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Facts about Brasília

1. **Brasília has about 3 million inhabitants and is the largest city in the world built in the 20th century**, being today the **third largest city in Brazil**, behind only São Paulo (12 million inhabitants) and Rio de Janeiro (6, 7 million inhabitants). In relation to other continents, the capital has a population equivalent to Madrid, in Spain, and Los Angeles, in the United States. With these numbers, it surpasses cities like Washington DC, Rome and Paris;
2. **Brasília Airport (BSB) is the largest in Brazil in terms of take-off and landing capacity**. With lanes for simultaneous use, it can receive one every 52 seconds. Daily, it receives about 50,000 passengers.
3. **The Eixo Monumental is the widest avenue on the planet**, with 12 lanes, 250m wide, 2.5km long, a finding registered in the Guinness Book since 1994, even exceeding Avenida 9 de Julho in Buenos Aires, which 18 tracks, but with a slightly smaller width (140m);

4. The largest flag in the world is hoisted here in the city (the pole is 100m high and the flag is 286m²);

5. The City Park is the largest urban park in the world, covering 4.2 million m² (420 hectares). At this size, it even surpasses the famous Central Park in New York, which has 340 hectares;

6. In 2002, the JK bridge, designed by the architect Alexandre Chan, was elected the most beautiful in the world at the International Bridge Conference in the USA;

7. The Federal District has the fourth largest nautical fleet in the country, with more than 52 thousand registered vessels, second only to the states of São Paulo, Paraná and Rio de Janeiro;

8. The Canaã nugget, the largest gold nugget on display in the world, is on display at the Central Bank's museum. It was discovered in 1983 in Serra Pelada, in Pará, weighing 60 kg in its raw state (56 kilos of gold), currently worth around 5 million, two hundred thousand reais;

9. With 218 thousand m², the largest Brazilian football stadium is Mané Garrincha, surpassing Maracanã, which has 186 thousand m². However, it loses in capacity for fans (72 thousand) to the Rio stadium (78 thousand);

10. Submerged in the Paranoá River, it is still possible to see part of what is left of Vila Amaury, the temporary village of the candangos who helped build the National Congress and Esplanade of Ministries.

11. The signpost shown in the picture on the previous page had its design created especially for the city of Brasília. A similar signpost is part of the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York (**MoMA**).

12. If you were to think of a city built in less than 5 years, with an artificial lake, planned in the shape of a bird, with an avenue that cuts both wings and designed to be the new political center of a country, what would that be? Brasilia? Also! However, **the brazilian capital would have been inspired by an ancient Egyptian city called Akhetaton, built in 1370 BC., by Pharaoh Akhenaten**. On the subject, in addition to Juscelino Kubitschek having mentioned the city expressly in his book "Meu Caminho para Brasília", egyptologists claim that references to the Egyptian sacred city are not few, considering that the city has several "pyramids" scattered around, such as the Ermida Dom Bosco, the Temple da Boa Vontade (which has an Egyptian Room for visitors - photos below) and the National Theater.



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Welcome Aboard

As you are reading a guide about a city that was built in the shape of an airplane, there is no better greeting to use than “welcome aboard”, is there?

However, although it is said today that Brasília was built in the shape of an airplane, the winning project of the competition for the construction of the Brazilian capital, presented by Lúcio Costa, represented, for him, something like a butterfly or a cross, as a symbol of conquest.

Did you Know?

Brasília was born on April 21, 1960, still less than 100 years since its creation.



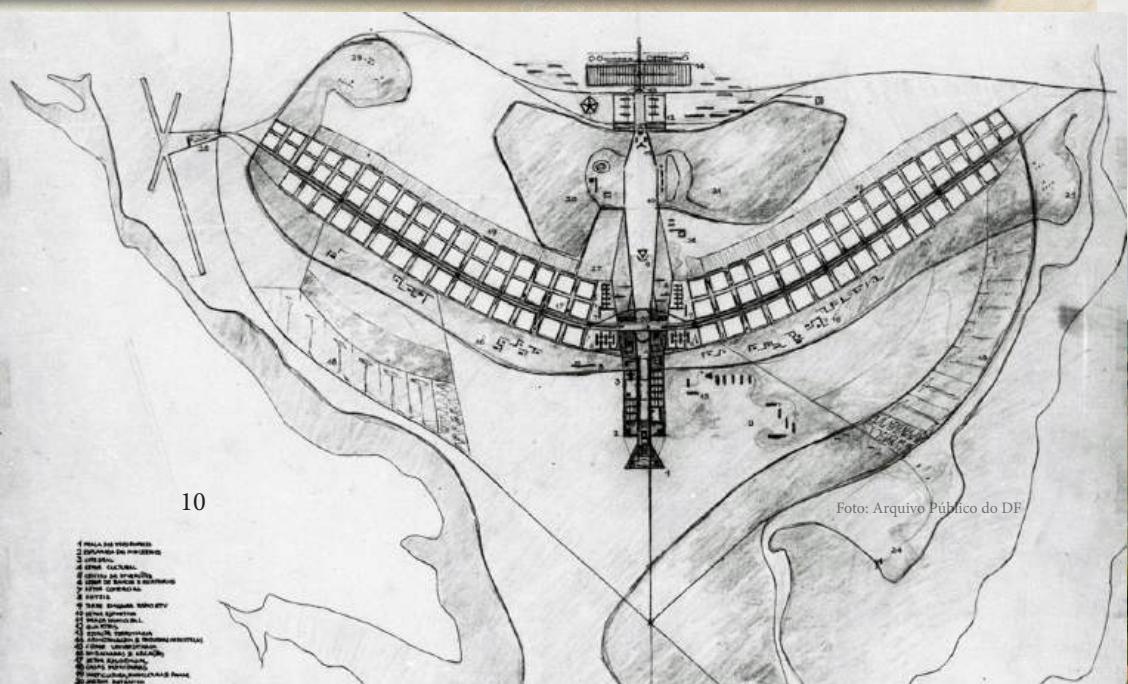
With this shape, the city was not designed in streets, but in large commercial and residential blocks and, therefore, it is common to say that Brasília does not have street corners.

And what is the logic of the numbering of these blocks? To better understand, see this summary made by the Sky Scanner.com.br site:

1) Odd blocks (100, 300, 500, 700 and 900) are on the west side of the city (above Eixão avenue). The lanes on this side have the "W" in their name, like W3 street;

2) Even blocks (200, 400, 600 and 800) are on the east side (below Eixão avenue), where the roads have the letter "L" in their name (L2 street, eg.);

3) The numbering of the blocks in the Plano Piloto (Pilot Plan) ranges from 1 to 16, both for the south region and for the north region of the city. Number 1 is the closest to Eixo Monumental Avenue ("Monumental Axis") and number 16 is the most distant.



TV Tower

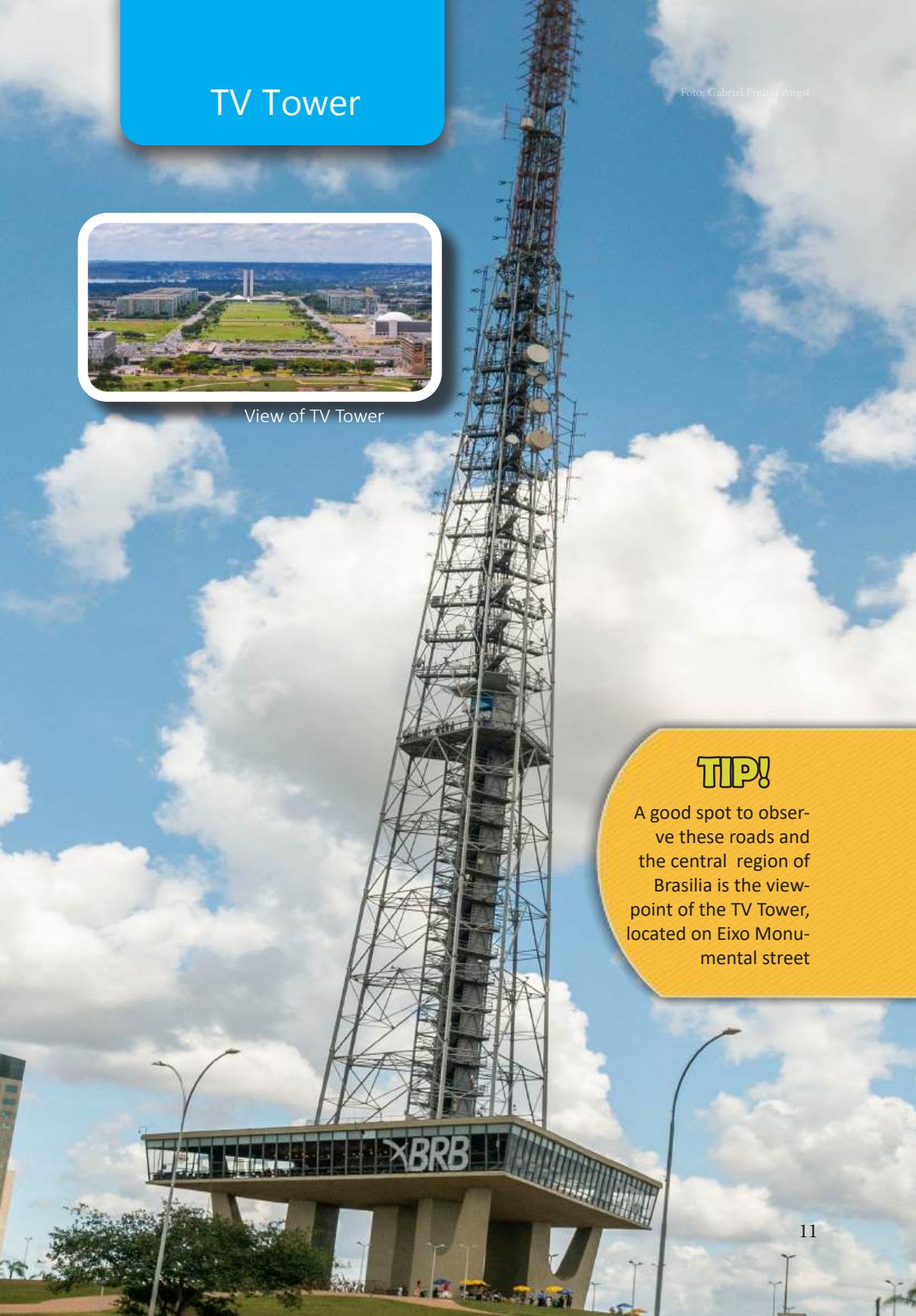
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View of TV Tower

TIP!

A good spot to observe these roads and the central region of Brasília is the viewpoint of the TV Tower, located on Eixo Monumental street



So, in the pilot plan, the two main roads intersect: the Eixo Monumental avenue, where several of the most well-known tourist spots in the city are located, and the Eixão avenue, which runs from the beginning of one wing to the end of the other. The Eixão is supported by two parallel lateral routes, which are called "Eixinhos".



Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst

Eixão avenue is the route that connects the South and North Wings from end to end. On Sundays and holidays it is closed for sports and leisure activities.

Below are the meanings of some acronyms of sectors that are located in this region:

SQS / SQN / SQSW / SQNW - South Super Block / North / Southwest / Nw

CLS / CLN / CLSW / CLNW - Local Trade South / North ...

SCS / SCN - South Trade Sector / North

SHS / SHN - South Hotel Sector / North

SHTN - Hotel and Tourism North Sector

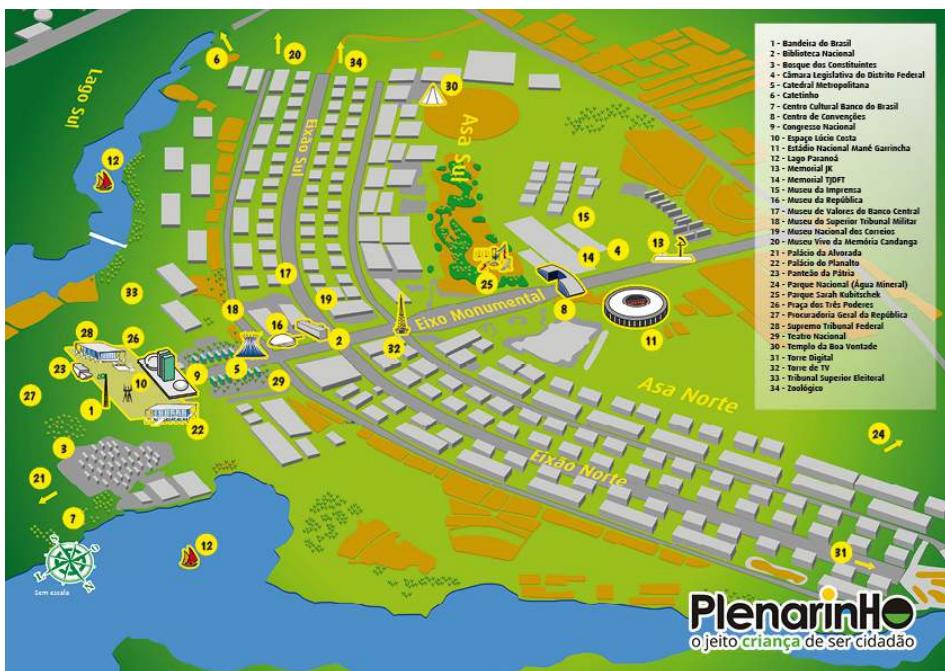
Asa Sul - North Wing

Asa Norte - South Wing

Eixão Sul - South Eixão (Eixão at South Wing)

Eixão Norte - North Eixão (Eixão at North Wing)

To better understand these routes and even already know what are the tourist points of this region, take a look at the map below, from Legislative Chamber of the Federal District:



Another curious detail about the city is that several places have in their name the expression JK, which refers to the ex-President of Brazil Juscelino Kubitschek de Oliveira, who transferred the capital of the country from Rio de Janeiro (it was the capital between 1822 and 1960) to Brasília (it is the capital since 1960).

The idea of transferring the capital to the interior of Brazil began in the 19th century, when José Bonifácio de Andrada e Silva (patron of Brazil's independence) suggested, in 1823, the transfer of the Brazilian capital to the interior of the country, as a way of protect it from possible attacks by foreign forces.

The city was opened on April 21, 1960, and the workers who built it became known as "Candangos".



The history of the new capital

This attraction has an portuguese audio guide! Listen at GuiaDeBrasilia.com



In the picture above you can see the members of the Cruls Mission, which was responsible, in 1894, for exploring the Brazilian savanna in search of a suitable place to host the new Brazilian capital, which, at the time, was Rio de Janeiro.

In the 18th century, the Portuguese government was already planning a possible transfer of the country's capital to the interior - this was always thought of as a way to protect the Brazilian government headquarters, leaving it further from the coast to hinder possible foreign attacks.

However, it was in the 1890s that Floriano Peixoto ordered a team of scientists to explore the Planalto Central (Central Plateau) and demarcate the territory to be allocated to the Federal District.

This team was made up of 21 people, including researchers, geologists, geographers, botanists, engineers, doctors, among others, led by the Belgian astronomer and geographer Louis Ferdinand Cruls, which is why the mission became known as "**Mission Cruls**".

A curiosity: **the area demarcated by the Cruls Mission to host the Federal District corresponds exactly to the civilization that the Italian priest Dom Bosco dreamed of in 1883.** According to Dom Bosco's dream, a new civilization would arise between the 15th and 20º in the southern hemisphere, in a region where a lake was formed.

Floriano Peixoto's determination complied with the provisions of art. 3 of the first Constitution of the Republic, of 1891, which indicated that an area of 14,000 km² should be demarcated in the Planalto Central for the transfer of the country's capital.

In 1922, the foundation stone of the future capital was laid near the city of Planaltina, which today is part of the Federal District.

In 1955, Juscelino Kubitschek, JK, held a rally in the city of Jataí/GO, in which he promised to transfer the Brazilian capital to the Planalto Central, if elected.

Elected, JK began to fulfill his promise in 1956, when he created the Companhia Urbanizadora da Nova Capital (Urbanizer Company of the New Capital), the future NOVACAP, and proposed the name Brasília for the new city. In the same year, he launched the tender for the pilot plan, built the Catetinho, the provisional headquarters of the Presidency of the Republic in the Federal District, which was built in just 9 days and is now open for visitors, and started to build the first airport in City.

In 1957, Lúcio Costa's urban project was chosen as the winner of the competition, when the works of the pilot plan began.

Finally, on April 20, 1960, the city of Brasília was inaugurated, materializing JK's plan of goals ("fifty years in five"). The next day, the three Powers were already installed in the city.

