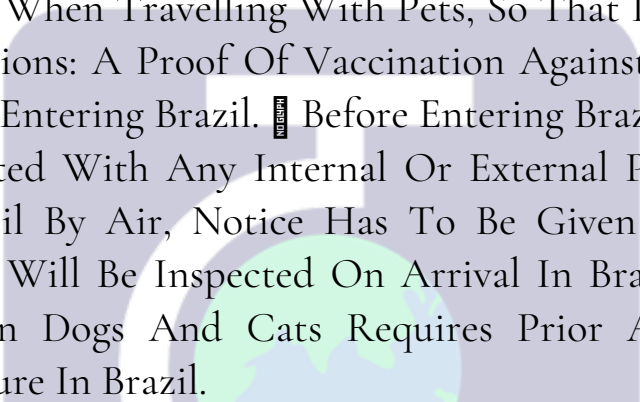


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40.Pet info

Some Hotels In Fortaleza Are Pet Friendly And You Can Take Your Pets To The Beach Also, But Pets Are Not Allowed In Museums And Religious Places. General Information To Be Kept In Mind While Bringing Your Pets To Brazil Is:

- **Pet Microchip:** It Is Recommended That Your Pets Have A Microchip Or An Identification Tag Before They Are Separated From You. Always Register Your Contact Information When Travelling With Pets, So That It Is Easy To Identify Your Pet.
- **Vaccinations:** A Proof Of Vaccination Against Rabies Is Required For Your Pets Before Entering Brazil.
- **Before Entering Brazil,** Ensure That Your Dog Or Cat Is Treated With Any Internal Or External Parasite Infections.
- **While Entering Brazil By Air,** Notice Has To Be Given To The Veterinary Officer As Your Pet Will Be Inspected On Arrival In Brazil.
- **Admission Of Animals Other Than Dogs And Cats** Requires Prior Approval From The Ministry Of Agriculture In Brazil.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Fortaleza Is One Of The Biggest Cities In Brazil And Is A Hub Of Economic Activities For The People From Ceara. This Place Attracts A Lot Of Local And International Tourists Because Of Its Party Atmosphere, Nightlife And Pristine Beaches. There Are A Lot Of Good Places To Eat And Party, Accommodation Is Not An Issue And Climate Remains Good Throughout The Year Here, Making It All The More For People To Visit This Place.



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