Below, you can check the opening date of some other locations in the city:

- 1957: Dom Bosco Chapel;
- 1960: Inauguration of Brasília;
- 1961: University of Brasília- UNB;
- 1966: Cláudio Santoro National Theater;
- 1967: TV Tower;
- 1970: Brasília Cathedral (its construction took 10 years);
- 1971: Inauguration of Conjunto Nacional, the city's first shopping mall;
- 1974: Mané Garrincha Stadium;
- 1978: Inauguration of the City Park;
- 1987: Brasília is listed by UNESCO and registered as a historical and cultural heritage of humanity;
- 1990: Brasília elects the first governor and the first district deputies;
- 2002: Juscelino Kubitschek Bridge and South Lake's "Pontão";
- 2013: renovation of the Mané Garrincha Stadium;
- 2022: Mercado Mané (Mané Market).

Foto: Arquivo - O Globo - Inauguração de Brasília em 20/04/1960







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Satellite Cities and Connections

The regions popularly known as “satellite cities” of Brasília are, in fact, administrative regions into which the Federal District was divided.

Thus, in a simpler way, the Federal District is like a State, which even has a Governor (who also exercises the function of mayor of Brasília), where the country's capital is located. However, as there is a constitutional prohibition that the Federal District is divided into other municipalities, in practice the only city that exists inside it is Brasília.

Thus, although known as “satellite cities”, these regions are more like neighborhoods, even due to the short distance between them.

Altogether there are more than 30 administrative regions in the Federal District. Below we highlighted some of them, in addition to the pilot plan itself, which is the original planned region of Brasília (in green):



You can see below the Bezerrão Stadium, located in the administrative region of **Gama**, which was the headquarters of FIFA U17WC (FIFA U-17 World Cup) in 2019:



Below, you can view the ranking of administrative regions with the largest population in the Federal District:

Posição	Localidade	Pop.
1	Ceilândia	479 713
2	Samambaia	258 457
3	Plano Piloto	210 067
4	Taguatinga	207 045
5	Planaltina	190 495
6	Recanto das Emas	146 906
7	Águas Claras	138 562
8	Gama	134 111
9	Guará	133 171
10	Santa Maria	125 559

Dados de 2016/Wikipedia

In addition to these 10 regions above, we have other satellite cities: Cruzeiro, Núcleo Bandeirante, Lago Norte (North Lake), Lago Sul (South Lake), SIA, Park Way, Paranoá, Sudoeste (Southwest)/Octogonal, Riacho Fundo I e II, Sobradinho I e II, Vicente Pires, Jardim Botânico (Botanic Garden), Candangolândia, Itapoã, SCIA/Estrutural, Varjão, Brazlândia, São Sebastião Sol Nascente/Pôr do Sol, Fercal.

Connections between Administrative Regions

These administrative regions are connected by express routes, such as EPTG (Estrada Parque Taguatinga), EPIA (Estrada Parque Indústria e Abastecimento), EPGU (Estrada Parque Guará), EPIG (Estrada Parque Indústrias Gráficas), among others.

Regarding public transport, in addition to buses, the Federal District also has connections between some of these regions through the Subways/Metro/Underground (Brasília, Guará, Águas Claras, Taguatinga, Ceilândia and Samambaia) and the BRT (Brasília, Gama and Santa Maria). Check below photos of the Subway, BRT and also a map of the Federal District Subway:

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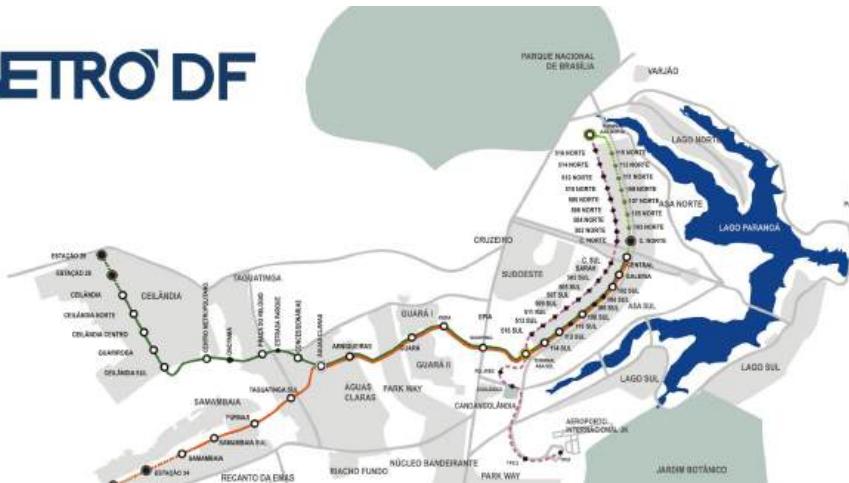


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Attention: the dotted line represents the VLT, which will connect the Airport to the Plano Piloto and the Subway in the future, but it is not working yet. Although there is a project to create the stations at Asa Norte, today the Subway only reaches Asa Sul, with the Estação Central, on the Monumental Axis, being its last stop.

Arriving in Brasília

Airport Connections to the City

When you arrive in Brasília through the Juscelino Kubitschek International Airport, which is in the Lago Sul region, you can order a **UBER** (at Pick-Up Plaza), take a **taxi** or a **regular bus** to travel to other regions of the city, such as **line 102.6**, which runs between the Airport and the Asa Sul Terminal (South Wing Terminal)/Subway, **or the Executive Bus (line 113/TCB)** which travels along the Asa Sul subway lines and also through the main tourist attractions of the Monumental Axis, **with employees fluent in English and Spanish** (the lines can be consulted on this site: <https://www.bsb.aero/passageiros/transporte-publico>). About the **Executive Bus**, access https://metro.df.gov.br/?page_id=12327

There is a project to build a **tramway** that will connect the airport to the metro, but it is still in the planning stage and should not be operational before 2024.

In addition to being able to take a regular bus, you can also take an **executive bus (R\$ 12.00, Monday to Saturday, excluding holidays, between 7:05 am and 8:50 pm)**, which will take you to the Hotel Sector and to the main attractions.

Interstate Bus Station connections with the City

When you arrive in Brasília via Rodoviária Interestadual (Interstate Bus Station), you will be close to the Shopping Subway Station and you can use it to go to other regions of the city.

In addition, you can also opt for **UBER, taxi or bus.**



Arriving by Car

If you are traveling by car, don't worry, you can easily move around the city using an application like Waze or Google Maps.

Attention only with the expressways, where cars usually drive at the lane's limit (80km/h), and with access to other streets, considering that there are many lanes on the main streets.

Ah, another important tip: to move around Brasília, it is easier to search by the name of the place where you want to go instead of the address!!



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Águas Claras

Águas Claras (“Clear Waters”) was born on May 6, 2003, ten years after construction began in the region.

The fast growth of the administrative region, with dozens of residential buildings being opened each year, has made this region develop very quickly.

In addition to an Ecological Park, with two lakes, several sports courts, playground and walking and cycling trails, Águas Claras also has a wide variety of restaurants and bars.

Due to the large concentration of buildings, the region suffers from a high volume of traffic on working days, between 7:30 am and 9:30 am and 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm.



Águas Claras is:



25min far from the Airport

30min far from Eixo Monumental

Águas Claras Attractions



Foto: JHBrandao / TripAdvisor

PARK

Parque Ecológico de Águas Claras

Hours: everyday, 6am - 10pm

MALL

Shopping DF Century Plaza - with a different style of food court

Hours: MON/SAT, 10am-10pm; SUN/HOL, 12pm-8pm



Foto: DF Plaza



Foto: Águas Claras Midia

RESTAURANT

Dolce Far Niente - italian restaurant with live music (violin, piano, vocal...)

Hours: MON/SUN, 6pm-12am;

RESTAURANT

Xique Xique Carne de Sol - sun dried meat

Hours: everyday, 11am-11pm



Foto: Xique Xique



Foto: Nicolas Yuri Wikipedia

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Gama

The name of this administrative region refers to the first priest who arrived in the region, Father Luís da Gama Mendonça, in 1747. There were some farms, such as Ipê, Alagado da Suzana, Ponte Alta and Gama.

However, with the transfer of the country's capital to Brasília, the lands of these four farms were expropriated by the Government, in order to shelter part of the population that worked on the construction of the federal capital. Thus came the administrative region of Gama, which is located about 35km from the Eixo Monumental.

Soccer

Gama is the headquarters of the Sociedade Esportiva do Gama club, founded on November 15, 1975. The team remained in the first division of Brazilian football between the years 1999 to 2002 and today is in the 4th division (D) of the league. In DF, the best known soccer teams are Gama and Brasiliense.



Opened in 2008 with a match between Brazil and Portugal (Cristiano Ronaldo and Kaká played in this match), the Gama stadium, known as Bezerrão, was one of the venues of the FIFA U-17 World Cup in 2019, a tournament that was won by the Brazilian team, with a 3 x 2 victory over the French team.

Below, you can see photos of the tournament and the Stadium, which has a capacity for 20,310 fans.



Gama is:



29min far from Airport

34min far from Eixo Monumental

Gama Attractions

Foto: Secretaria de Esporte e Lazer do DF



STADIUM

Walmir Campelo Bezerra - Bezerão (external view, not open to visitors)

Hours: preferably during the day

Foto: Carol Vieira - Wikimedia Commons



MUSEUM

Museu do Catetinho (near Gama)

Hours: MON/SUN, 9am-17pm

Foto: Dom Manju Divulgação



RESTAURANT

Dom Manju - bar & restaurant

Hours: MON/SUN, 6pm-12am



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Guará and Park Sul

The origin of the name of this administrative region goes back to the Guará Stream, which cuts across its entire area, having been named after the maned wolf, a common species in the Planalto Central.

The word Guará derives from Tupi and means “red”, being associated with both the maned wolf and the maned bird.

Guará is close to Brasília and other important satellite cities, such as SIA, Águas Claras and Taguatinga.

In this region you will also find the “Feira do Guará” (Guará Market), South Park region and will be close to the Zoo and the Airport.

Guará is:



17min far from Airport

19min far from Eixo Monumental

Guará Attractions

Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



ZOO

It's near to Guará, on the banks of EPGU (Estrada Parque Guará)

Hours: THURS/SUN, 9am-5pm

Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



FEIRA DO GUARÁ MARKET

You can find several shopping and eating options. There is connection with the metro.

Horários: WED/SUN, 8am-6pm

MALL

Park Shopping - one of the largest malls in the city

Casa Park - good restaurants

Hours: MON/SAT, 10am-10pm SUN/Hol, 12pm-8pm

Foto: Zoologico Divulgação



SOUTH PARK FOOD STREET FAIR

Hours: TUE and THU, 6pm-10pm;

Small fair with food trucks, wine, live music and playground for children.

Foto: Agência Brasília



Foto: Feira do Guará - Divulgação



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City Sights

The main tourist attractions in Brasília are concentrated in the **Plano Piloto (Pilot Plane)**, including the Metropolitan Cathedral of Brasília, the National Congress, the Three Powers Square, the Supreme Federal Court, the Planalto Palace, the Alvorada Palace, the TV Tower, the National Theater, the Lúcio Costa Space, the JK Memorial, the National Museum, the National Stadium of Brasília, the JK Bridge, the Museum of Values, the Dom Bosco Sanctuary, the National Park, the Crystals Square, the Our Lady of Fátima Church, the City Park and the Center Park Nicolândia.

Outside the **Plano Piloto**, there are still to visit: the “Pontão” of South Lake, the Zoo, the Botanical Garden, the Catetinho Museum, the Digital TV Tower, the Dom Bosco Chapel, the Planetarium, the “Feira dos Importados” (“Fair of Imported Products”) and the São Francisco de Assis’ Chapel.

Not covered in the book, but worth mentioning: Cine Drive-in; 60 Minutes Escape Game; iFly; Café Mineli; and Chácara Fukushi (strawberry harvest).

Below we will separate the attractions into groups/routes, depending on the proximity between them, in order to allow you to plan your tour during the period you are in the city. To read recent news about the city, visit GuiaDeBrasilia.com



Route 1: Praça dos Três Poderes



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Duration: 1h (without internal visits) to 6h (with internal visits)

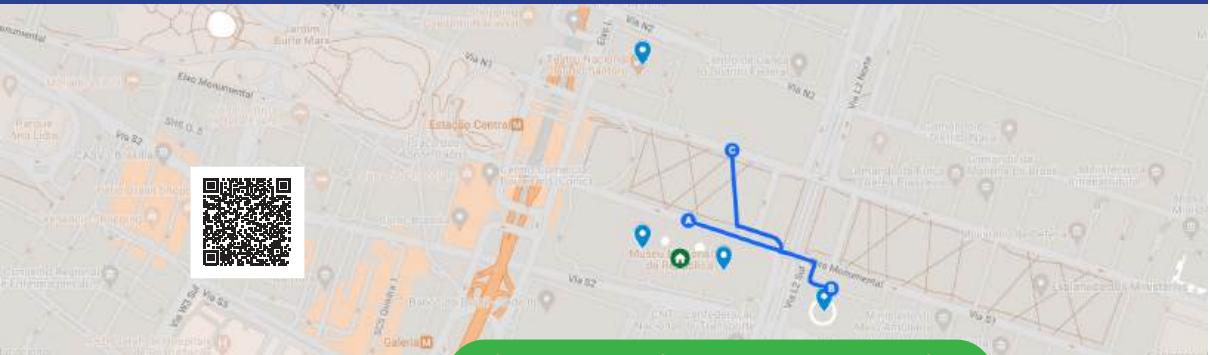
Audioguide: Available in PT, listen at www.GuiaDeBrasilia.com

Prior schedule required? For internal visits only, check out how to make appointments in the penultimate chapter;

Is it possible to walk this route? Yes

Start the tour at Praça dos Três Poderes (Three Powers Square) and start the audio guide. You will be guided during the tour. If you have any indoor tours scheduled in the buildings at Praça dos Três Poderes, pay attention to the times of each one. After the tours, take the route to Alameda dos Estados. Listen now to the specific audio guide for this location. If booked, take the Itamaraty Palace tour.

Route 2: Complexo Cultural da República



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Maps route

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guide! Listen at GuiaDeBrasilia.com



Duration: 30m (without internal visits) to 1h30min

audioguide: Available in PT, listen at www.GuiaDeBrasilia.com

Prior schedule required? No

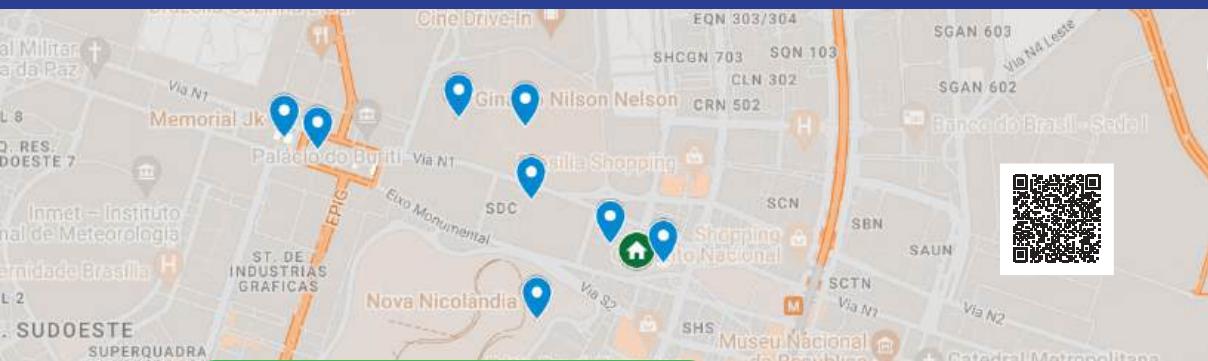
Is it possible to walk this route? Yes

Cultural Complex of the Republic - Start the tour between the Museum and the National Library and start the audio guide. He will guide you during the tour, telling you when to go to the Cathedral and when to cross the Monumental Axis to see the National Theater.

Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



Route 3: Torre de TV



This attraction has an portuguese audio guide! Listen at GuiaDeBrasilia.com



Click to see the Maps route

Duration: 2h (without internal visits) to 6h (visiting the planetarium, JK Memorial, Indigenous Peoples Memorial, Nicolândia, guided tour of the Stadium)

Audioguide: Available in PT, listen at www.GuiaDeBrasilia.com

Prior schedule required? Only the Stadium

Is it possible to walk this route? It is a more tiring route, the displacement is greater. If you prefer, focus the tour on the TV Tower and take an Uber to go to the JK Memorial;

TV Tower - Start the tour at the TV Tower. You will queue to go up to the viewpoint, which is free (check opening hours). Upon ascending, you will be able to start the specific audio guide. On your way down, discover the Torre Market/Fair. The B Hotel is also nearby, but its rooftop only opens to visitors from 5pm. If you are interested, visit Nicolândia Park, you can have a beautiful view of the city from the Ferris wheel. Returning to the Monumental Axis, head towards the National Stadium, you will pass by the Planetarium and you can stop for a snack at the Mané Market (Mercado Mané). Then, head towards the JK Memorial. You will pass in front of the Buriti Palace, which has a replica of the Roman wolf suckling Romulus and Remus, a gift from Italy to the city. Nearby, you can finish the tour by visiting the Indigenous Peoples Memorial and the JK Memorial itself.

Route 4: ONU and Embassies



Click to see the
Maps route

Duration: 1h

audioguide: Available, listen at www.GuiaDeBrasilia.com

Prior schedule required? No (external visit only)

Is it possible to walk this route? No, a car will be needed due to the distance between the embassies

If you have to choose one or two embassies just to visit outside, choose the UN and the Korean and Moroccan Embassies, as they are close and very different. The others we suggest that you go through them by car, as they are very far from each other. Some embassies are only worth visiting in case of festivals or events that allow internal visits (Italy, United States and Russia).

Other Routes

Churches and Sanctuaries



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Maps route

We list the main churches and shrines to visit in the city. The main suggestions are: Brasília Cathedral, Dom Bosco Sanctuary and the Little Church of Nossa Senhora de Fátima and Legião da Boa Vontade - LBV.

Some others are further away, but are very beautiful: Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel, Mother's Sanctuary, Queen Thrice Admirable of Schoenstatt and the Islamic Center of Brazil.



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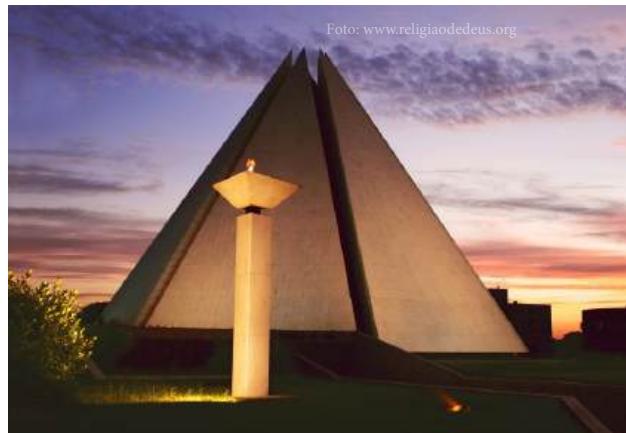


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Other Attractions



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Here are the other attractions not listed on the other routes.
Take a look at them to tailor them to your custom script.

Nearby Brasília



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Maps route

Here are attractions further away from the city, around Brasília, with travel time between 50 minutes and 6 hours by car. The main suggestions are: Pirenópolis, Outlet and Rio Quente.

Fun Points



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On this route we recommend different tours, aimed at your enjoyment during your visit to the Federal Capital, such as the Escape Room game, board game restaurants (Carcassone Pub), iFly, Boat Trip, Malls, Outlet, among others.



Guided Tours

We listed below the guided tours, highly recommended due to the amount of information that is transmitted about the sights (**check page 145 for more details**): Itamaraty Palace, National Congress, Federal Supreme Court, Planalto Palace, Alvorada Palace, Superior Labor Court, Press Museum.

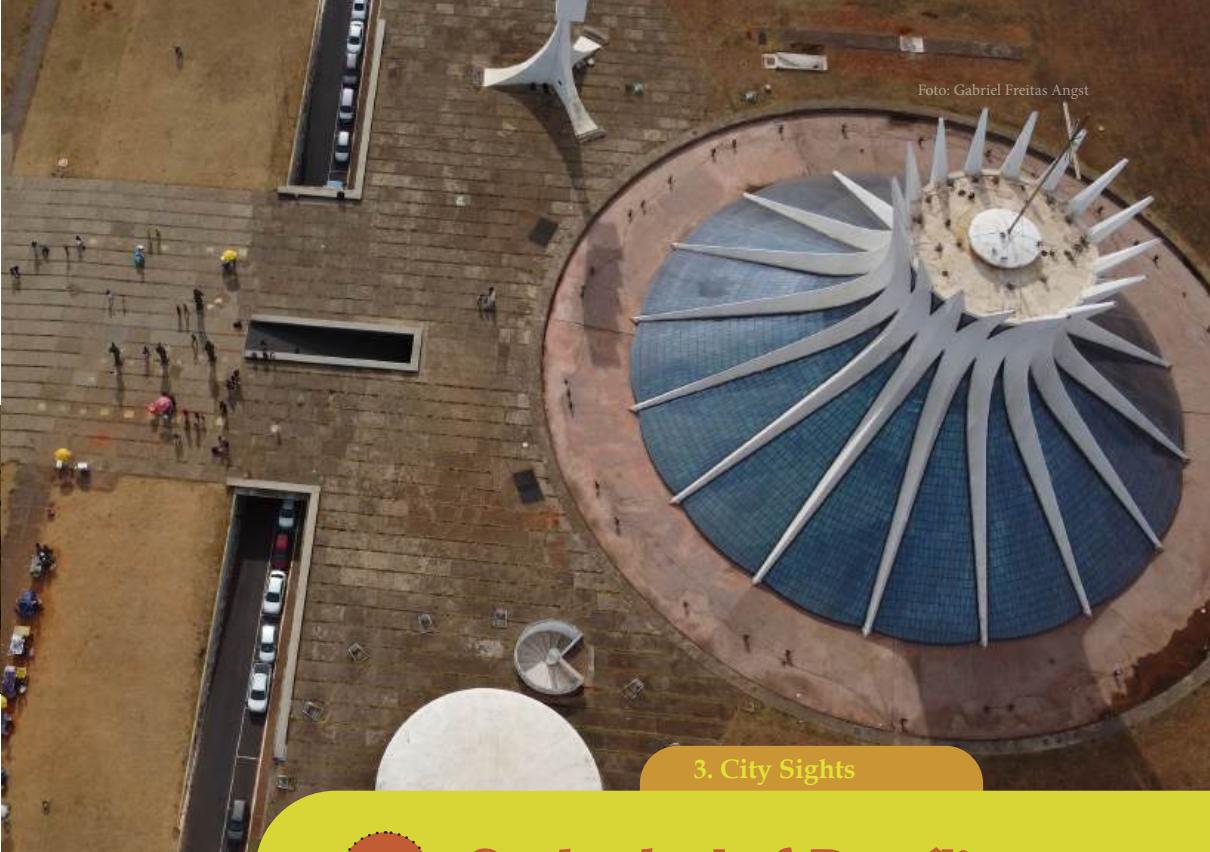
Monday Routes



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Maps route

Finally, considering that many tourist attractions close on Mondays, we list below what can be done on a Monday, if it is your visit day:

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| 1) Three Power Square | 9) Ermida Dom Bosco |
| 2) National Congress | 8) Mané Market |
| 3) Supreme Federal Court (need
to book) | 9) ONU and Embassies |
| 4) JK Bridge (external) | 10) iFly |
| 5) National Park | 11) North Lake Beach |
| 6) Crystals Square | 12) Outlet Premium |
| 7) City Park | 13) Pirenópolis or Salto Corumbá |
| 8) Pontão do Lago Sul | |



3. City Sights

3.1

Cathedral of Brasília

The Metropolitan Cathedral Nossa Senhora Aparecida is better known as the Cathedral of Brasilia. Its architecture was designed by Oscar Niemeyer, who won the Pritzker Prize, considered as the Nobel equivalent of his profession, in 1988.

The Cathedral was positioned out of the Square of the Three Powers, with the objective of symbolizing the secularity of the state (separation between government and religion).

In the temple access plaza, there are four bronze sculptures 3 meters high, representing the Four Evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).

A 20-meter high belfry supports four large bells donated by Spanish residents of Brazil.

It should be noted that most of the cathedral is below the ground, with only the 70-meter roof visible externally, whose shape is based on a hyperboloid with asymmetrical sections. Its structure consists of 16 identical concrete columns mounted on site, weighing around 90 tons, which represent two hands moving towards the sky.



Hours: MON/SUN, 8am-5pm
Price: Free



3. City Sights

3.2

National Congress

This attraction has a **guided tour!** (Pg. 145)

The National Congress is the organ that performs the typical function of the federal Legislative Branch and atypical of administering and prosecuting crimes of responsibility. It consists of two Houses: the Federal Senate (with 81 senators) and the Chamber of Deputies (with 513 federal deputies).

This building was also designed by Oscar Niemeyer, following the style of modern Brazilian architecture. **The semi-sphere on the left**, with the cut facing down, is the seat of the Senate, **while the semi-sphere on the right**, with the cut facing up, is the seat of the Chamber of Deputies (where there is a greater physical space to accommodate the number of members). The two towers between the shells are offices of the National Congress, which still occupies other neighboring buildings, some of them interconnected by an underground tunnel.

The building is located in the middle of the Eixo Monumental. In front of it, there is a large grassy space, where public demonstrations take place. Right behind the Congress is the Tree Power Square, from where it is possible to see, in addition to the Congress, the Supreme Federal Court, which represents the Judiciary Power, and the Planalto Palace, which represents the Executive



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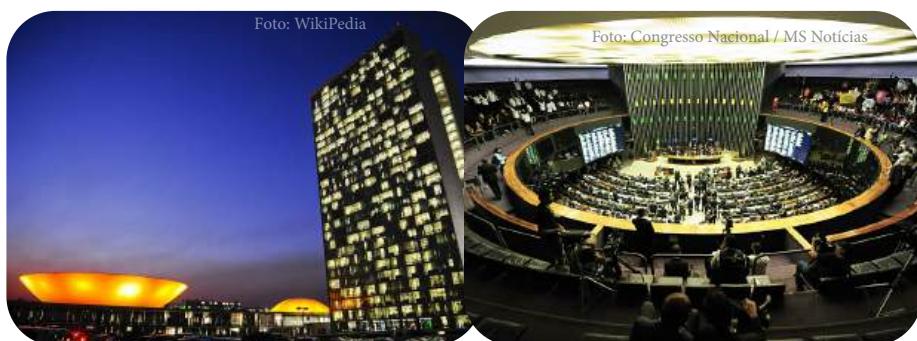


Foto: Wikipedia

Foto: Congresso Nacional / MS Notícias

The visit to the National Congress is guided (Portuguese, English, Spanish and French), takes about 50 minutes, and through it you will know a lot about the National Congress and also about Brazilian politics. The visit itself can already be considered a mandatory tour for tourists, especially considering that it is free! Be sure to check it out.

Funcionamento: 9h - 17h30min (trajes em dias úteis)

Valor: gratuito



3. City Sights

3.3

Three Powers Square

This attraction has an portuguese audio guide! Listen at GuiaDeBrasilia.com



The Three Powers Square is a wide open space between the three monumental buildings that represent the three Powers of the Republic (the **Planalto Palace**, which is the seat of the Executive Power, the **Supreme Federal Court**, representing the Judiciary and the **National Congress**, which represents the Legislative). In addition to the three main buildings, other buildings and monuments complete the landscape of the square, such as the sculpture “**Os Candangos**” and the **Special Mast** with the largest flag in the world, measuring 286m², which is changed every first Sunday of each month in solemn ceremony.

The urban part was idealized and designed by Lúcio Costa. The constructions were made by Oscar Niemeyer, with structural projects by Joaquim Cardozo.

Next to the Mast, is the **Pantheon of the Fatherland**, built in honor of President Tancredo Neves and which may guard the remains of illustrious Brazilian figures. Its shape suggests the image of a dove. In the main hall you can admire the stained glass by Marianne Peretti and the panel on “Inconfidência Mineira”, by João Câmara. In the Red Room, you can enjoy the panel by Athos Bulcão.

Also close to the Pantheon is the **Tea House**, used today as a **Coffee Shop and Tourist Information Center**. It is said that Niemeyer did not intend to create other buildings that would attract attention, considering that the place already had many of them, which is why the **Espaço Lúcio Costa** would be located below the square floor, where there is a large model of Brasilia, with 179 m².



Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst

Panteão da Pátria - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



Hours: Everyday, 24 Hours
Price: Free



3. City Sights

3.4 Supreme Federal Court

This attraction has a **guided tour!** (Pg. 145)

The Supreme Federal Court (STF - Supremo Tribunal Federal) is the highest instance of the Brazilian Judiciary and is composed of 11 ministers, who are appointed by the President of the Republic and the nomination is approved by the Federal Senate. Its institutional role is to serve as guardian of the Federal Constitution, appreciating cases that involve injury or threat to the latter. Their decisions are unappealable.

With the federal capital transfer to Brasília, the STF started to occupy its current building, located in the Three Powers Square, holding its first session on April 21, 1960. In front of the STF Palace you can see the sculpture "A Justiça" (The Justice), By Alfredo Ceschiatti.

There is also a **free guided tour of the STF**, in addition to being able to attend the public sessions of the Court. Be sure to check it out!



Hours: MON-FRI, 10am - 5pm (online scheduling)

Price: Free

STF - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



"Os Bandeirantes de Ontem e de Hoje" (Massanori Urugami) - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst

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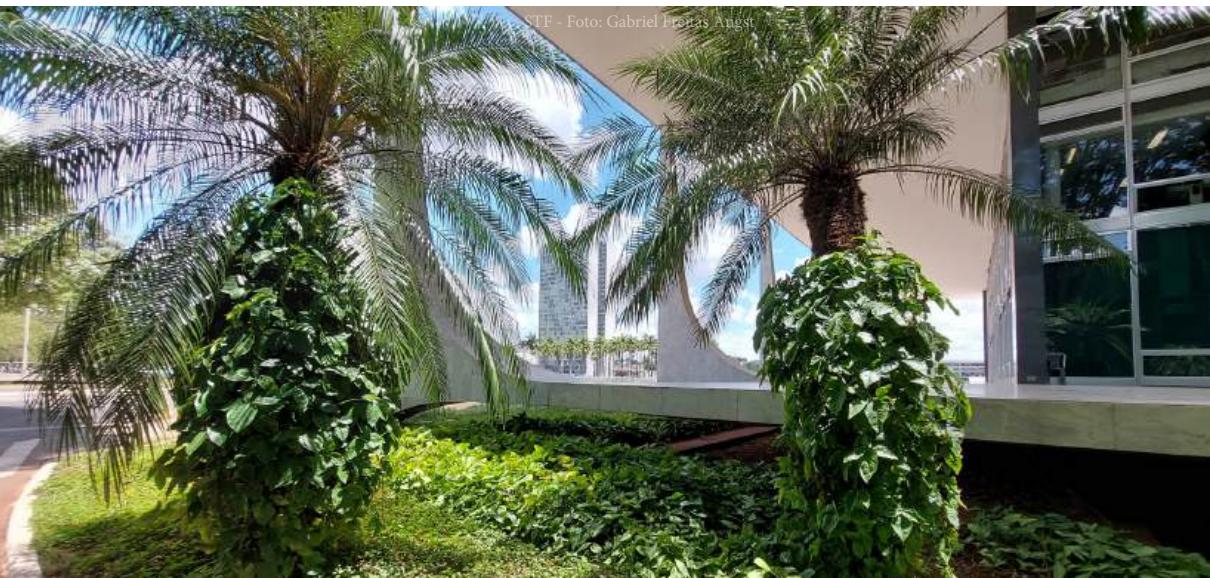


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STF - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



STF - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst





3. City Sights

3.5

Planalto Palace

This attraction has a guided tour! (Pg. 145)

Also located in Three Powers Square, it was one of the first buildings built in the new capital, opened on April 21, 1960. The place that was the center of the celebrations of the inauguration of the city and marked the Brazilian history for symbolizing the transfer of the Federal Capital to the center of the country, promoted by the then President of the Republic Juscelino Kubitschek.

The construction of the building began on July 10, 1958 and, until it was ready, the headquarters of the Federal Executive Branch functioned in the **Palácio do Catetinho** ("Catetinho's Palace"), on the outskirts of Brasília.

This work is also authored by the architect Oscar Niemeyer. According to him, the building's columns are "light as feathers landing on the floor".

On the main façade, it is possible to see the ramp that gives access to the main hall, a place where large events are held and dignified foreign visitors are also welcomed. Next to the entrance is the Parlator, where the President and guests can speak to the people concentrated in the square. Although it was used on the opening day of Brasilia, it has not been used much since then.

You can schedule a free guided tour of the Palace through the official website, be sure to check it out!



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Foto: Roberto Stuckert Filho/PR

Hours: See updated hours when visiting (online scheduling)

Price: Free



Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst

3. City Sights

3.6

Itamaraty Palace

This attraction has a **guided tour!** (Pg. 145)

The Itamaraty Palace, also known as Palace of Arches, is the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, work of Oscar Niemeyer and Joaquim Cardoso.

The Palace is the place where the President of the Republic meet the other heads of state from other countries, being a ceremonial space.

Opened on April 20, 1970, it has received visits from Queen Elizabeth II (1968), Ronald Reagan (1982), Barack Obama (2011), among others.

Visits to the Palace must be scheduled in advance by [this site](#) (QR Code below). Attention: on weekdays, the visit requires minimal dress, check the official website.



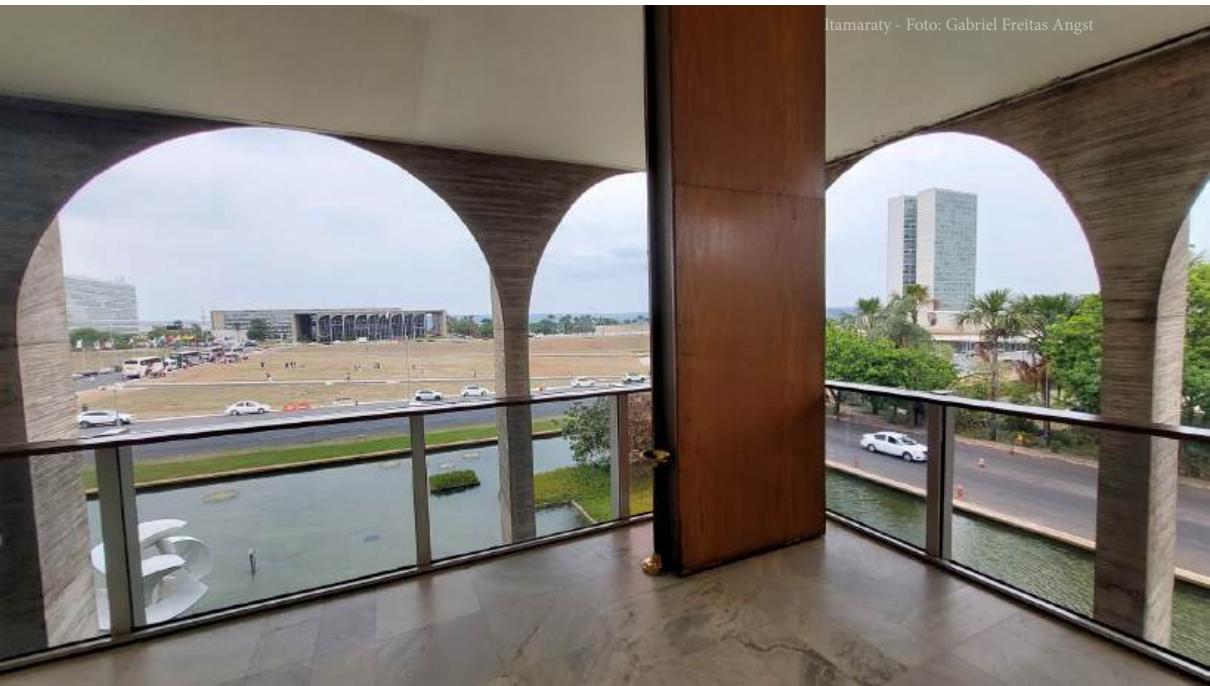
Hours: TUE-FRI, 9am - 4pm; SAT/SUN/HOL: 9am - 4pm

Price: Free

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Itamaraty - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



Itamaraty - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst





3. City Sights

3.7 Esplanade of Ministries

The Esplanade of Ministries is the grassy stretch, bordered by the Eixo Monumental, between the seventeen identical blocks of the ministries. On the left are ten buildings, on the right are seven, and in the remaining space are the Metropolitan Cathedral of Brasília and the headquarters of the Curia.

In addition to the Ministry blocks, there are two different ministerial buildings: the **Palace of Justice** (Ministry of Justice) and the **Itamaraty Palace** (Ministry of Foreign Affairs). The central construction site remains empty until the Na-

Hours: Everyday, 24h
External



3. City Sights

3.8

TV Tower

At 224 meters in height, it was the tallest structure in Brazil between the year of its inauguration, 1967, until 1986, and is currently the fifth tallest in the country. **The Tower houses a breathtaking viewpoint.** With a capacity for 150 people, the view is free and works from Thursday to Sunday, from 12pm to 6pm.

In addition, it is surrounded by other attractions, such as **Fountain** and **Tower Market**.

This Fair is one of the biggest symbols of Brasilia. Only in 2010 a permanent structure was built to house it.

The TV Tower underwent a renovation recently, an opportunity in which the concrete pillars were reinforced and the metallic structure of the monument was restored. In addition, the accessibility of the attraction was improved, with the operation of escalators between the Market and the Tower.

Since the end of 2021, the TV Tower has a bistro/bar on its mezzanine, with a great view of the city, called Meza.nino. When you go there, be sure to check it out.



Funcionamento: QUI/DOM, 12h - 18h

Valor: gratuito



3. City Sights

3.9

National Theatre

The National Theater of Brasilia has an irregular pyramid-shaped structure. The Villa-Lobos (main), Martins Pena and Alberto Nepomuceno rooms stand out inside, where various plays, acts and cultural representations were held throughout the year.

Closed for renovations since 2014, due to security requirements arising from the fire at the "Kiss" nightclub in the city of Santa Maria (RS), the Theater reopened again in 2024. The venue has already been the stage for numerous performances of recognized artistic value, such as the symphony orchestra's concerts and even shows by major world companies, such as the Bolshoi Ballet, from Russia.

The building has in its format a striking feature, in the shape of a pyramid, but without the top, referring to an architecture of pre-Columbian peoples. The Theater is 46 meters high, being 24.5 meters above the ground and 19 meters underground.



Hours: Everyday, 24h
External



3. City Sights

3.10

Lúcio Costa Space

Located under the Three Powers Square, it is a tribute to the architect, urban planner and professor who created the pilot plan for Brasília, Lúcio Costa (1902-1998), born in France. He was the winner of the national contest for the pilot plan for Brasília.

The space is underground and houses a large scale model of Brasília, surrounded by a gallery of copies of the sketches and the Pilot Plan Report presented by Lucio Costa in 1957 to the international jury that judged and considered his project the winner among the 26 participating projects.

Hours: TUE/SUN, 9am-6pm

Price: Free

3. City Sights

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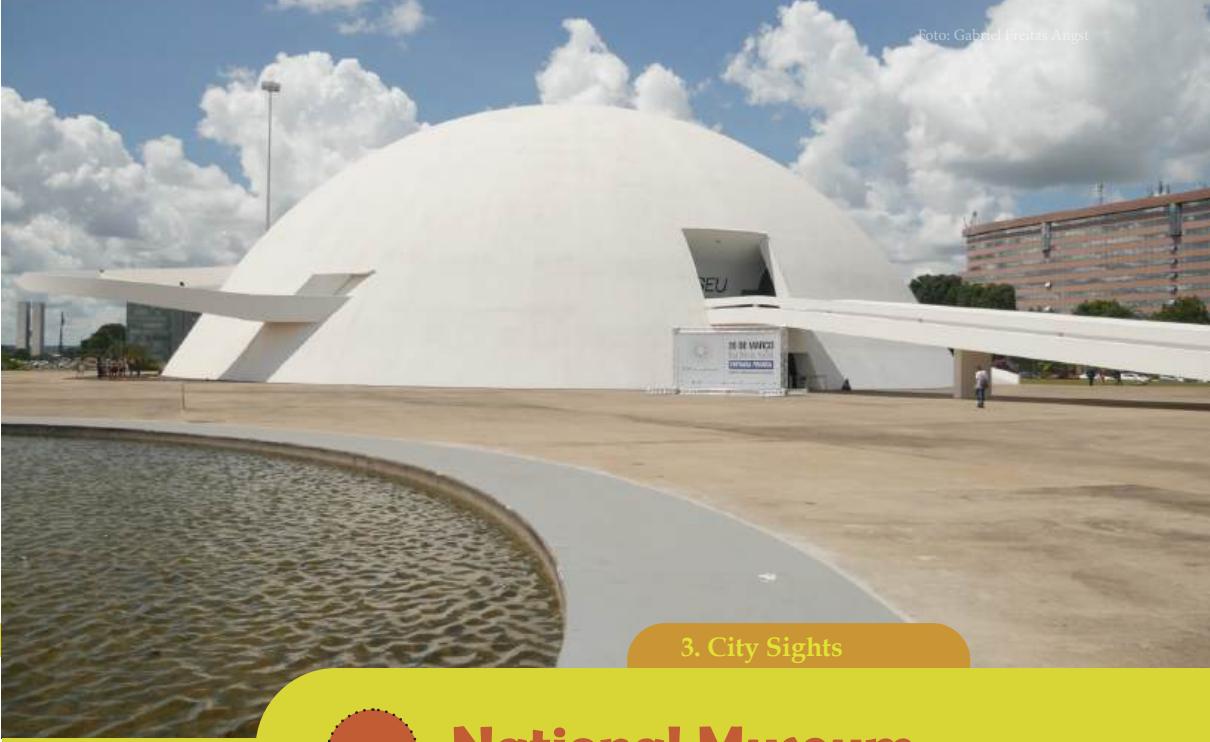
JK Memorial

The JK Memorial is a Brazilian museum, mausoleum and cultural center built to honor Juscelino Kubitschek de Oliveira, who was the President of Brazil during the transfer of the country's capital to Brasília. The Memorial project is by Oscar Niemeyer, made at the request of former First Lady Sarah Kubitschek. Currently, who runs the JK Memorial is Juscelino's and Sarah's granddaughter, Anna Christina Kubitschek.

Inside, there are photos and objects from the life of Juscelino and Sarah, such as the presidential sash and the clothes they used to take office, in addition to the ex-president's own grave. On the outside of the museum there is a statue of Juscelino (photo), made by Honório Peçanha, which stands on a pedestal almost 30 meters from the ground. The idea of the shape and the pedestal would have been inspired by the symbol of communism - which Niemeyer has always denied, but it generated some controversy before its installation.

Hours: TUE/SUN, 9am-6pm

Price: R\$ 10,00, in cash only



3. City Sights

3.12

National Museum

The Honestino Guimarães National Museum and the Brasília National Library, which is next to it, form the Republic's Cultural Complex João Herculino Republic. The initial proposal was a building 180 meters long, with two cantilevers with a record length of 70 meters on each side, using tie rods for support. However, the project was considered costly and Niemeyer created, in its place, a simpler project for the Museum.

Hours: FRI/SUN, 10am-4pm

Price: Free



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3. City Sights

3.13

National Stadium

Known as Mané Garrincha - famous Brazilian soccer player that had its peak in the 50s / 60s, it is a Brazilian soccer stadium and multipurpose arena with a capacity for 78,788 people, which was practically rebuilt to be one of the World Cup venues 2014.

The stadium hosted the opening of the 2013 Confederations Cup, seven matches of the 2014 World Cup and preliminary football matches of the Rio Olympics in 2016.

Initially budgeted at 657 million, the final value of the stadium exceeded 2 billion reais and its monthly maintenance was estimated by the Government of DF at R\$ 800,000.00. Therefore, in 2019, it was granted to the private sector (Arena BSB).

The Arena BSB showed interest in building leisure and entertainment spaces around the Stadium, housing theater and shows, bars, restaurants, night clubs, gyms, sports clinics, shops, fairs and offices, a project that was approved by the Government and has already begun with the opening, for example, of Mercado Mané, in 2022. Furthermore, there are plans to implement a Boulevard with shops, restaurants and cinema in the coming years.

Check out the Mercado Mané's specific topic (3.30) and be sure to get to know the Stadium from the inside with a guided tour.



Hours: FRI-SUN, 9am - 5pm (book on Sympla's website)

Price: R\$ 27,50 - R\$ 80,00

3. City Sights

3.14

JK Bridge

The Juscelino Kubitschek Bridge (Third Bridge), connecting the Pilot Plan to Lago Sul (South Lake), Paranoá and São Sebastião.

The bridge was inaugurated on December 15, 2002, and the structure has a total crossing length of 1.2 kilometers and a width of 24 meters, with two lanes, each with three lanes, in addition to two walkways on the sides for use by cyclists and pedestrians.

The author of the architecture and lighting design of the bridge is the architect Alexandre Chan. Initially budgeted at R\$ 40 million, it is estimated that the total construction cost rea-

With three asymmetrical arches, inspired by the movement of a stone bouncing on the water, it even resembles the walkway of the Public Aquarium in the Port of Nagoya, Japan (1989) or Elizabeth Bridge, Australia (2016).

Lago Paranoá / Lake Paranoá

Lago Paranoá is an artificial lake, idealized in 1894 by the Cruls Mission, which aimed to discover a suitable place to house the country's new capital, and made concrete with the construction of the city.

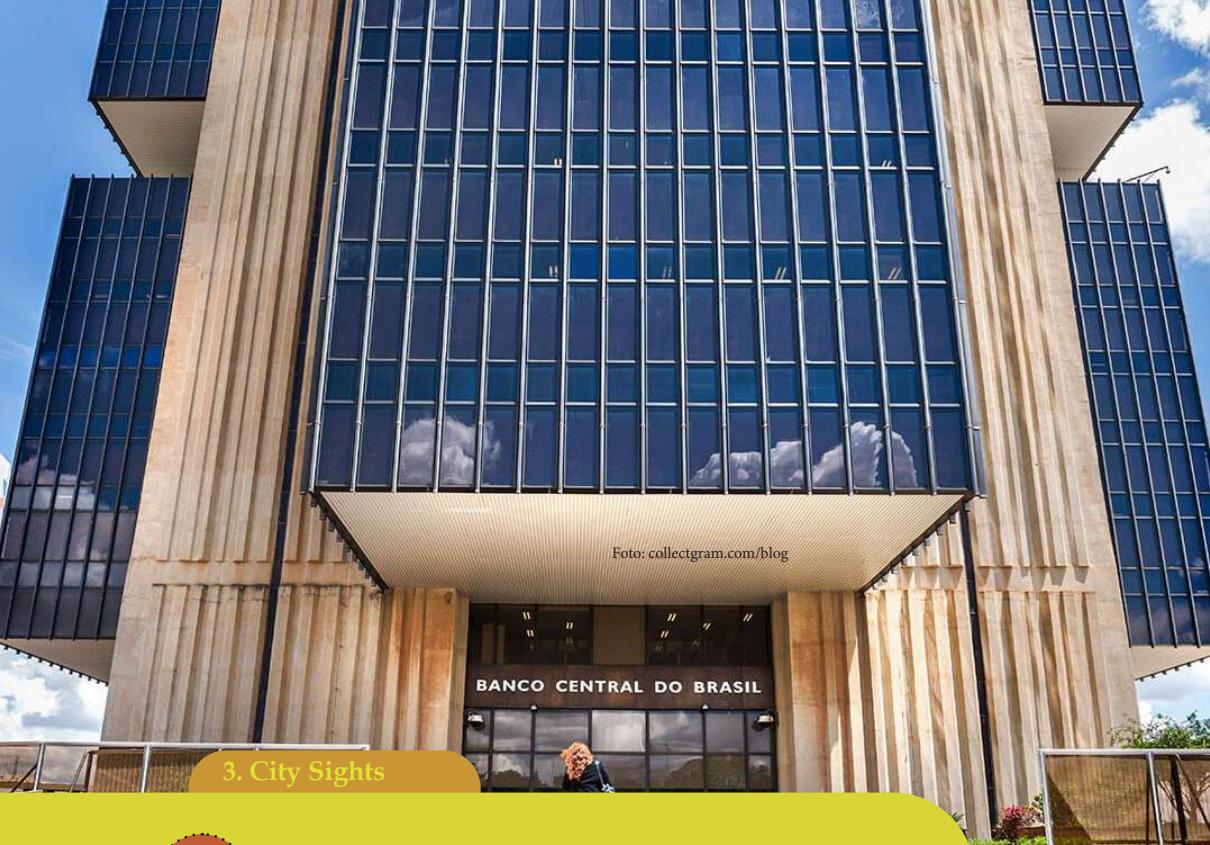
The lake has an area of 48 square kilometers and a maximum depth of 38 meters, with some artificial beaches, such as "Prainha" and "Piscinão do Lago Norte". The main motivation for its creation was to increase the humidity in its surroundings.

Toninho Tavares/Agência Brasília



You can take a boat trip to enjoy the JK Bridge and Lake Paranoá. To do so, look for a boat on the Pontão do Lago Sul.

Hours: Everyday, 24h
External



3. City Sights

3.15

Museum of Values

Located in the 1st basement of the Central Bank Headquarters, the museum has in its collection the evolution of means of payment, with a permanent exhibition of Brazilian banknotes and coins.

Foto: BC



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Hours: closed for renovation (should reopen in 2025)

Price: Free



3. City Sights

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Dom Bosco Sanctuary

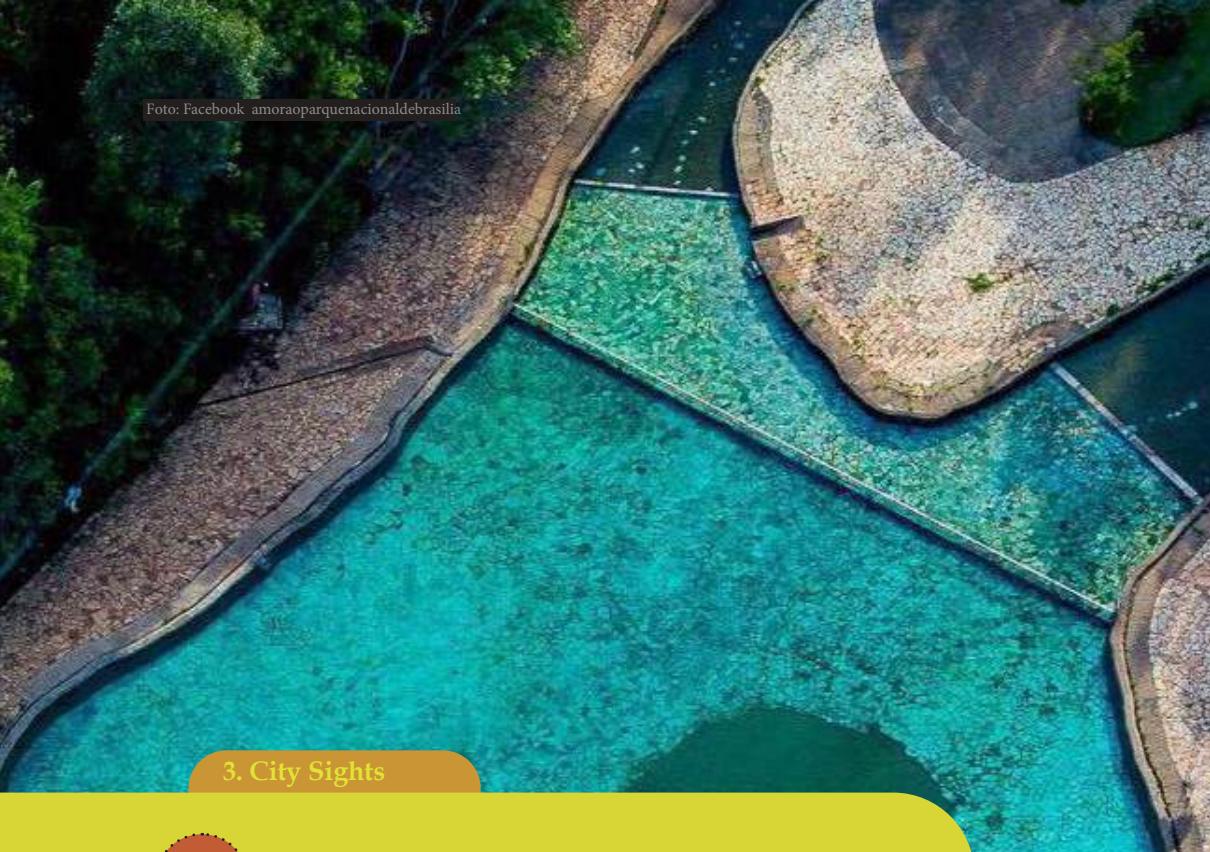
Designed by the architect Carlos Alberto Naves, it is famous for its stained glass windows, receiving thousands of tourists a year. It is considered one of the Seven Wonders of Brasília's Cultural Heritage.

The construction was made by Salesians from the São João Bosco Province and completed in 1970. The Sanctuary has 80 columns of sixteen meters, among which are stained glass in 12 shades of blue, which were created by the Belgian artist Hubert Van Doorne.

The central chandelier, created by the architect Alvimar Moreira, weighs two tons and measures 3.5 meters in height. It is lit only in ceremonies and symbolizes Jesus Christ as the light of the world.

Hours: FRI/SUN, 7am-6pm

Price: Free



3. City Sights

3.17

National Park

Brasília National Park is also known as “Água Mineral” (Mineral Water). It is a conservation unit of integral protection to nature and one of the most visited parks in the country.

Although open to the public, some areas are restricted to visitation, including waterfalls and the Santa Maria Dam.

The main attractions of the park are the flowing water pools, formed from the water wells, which arose on the banks of the Camp Stream due to the sand extraction done before the creation of Brasília. The park also has two indoor trails, “Trilha da Capivara”, lasting approximately 20 minutes, and “Trilha do Cristal Água”, lasting approximately 2 hours.

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Hours: MON/SUN, 8am-5pm
Price: R\$ 38



3. City Sights

3.18 Crystals Square

Praça dos Cristais is a landscape work designed by Roberto Burle Marx and Haruyoshi Ono. It is located in the Urban Military Sector, in front of the Army Headquarters.

The crystals in this square would have been inspired by the rock crystals of Cristalina City and would represent the wealth existing in the Central Plateau.

You can also schedule a guided tour of the Army Headquarters online.

Hours: Everyday, 24h
External



3. City Sights

3.19

Our Lady of Fátima Church

It was the first Catholic masonry temple built in Brasília. Its inauguration took place on June 28, 1958. Its structure refers to a nun's hat and on its facade are tiles by Athos Bulcão.

It is located in **block 308 South, which is known as the “Quadra-Modelo” (model block) of the pilot plan**, considering that it was built to serve as a reference for other super blocks in the region.

There, in front of block A, some scenes from the film “Somos Tão Jovens” were recorded.

Hours: Everyday, 7am-8pm
Price: Free



3. City Sights

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3.20

City Park

The most famous park in the federal capital has 420 hectares. Known as Parque da Cidade, actually called Dona Sarah Kubitschek (former first lady), was signed by three big names in Brasília: Oscar Niemeyer - who made the architectural project, Burle Marx - who was responsible for the landscape work and Lúcio Costa - who was in charge of the development of his urban area.

At this size, it even surpasses New York's Central Park area, which covers 320 hectares.

Among the attractions of the park are: hiking trail, bicycle path, cycle path for mini-cars, children's playgrounds, lake with pedal boats and kayaks, woods with barbecue grills and cafeterias, soccer fields, karting tracks, aeromodelling field, restaurants, amphitheater and equestrian stadium.

The park gained national fame through the song “Eduardo e Mônica”, by the Brazilian band Legião Urbana.

Along with the park, the Wave Pool was opened in 1978, which was one of the main attractions of the place. However, it was closed in the 1990s and is currently abandoned, eventually being used for parties and open-air cinema.



Piscina de Ondas - 2018 - Foto: Correio Braziliense



Foto: 1980 / Rogerio Dezouzart / Facebook

For walks in the lake region, the closes car parks are 1, 10, 11 and 12. Next to parking lots 11 and 12, there is Castelinho (Little Castle):



Foto: Correio Braziliense

Hours: Everyday, 24h
Price: Free



3. City Sights

3.21

Nicolândia Park

Nicolândia is an amusement park that has been operating for over forty years, located inside the City Park, with roller coasters, carousel and ferris wheel. There are some food options on site and the area is close to the city's restaurants and bars.

It is an amusement park for all ages, with toy options for both children and the elderly who like adventure.

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Hours: FRI, SAT, SUN and Holidays, 11am - 8pm

Price: R\$ 20/attraction or R\$ 100/passport



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3. City Sights

3.22

South Lake's “Pontão”

Now, starting to talk about the tourist spots that are located outside the Plano Piloto, Pontão do Lago Sul is a mandatory tour for all visitors to the city.

Attractions are not lacking in one of the largest leisure and entertainment centers in the capital: postcard scenery, varied cuisine, cultural and sports programming, ample parking and numerous services, in addition to its almost beachy atmosphere and beautiful sunset. A complete leisure center surrounded by greenery and security that contributed to making it one of the most visited tourist spots in Brasília.

There you will find restaurants like Gran Bier, Fausto & Manoel, Manzuá, Mormaii Surf Bar, Salva Bar & Ristorante, Wine Garden, American Cookies and Soho, as well as kiosks from the well-known hamburger shop Geleia, Baccio di Latte, Café e um Chêro, Castália and others.

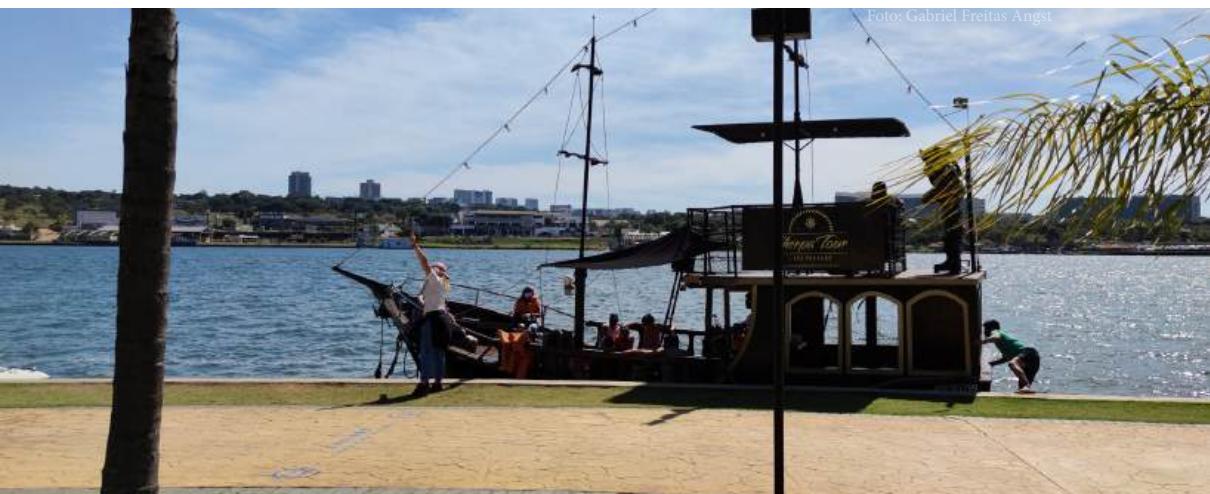
Entry to the Pontão is free and parking is ample. On hot days, it is more interesting to visit it early in the morning or later in the afternoon, considering that it is an external tour.

At Pontão you can also take a boat trip on Lake Paranoá, which will cost you around R\$ 50 per person.

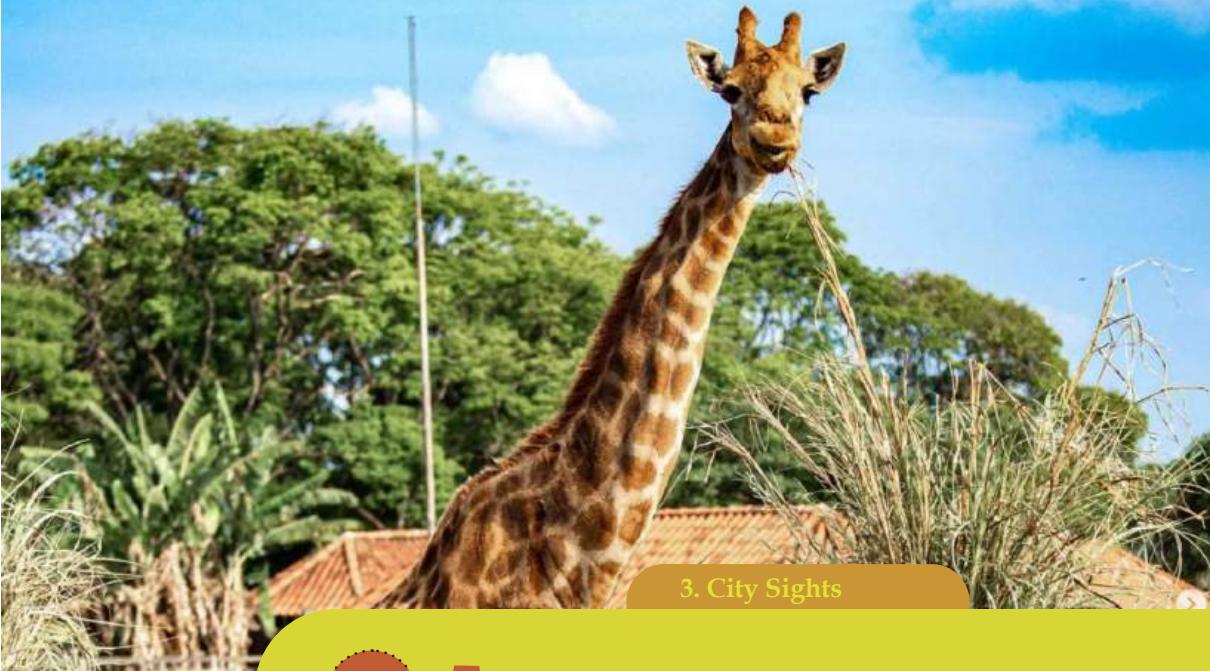
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Hours: Everyday, 7am - 11:59pm
Price: Free



3. City Sights

3.23 Zoo

The Brasília Zoo was opened in 1957. It has an area of about 1,300 square kilometers and also has the Museum of Natural Sciences, a Butterfly Garden and leisure facilities and services such as snack bars.

Altogether there are more than 800 animals, among them rare animals in Brazilian zoos such as the cotiarinha snake, the adax and the tatu-bola-da-Caatinga.

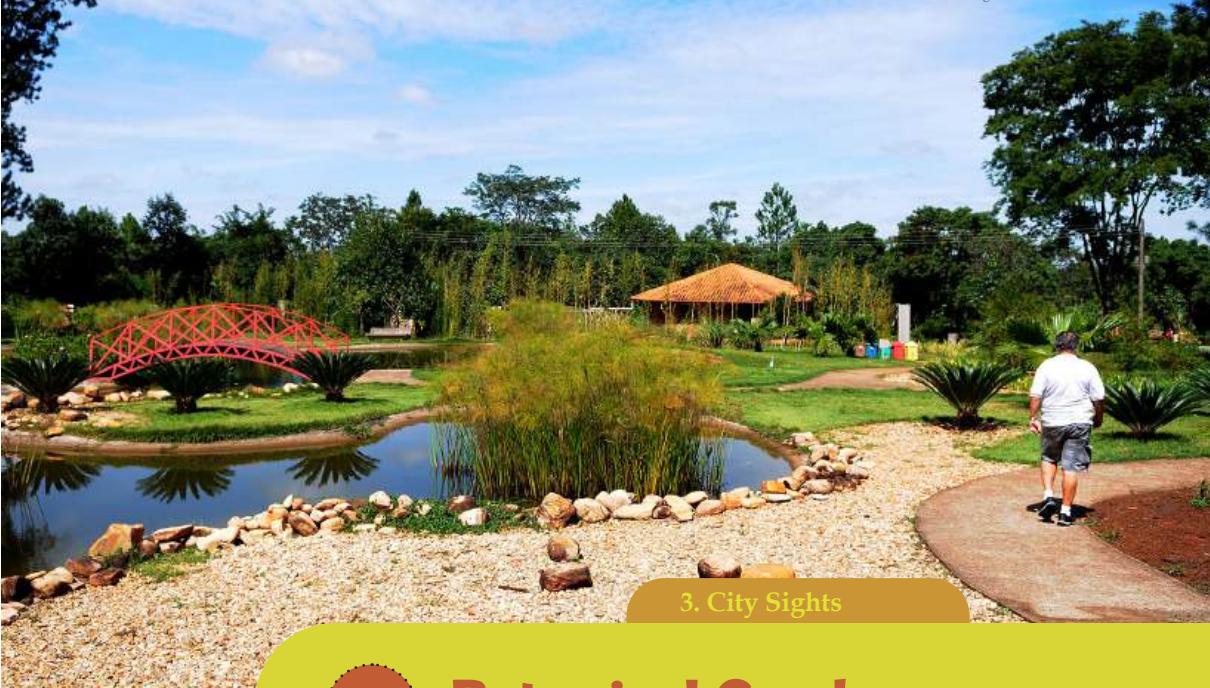
Tragic story

On August 27, 1977, army sergeant Sílvio Delmar Rolembach was walking with his family at the zoo when he heard screams coming from the pit of the otters: a 13-year-old boy had fallen on the spot. Holembach entered the enclosure and managed to deliver the child to the people on the protective wall. However, when trying to leave the enclosure, the otters pulled him into the water.

With more than 100 otter bites, although rescued alive, the sergeant died three days later as a result of a generalized infection. Ironically, the rescued child has been target of criticism in recent years, after being investigated by the Federal Police for an alleged breach in the pension fund of Correios (Public Post Office) employees.



Hours: THURS-SUN, 9am-5pm (Covid)
Price: R\$ 10



3. City Sights

3.24

Botanical Garden

In the 500 hectares open to public visitation, you will find plants and plant formations from different parts of the world in the Botanical Garden.

In addition, there are several marked trails for walking and cycling, such as the Mater Trail, the Labiata Trail, the Ecological Trail and the Krahô Trail. You will also be able to see several thematic gardens such as the Evolutionary Garden, Smelling Garden, Japanese Garden and the Contemplation Garden.

There is an on-site picnic area and a restaurant offering a picnic-style breakfast or meal menu.

See below a map of the Botanical Garden:

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Hours: TUE-SUN, 9am-5pm
Price: R\$ 5 in cash



3. City Sights

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Catetinho Museum

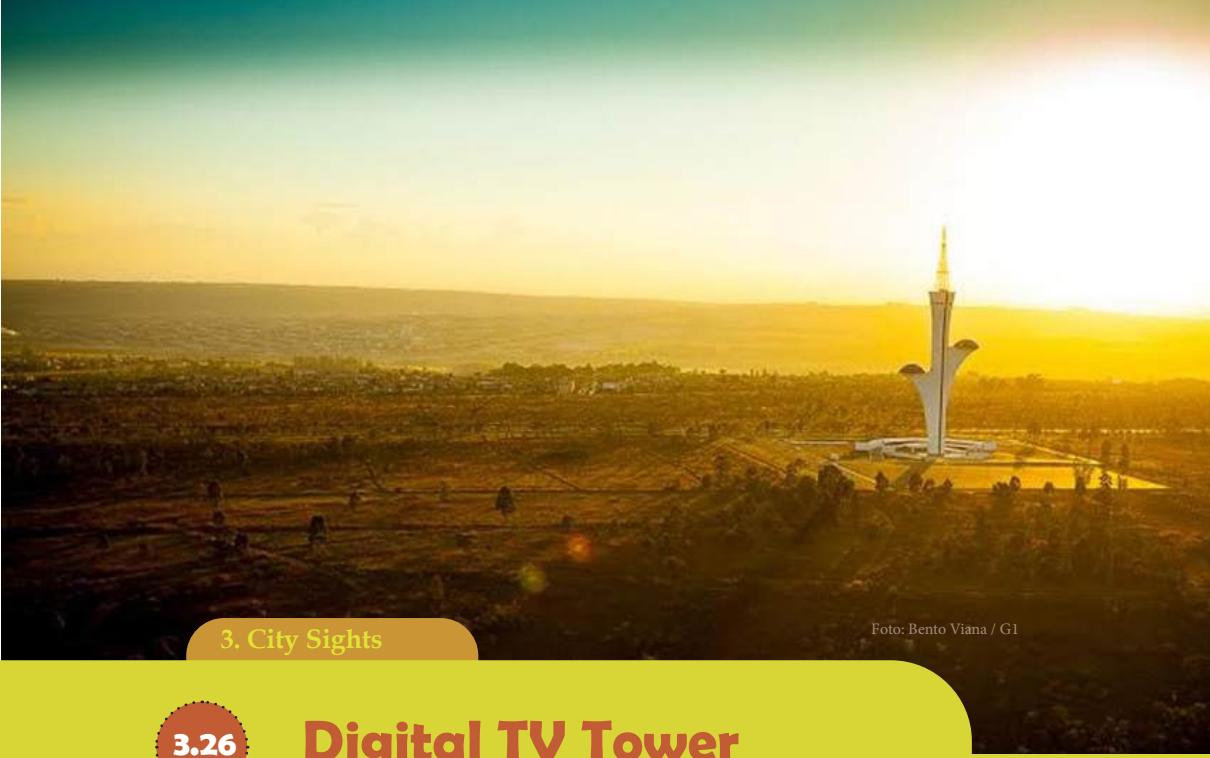
Catetinho was the first official residence of President Juscelino Kubitschek in the Federal District, at the time when the city of Brasília was still being built.

The design of Catetinho is by Oscar Niemeyer and the construction is also known as “Palácio de Tábuas”. It is a simple construction, made of wood, and took only 10 days to complete, which occurred in November 1956.

Today it is a small museum open to the public. The exhibition brings its original furniture, as well as other objects that refer to the time when JK lived there.

Hours: TUE-SUN, 9am-5pm

Price: Free



3. City Sights

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3.26

Digital TV Tower

This attraction has a **guided tour!**

The Digital TV Tower, also known as “Flor do Cerrado” (Cerrado Flower), was designed by Oscar Niemeyer and opened on April 21, 2012. Since then, the tourist spot has undergone several interdictions due to structural problems.

182 meters high (equivalent to a 62 floors building), it was designed to transmit the Digital TV signal to the entire Federal District, in addition to some surrounding cities. The tower has a viewpoint at the top, which is open to the public.

The original idea of the project is that in one of its “petals” a restaurant functioned, but that never left the paper. The Government of the DF announced in 2019 that the management of the Tower will be granted to the private sector.

Hours: TUE-FRI 12pm-6pm/SAT-SUN 9am-6pm
Price: R\$ 22 each / R\$ 11 student



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Ermida Dom Bosco

Designed by Oscar Niemeyer and opened in 1957, this is a chapel located within the Parque Ecológico Dom Bosco, dedicated to himself, who is the patron saint of Brasília.

With easy access and free entry, it is inside a park that offers a space for outdoor activities, with a bike path and trails, in addition to having a beautiful view of the capital and the lake.

Hours: Everyday, 8am-8pm

Price: Free



3. City Sights

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B Hotel's Rooftop

B Hotel is a good option for lodging in the city of Brasília. Although it doesn't have the entertainment options offered by the Royal Tulip Alvorada hotel (this one looks more like a Caribbean vacation hotel), it has a terrace with a cinematic view of the city.

If you are not staying at the B Hotel, one of our suggestions for what to do in the city is to enjoy the beautiful view from its rooftop in the late afternoon, accompanied by a snack and/or a drink served on the Hotel's Rooftop Bar.

Bar 16 on the Rooftop is open to visitors who are not staying there, but charges a minimum consumption of R\$ 100,00 per person. Call ahead to schedule the visit.

Funcionamento: TER-DOM, 9h - 17h

Valor: Consumação mínima de R\$ 100,00 por pessoa



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Planetarium

The architectural project of the Planetarium is by Sérgio Bernardes, the building having a format that refers to a flying saucer.

In its basement there is a small auditorium, a workshop room and a foyer, where the exhibition of the Brazilian Space Agency is.

The planetarium's collection includes photographs from the European Southern Observatory (ESO), telescopes from the Brasília Astronomy Club (CAsB), replica astronaut clothes, two panoramic glass tunnels, as well as monitors available to answer questions during the entire visit.

Hours: TUE/SUN, 8am - 7pm
Price: Free



3. City Sights

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São Francisco de Assis

40 km far from the Center of Brasília, between Gama and Recanto das Emas, is the Chapel of São Francisco de Assis, one of the most beautiful churches in the Federal District.

Open to the public only on Wednesdays (Mass at 8 pm) and on Saturdays (Mass at 5 pm), it is a place with stunning scenery and the visit can be even more appreciated during sunset.

The interior of the church is simple, but cozy. Although it is a little away from Brasília, the visit is worth it. It is only recommended that you visit it during a busier time, such as Saturday Mass, considering that the place is more remote and can sometimes be deserted.

Hours: SAT, 4:30pm-5:30pm

Price: Free



3. City Sights

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Mané, the “comma”

Opened in early 2022, Mercado Mané brings together market and restaurants in one place.

Located next to the National Stadium, the comma is defined by the market itself as the way to express how plural they are, and how much they value breaks in life.

The market has 17 gastronomic operations and was conceived based on international gastronomic markets in tourist cities such as New York, Barcelona, Lima and Lisbon.

Hours: SUN-WED, 12am-12pm / THU-SAT, 12am-2am

Price: Free



3. City Sights

3.32

NBB Bascketball Match

After the partnership between BRB - Banco Regional de Brasília and the Brasília Basketball Team, the Nilson Nelson gymnasium, located next to the Mané Garrincha National Stadium, became the home of one of the basketball teams that represent the city of Brasília in the NBB - New Basketball Brazil.

As a result of the partnership, the gymnasium was renovated and brought innovations inspired by the NBA gyms, making the team's basketball games an interesting attraction for those who come to Brasília, or even for those who support the team.

The team is four-time national champion and three-time champion of the South American Basketball League, having won its last title in 2015 (in the South American League).

Funcionamento: a temporada do NBB geralmente vai de outubro a abril (consultar jogos no Instagram @bsbbkt)

Valor: R\$ 44 inteira / R\$ 22 meia entrada (1kg de alim.)

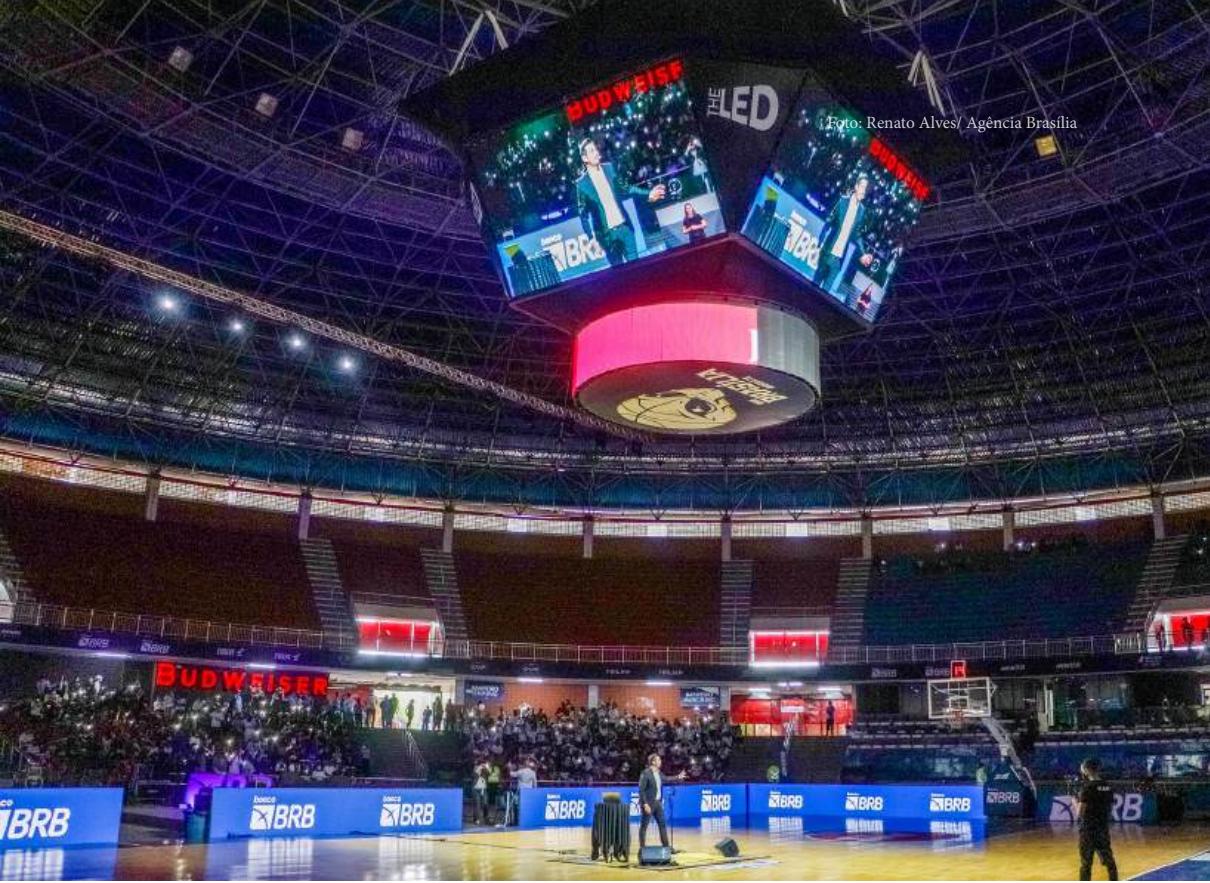


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Foto: Hugo Barreto/Metrópoles





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Burle Marx Garden

Expected for the 2014 World Cup, Jardim Burle Marx was only delivered in September 2023. It is located between the Plano Piloto Bus Station and the TV Tower and was designed by Roberto Burle Marx himself, at the invitation of urban planner Lúcio Costa.

The garden has two large water mirrors, tree-lined paths, a waterfall and a light show, making the city center even more attractive.

A walk from the TV Tower to the garden will take about 10 minutes, but there are closer places to park if you have a car, in the side streets of the hotel sector.

Hours: Everyday, 24h
Price: Free



3.34

Infinu Space

Be sure to visit the recently opened Espaço Infinu (“Infinu Space”), based on the “Adopt a square” project. The space has an open area with good restaurants, clothing and gift shops, as well as an indoor area with musical and Stand Up performances.

Next to Espaço Infinu is the traditional press juicery Vitamina Central, a great option for a quick snack and juices, if that’s the case.

Hours: TUE-SUN, 10am-10pm

Price: Free





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Foto: Agência Brasília

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Brasília Winery

This attraction has a **guided tour!** (Pg. 145)

Brasília Winery was founded through the union of ten vineyards belonging to families who arrived in the Federal District in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Originating from the Southern Region and with a strong agricultural tradition, these entrepreneurs decided to come together around a common passion: winemaking.

The business focuses on practices that ensure the production of high-quality grapes, with sustainable processes that include water reuse and the preservation of native vegetation, as well as boosting the economy of the Federal District.

The tours are guided and include the possibility of tasting.

Hours: FRI-SUN, by appointment

Price: R\$ 150 (WhatsApp +55 (51) 9442-1975)



3. City Sights

3.36

Alvorada Palace

This attraction has a guided tour! (Pg. 145)

The Alvorada Palace is the official residence of the President of the Republic. Located on the banks of Lake Paranoá, it was the first building opened in Brasília, on June 30, 1958.

There, the President of the Republic resides with his family, unlike the Planalto Palace, which is where he performs his duties, receives authorities, dispatches and fulfills his duties as Head of State and Head of Government.

Note, however, that the President is not required to live in the Alvorada Palace. Michel Temer, for example, chose not to reside there, because he considered the Palace "too big", and stated that it did not have a "homely face".

In front of the building, on top of the water mirror, you can see the sculpture "As Iaras", by Alfredo Ceschiatti.

Hours: visits are temporarily suspended

Price: Free



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ONU - Foto: PNUD

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ONU and Embassies

This is a tip for a different tour in the city, more geared towards appreciating foreign architecture. It is a tour that must be done by car, considering the distance between the embassies and also that, as a rule, it is not possible to enter them, not even the UN headquarters.

In general, most embassies, including those listed below, are located in the southern or northern embassy sector. To find them, just search for them in a route app (Waze, Google Maps...). Our tips are:

South Embassy Sector: Dominican Republic E., Mexico E. If there are any festivals or indoor tours available, check out the Italian Embassy too;

North Embassy Sector: UN House, Kingdom of Morocco E., Republic of Korea E. and Palestinian Authority E.

Hours: external visit (some embassies open for festivals or exhibitions at certain times of the year)

Embaixada do Marrocos

Foto: Embaixada do Marrocos no Brasil - Facebook



Embaixada da República Dominicana

Foto: Alexandre Silva Chandal - Google



Embaixada da Itália

Foto: Paulo Victor Lago - Italianismo.com.br





ONU em Brasília - Foto: PNUD

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Museums

The city's main museums are highlighted in their own topics in this book, which are: the National Museum of the Republic; the JK Memorial; the SESI Lab; the Planetarium; the Catetinho Museum; and the Central Bank Securities Museum.

In addition to these museums, the following museums also deserve to be nominated:

- 1) Museu da Imprensa (Museum of the Press - take the guided tour which is very worthwhile);
- 2) Historical Museum of Brasília (Three Powers Square);
- 3) Memorial of Indigenous Peoples (pictured above);
- 4) Supreme Court's Museum
- 5) Brasília Museum of Art;
- 6) Living Museum of Candanga Memory;
- 7) UNB Geosciences Museum;

Hours: check with each museum before visiting

Price: Free



3. City Sights

3.39

Eixão do Lazer

The Eixão avenue is the route that connects the South and North Wings from end to end. On Sundays and holidays it is closed for sports and leisure activities.

Our tip for your tour is to take the subway to the 108 Sul Station, rent a bike and enjoy the ride. The commercial blocks are full of cafes, but on the street you can find vendors and kiosks with coconut water and other drinks.

Metro stations that have **Tembici bicycle station (unlocked by app)** are: 108 Sul, 102 Sul, Galeria and Central Station. If you cannot use an app to rent a bike, at the exit of the 108 Sul subway station there is a kiosk for renting bicycles and quads (the price is R\$ 20 per hour).

Hours: sundays and holidays, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Price: Free



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North Lake Tip Beach

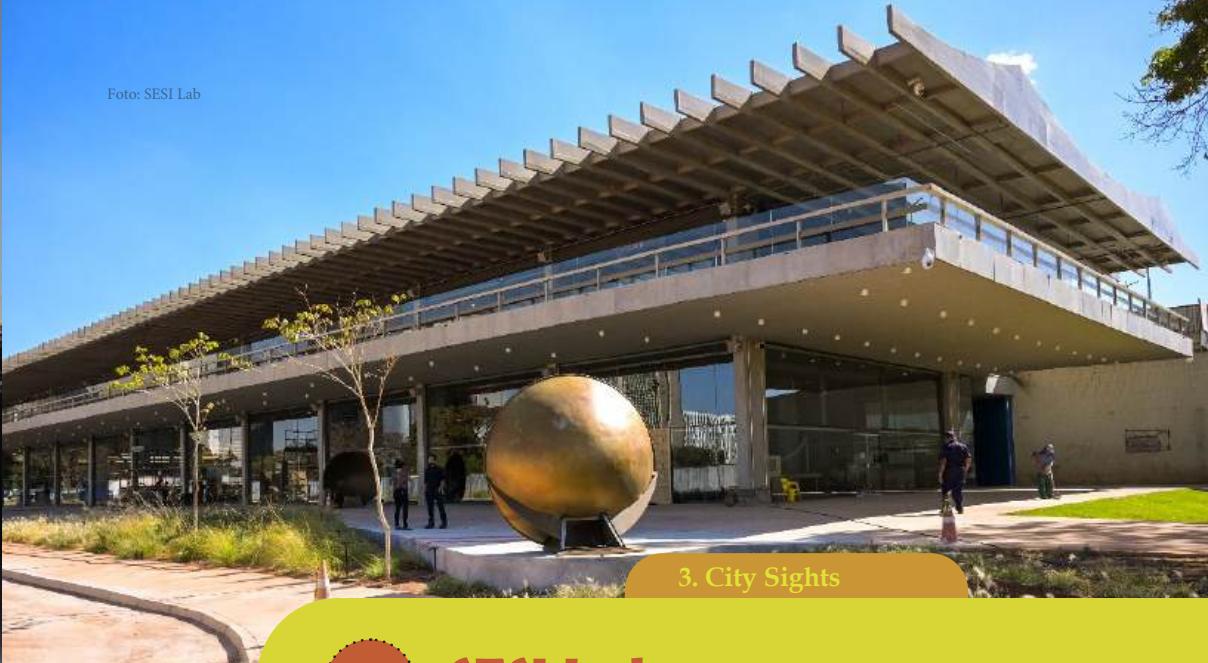
Welcome to Brasília's beach! Located within Parque das Garças (Herons' Park), in Lago Norte, this is the most beautiful area of Lake Paranoá for swimming and also for enjoying the view of the city center. From here you will be able to see, in addition to the lake, the small skyline of Brasília and a beautiful sunset.

If you want to swim in the lake, this is probably the best spot in town to do so. The government launched a project to, like Pontão do Lago Sul, structure this park with a coastline, restaurants, cycle paths and also sand, to create an artificial beach, but its execution must remain temporarily suspended considering the need for greater environmental studies to make the work viable.

Close to this place is the Forneria Parole restaurant, inside the National Congress Club, be sure to visit!

Hours: Everyday - 6am to 8pm

Price: Free



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3.41

SESI Lab

SESI Lab is the newest attraction opened in the capital, a museum that connects art, science and technology, for all audiences, with around 100 interactive devices.

It has three permanent exhibitions: 1) Phenomena of the World (The discovery of natural phenomena and their relationship with society in its multiple dimensions); 2) Learning by Doing (The mechanisms, patterns and gears that create machines, movements and connections in playful and hands-on experiences); and 3) Imagining Futures (The future is collective and built in the present. Visitors will discuss the possibilities of building futures from multiple points of view.).

The space has about 7,500 square meters, exhibitions, café, auditorium, amphitheater and 3,000 square meters of gardens with species native to the Cerrado.

Hours: TUE-FRI - 9am-6pm / SAT-SUN - 10am-7pm

Price: R\$ 20/each



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LBV Temple

With a monument in the shape of a pyramid, with 7 faces and 21 meters high (7×3), the LBV - Legion of Good Will chose Brasília to host its official temple. The proportions refer to the number 7 because it is a mystical number, which symbolizes perfection.

Inaugurated on October 21, 1989, the Temple is open to the public 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to “promote the integration of the creature with the Creator”.

At the top of the pyramid is the largest pure crystal stone in the world, weighing 21 kilos (7×3), extracted from the central plateau itself. Once inside, you'll be able to walk the spiral floor, which ends at its central point, aligned with the crystal at the top of the pyramid. Be sure to also visit the Egyptian Room, a meditation room that faithfully portrays Ancient Egypt in the 18th and 19th dynasties. There you will be able to see a painting by Faro Akhenaton, responsible for building Akhetaton, the ancient city in which Brasília was inspired.

Hours: Everyday - 24h / Egyptian Room: 8am - 8pm

Price: Free (Egyptian Room R\$ 3/person)

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BB Cultural Center

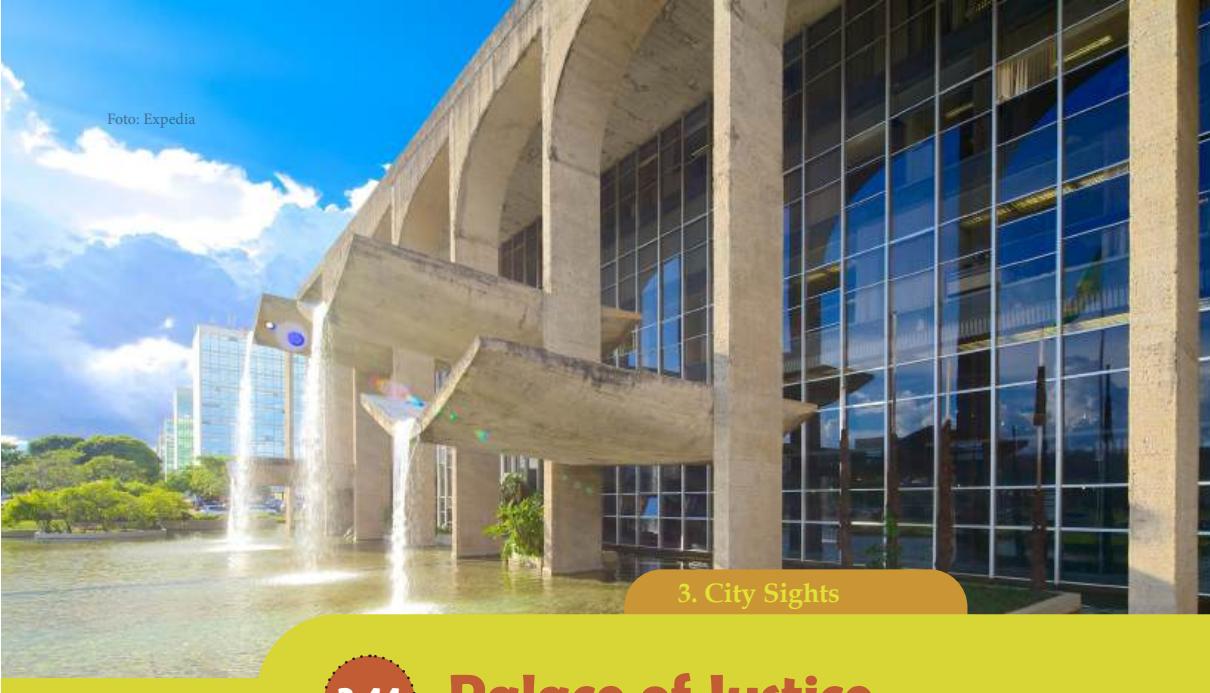
At the Banco do Brasil Cultural Center you will find cultural exhibitions, theater, cinema, several outdoor spaces, a café/bistro and a restaurant (Carpe Diem).

The place has several temporary exhibitions and theatrical and cinema programming that are far from conventional. Visit the website ccbb.com.br/brasilia to book tickets in advance and find out more about the attractions available during your visit.

In the gardens of the Cultural Center, there is a permanent exhibition called “The Garden of Amilcar de Castro: Neoconcrete under the sky of Brasília”, in which visitors can appreciate the various sculptures by renowned Brazilian artists with an audio guide offered through an App.

Hours: TUE-SUN - 12am-8pm

Price: Free (except paid attractions)



3. City Sights

3.44

Palace of Justice

This is another work by renowned architect Oscar Niemeyer. This time, to house the headquarters of the Ministry of Justice of Brazil.

Surrounded by resplendent pools with water gushing through concrete ducts, the Raimundo Faoro Palace was inaugurated in 1972 and is next door to the Planalto Palace. This is another one of those works that catch the attention of visitors.

Until 2016 there was a guided indoor tour, but the tour was suspended. However, the external view of the construction can already fascinate you.

Hours: Everyday - 24h (external visit)

Price: Free



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Gastronomy



**TIP: Don't forget to check out our
Brasília Gastronomic Guide!**

4.1 Restaurants

Here we bring you a list of restaurants indicated in the Pilot Plane and also in other administrative regions:

In the Pilot Plane:

Fogão de Pedra (Vila Planalto) - \$\$\$

Casarão (Vila Planalto) - \$\$\$

Quitinete Gourmet (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$ - bakery and restaurant on the second floor, very pleasant atmosphere

Asa Gaúcha - \$\$\$

Ticiana Werner (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$

Trattoria da Rosario (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$

NAU Frutos do Mar (Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

Cantucci Bistrô (Asa Norte, Águas Claras) - \$\$\$

Jamie Oliver Kitchen - \$\$\$

Fuego Alma e Vino - \$\$\$

DOMA Rooftop - \$\$\$ - bar and restaurant on a roof, facing the lake. You will have one of the best views of the lake that the city can offer you. Make a reservation before you go (see photo below)

Churrascaria Fogo de Chão - \$\$\$

Pizzaria Casa Bacó (Casa Park, Mercado Mané) - \$\$\$

Vasto - \$\$\$

Vitorino Pizzaria & Ristorante (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$

Fazenda Churrascada - \$\$\$

DOMA Rooftop - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



In other administrative regions:

Forneria Parole (Lago Norte) - \$\$\$

Avenida Paulista (Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

Taipá (Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

Santé Lago (Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

Steak Bull (Setor de Clubes) - \$\$\$

Mangai (Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

Pobre Juan (Lago Norte e Park Sul) - \$\$\$

Sauz (Guará) - \$\$\$

Izzy Wine Garden (Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

Dolce Far Niente (Águas Claras) - \$\$\$ - italian restaurant with pasta and pizza. Cozy atmosphere with live music (violin, cello, voice, piano)

Helena Nolleto (Taguatinga) - \$\$\$ - expriente o risoto de banana da terra com carne seca!

Bistrô Cambeba (Alexânia / Outlet) - \$\$\$

Venicce Beach (Setor de Clubes) - \$\$\$

Aragon Concept (Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

De Vitto Pasta & Pizza (Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

Forneria Parole- Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



4.2 Cafes and Quick Snacks

Here we bring you a list of cafes and snack bars indicated in the Pilot Plan and also in other administrative regions:

In the Pilot Plane:

Vitamina Central (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$ - be sure to try it, here you will find the best baked goods, such as ham and cheese rolls ("Enroladinho de Presunto e Queijo") and the potato bread with cheese ("Pão de Batata com Queijo")!!

L'Amour du Pain (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$

Casa Doce (Asa Su, Park Sul, Mercado Mané) - \$\$\$

La Boulangerie (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$

Daniel Briand (Asa Norte) - \$\$\$

Marzuk Cozinha Árabe (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$

Padaria Belini (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$

Ernesto Cafés Especiais (Asa Sul) - \$\$\$

Mercado do Café (Asa Sul, W3) - \$\$\$

Páprica Burger - \$\$\$

Ricco Burger (Asa Sul e Mercado Mané) - \$\$\$

Bistrô La Fleur - \$\$\$ - be sure to try the wonderful chocolate waffle with strawberries

In other administrative regions:

Casa de Biscoitos Mineiros (Casa Park, Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

Richese (Park Shopping) - \$\$\$

Acervo Café (Guará e Casa Park/Park Sul) - \$\$\$

Café du Centre (Águas Claras) - \$\$\$

Quiosque Náutico Café (Pontão do Lago Sul) - \$\$\$

Pianta Café (Vicente Pires) - \$\$\$

Bistrô DF Plantas (Candangolândia) - \$\$\$

Espaço Aroeira (Lago Norte) - \$\$\$





Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst - Mercado do Café

Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst - Mercado do Café



Guide's Suggestions

Baked Goods

Without a doubt, the best option is **Vitamina Central**. Try the potato bread with cheese ("pão de batata com queijo") and the ham and cheese rolls ("enroladinho de presunto e queijo"). Also order a juice or a smoothie!!



Doughnut

For a Cream Doughnut, go to the bakery **Casa Almeria** (Asa Sul) or **Padoca Brasília** (Águas Claras), you will find the best daily production in the city.



Cinnamon Roll

If you love Cinnamon Rolls or even cinnamon sugar pretzels, be sure to try Cinnamon Roll from **Maison du Pain** (Cruzeiro) or from **Cappuccino** (Asa Sul).





Croissant

Good Croissant options in Brasilia you will find at **La Boulangerie**, **Daniel Briand Pâtissier e Chocolatier**, **Adorável Café** and **La Panière**.



Brazilian Steak

One of the best options is the **Pobre Juan** restaurant. There are also good steakhouses like **Steak Bull**, **Caminito**, **Fuego Alma Vino**, **Fazenda Churrascada** and **Fogo de Chão**.



Pizzas

The best pizzerias in Brasília are **Avenida Paulista**, **Casa Baco** (Casa Park e Mercado Mané), **Forneria di Capri** (Park Sul/Guará), **Dolce Far Niente** (Águas Claras) and **PrimoGrano** (Asa Norte). For “all you can eat”, go to **Vitorino** (Asa Sul).



Foreign Gastronomy

Usually indicated as one of the best restaurants in Brasilia is **Taipá** (Lago Sul), for Peruvian food. Visit also **La Fleur Bistrô** (FRA), **Manara** (LIB), **La Porteña** (ARG), **De Paulina Bodegon** (ARG) and **Trás-os-Montes** (POR).



Hamburger Restaurants

There are many in Brasilia. One of the most outstanding, in our view, is the **Ricco Burger**, which uses delicious breads from La Boulangerie. Other good options are **Páprica** and **Madero**.



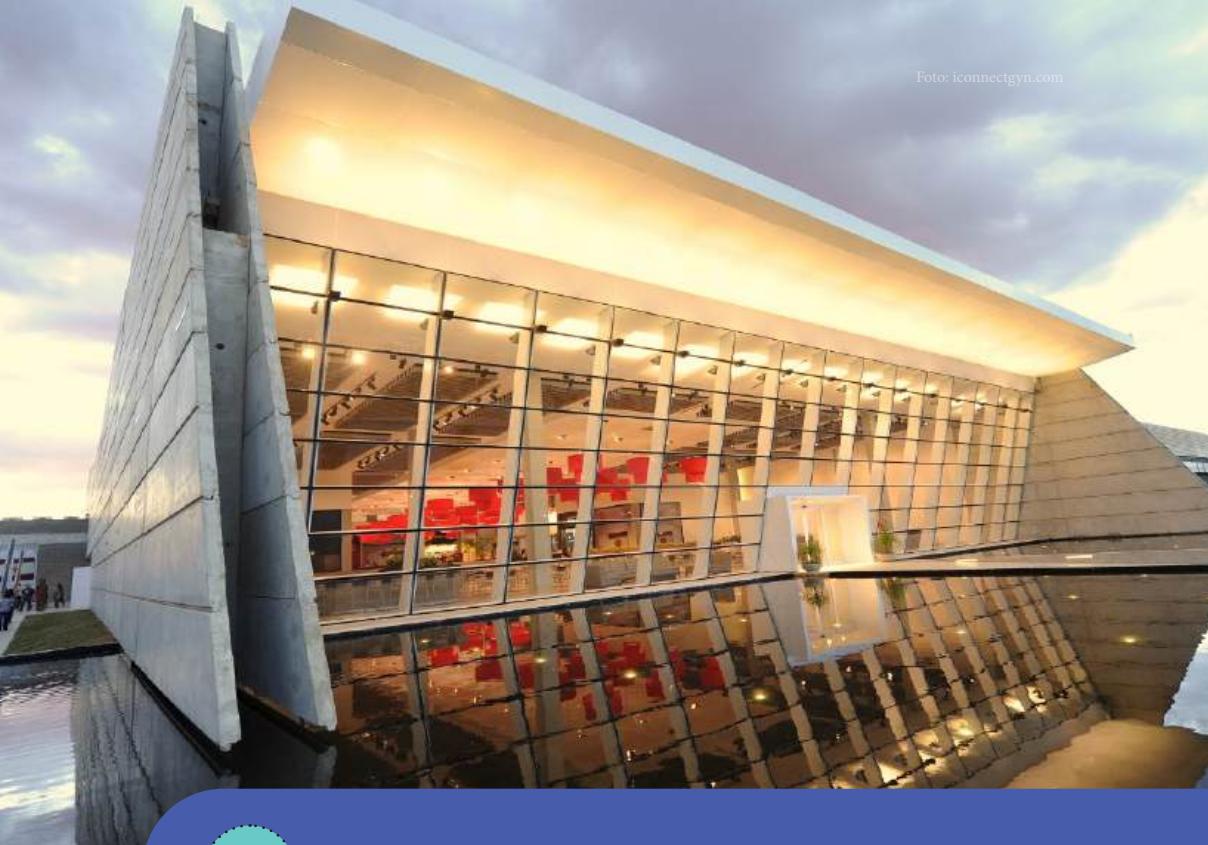
Waffles

If you want to eat Liège waffles or Parisian crepes, don't think twice: the place to taste them is **Le Fleur Bistrô**.



Beautiful Views

If you want to combine tasty food with a beautiful view of the city, visit **Avenida Paulista**, **Mezzanine da Torre de TV**, **DOMA Rooftop**, **Forneria Parole**, **Santé Lago**, **Mangai**, **Izzy Wine Garden**, **Bistrô Cambeba** and **Venicce Beach**.



5 Shopping

Usually, tourists do not travel to the Federal District to shop, but in case you need to do that, Brasília has some options for you.

5.1 Outlet

The Outlet Premium is about 1h from Brasília and 1h50min from Goiânia. It is an open mall that promises to offer products from major brands at small prices. There is a food court on site and the mall is pet friendly.

The same network of Outlets is also present in the cities of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Salvador and Fortaleza.

When it comes to Outlet, we immediately get the idea of the great promotions of the North American Outlets. So, if you have not yet had the opportunity to meet a Brazilian, you may be wondering if it is worth the visit.

In fact, do not expect promotions and prices compatible with the Americans, but you will find in the Outlet Premium many good stores, with a wide variety of products. Although some prices are the same or very similar to those of traditional mall stores, several products can be found with discounts of, on average, up to 50% of their original value.

So, don't expect to find devastating prices, but, hopefully, you'll find some good deals. If you are passing by the road and find the Outlet, it is worthwhile to stop for a walk, have a snack and, who knows, buy some gift.

If you decide to visit the Outlet, a lunch option inside the complex is the **Jerivá Restaurant**, with food from Goiás State. There is also **Outback Seakhouse**. Another interesting option is the **Cachaçaria Cambéba Bistrô**, which is next to the Outlet. **Hotels suggestion:** Tauá Resorts; Hotel Fazenda Cabugi All Inclusive.

Foto: Divulgação Outlet





5.2 Markets

The main permanent markets/fairs in the Federal District are Feira da Torre de TV (TV Tower Fair); Feira dos Importados - SIA (Imported Products Fair); Feira Permanente do Cruzeiro Fair; Feira do Guará; and Feira dos Importados de Taguatinga (Taguatinga Import Products Fair).

Eventually, you will still be able to visit temporary fairs such as Feira da Lua (usually located at Pontão do Lago Sul).

Feira dos Importados - Foto: deBrasilia.com.br



5.3 Malls

Altogether, in the Federal District, there are **at least 21 malls**, in addition to **another 3 that should be ready by 2025**, of which **17 maintain the traditional format with clothing, toy stores, cafes and restaurants**. The largest are **Park Shopping** (Guará), **Conjunto Nacional** (Brasília), **Pátio Brasil**, **Taguatinga Shopping** and **Iguatemi** (Lago Norte). Below is a list of all of them:

In the Pilot Plane:

a) Traditionals:

- 1) **Conjunto Nacional**
- 2) Brasília Shopping
- 4) **Pátio Brasil**
- 5) **Pier 21 (poucas lojas, mais restaurantes)**
- 6) **Terraço Shopping** (Sudoeste, picture below)

Foto: Divulgação Terraço



- 7) Boulevard Shopping
- 8) Boulevard Mané Garrincha (Soon)

b) Furniture Malls:

- 9) Shopping ID (with good gastronomy options)

c) Shopping Centers:

- 10) Liberty Mall (CineCultura)
- 11) Venâncio Shopping (good gastronomy options)

In other administrative regions:

a) Traditionals:

- 12) **Iguatemi** (Lago Norte)
- 13) **Park Shopping** (Park Sul/Guará, foto abaixo)
- 14) **Taguatinga Shopping** (Taguatinga)
- 15) Shopping Águas Claras (Águas Claras)
- 16) DF Plaza (Águas Claras)
- 17) Shopping JK (Ceilândia)
- 18) Alameda Shopping (Taguatinga)
- 19) Shopping Sul (na divisa entre DF e GO)
- 20) Manhattan Shopping (Águas Claras - Soon)
- 21) Partage Shopping (Aeroporto - Soon)

b) Furniture Malls

- 22) Casa Park (Park Sul/Guará), with good gastronomy options

c) Shopping Centers:

- 23) Gilberto Salomão (Lago Sul)
- 24) Gama Shopping (Gama)



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Foto: Divulgação Iguatemi



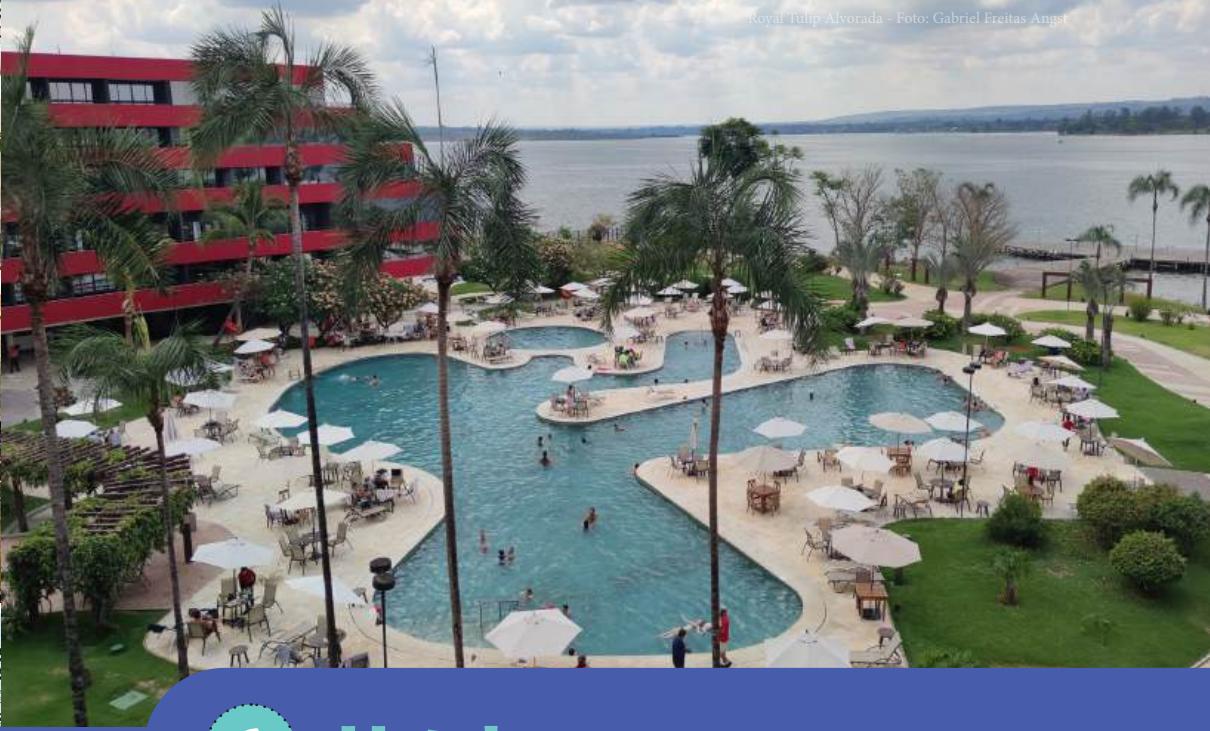
Foto: Divulgação Park Shopping - Multiplan



Foto: Partage Shopping Brasília Aeroporto Divulgação



Foto: Boulevard Mané Garrincha - Arena BSB Divulgação



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Hotels

If you are not staying with a family member or making a reservation at AirBnb, I will list some of the most popular hotels in Brasilia to assist you in your stay:

In the Pilot Plane (Setores Hoteleiros Norte e Sul - South and North Hotel Zone):

Royal Tulip Alvorada (picture above. Writers' choice as the **best accommodation option in Brasilia- \$\$\$**

Windsor - \$\$\$

B Hotel - \$\$\$ - (picture on the next page. The hotel opens its rooftop for visitors as well. Consult)

Ramada By Wyndham (em breve) - \$\$\$

Brasília Palace Hotel - \$\$\$

Meliá Brasil 21 - \$\$\$

Grand Mercure - \$\$\$

Hotel The Sun Resort - \$\$\$

Cullinan Hplus Premium - \$\$\$

Hotel San Marco - \$\$\$

In other administrative regions:

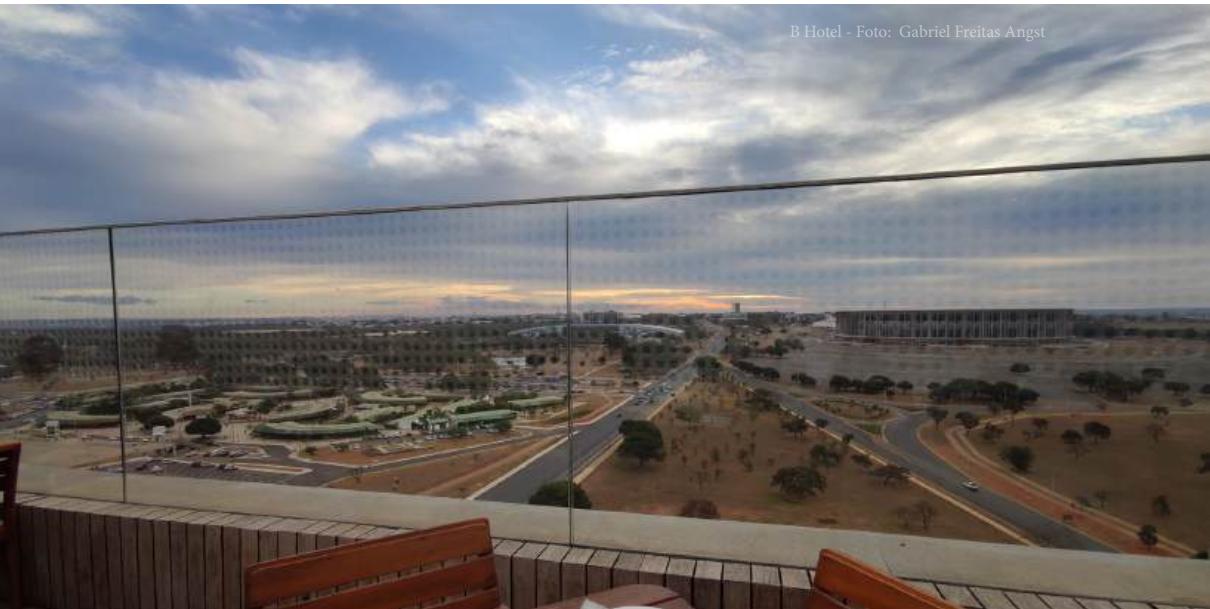
Ibis Styles Brasília Airport - \$\$\$

Quality Hotel & Suítes (Guará) - \$\$\$

Blue Tree Jade Premium (Guará) - \$\$\$

Comfort Hotel Taguatinga - \$\$\$

B Hotel - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst



Royal Tulip Alvorada - Foto: Gabriel Freitas Angst





7

Nearby Brasília

Those who live or visit Brasília do not need to go far to enjoy other tourist sites, besides the capital itself.

Many cities surrounding the Federal District offer diverse leisure options, such as waterfalls, warm waters, vineyards, extreme sports, farm hotels, resorts, inns, caves, among others.

Below, check out some important tourist cities that are at most 300 km from the capital.



7. Nearby Brasília

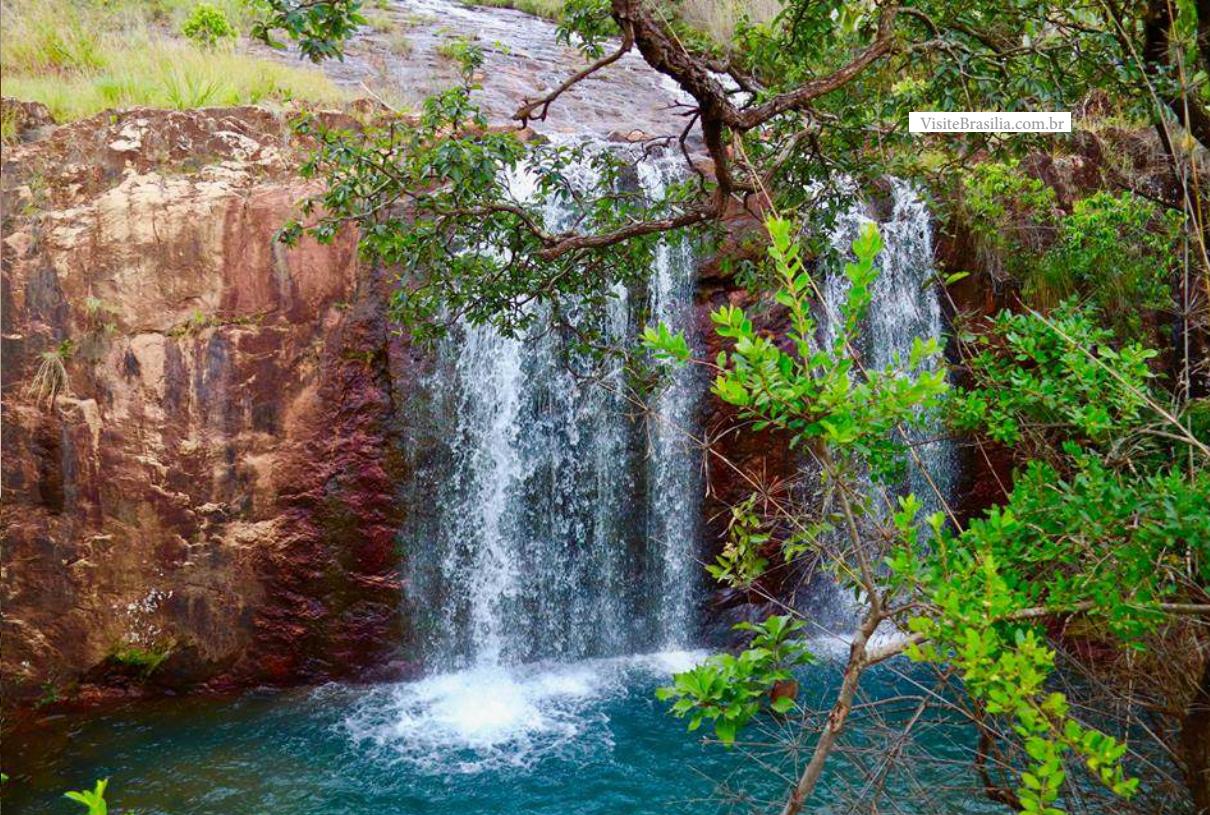
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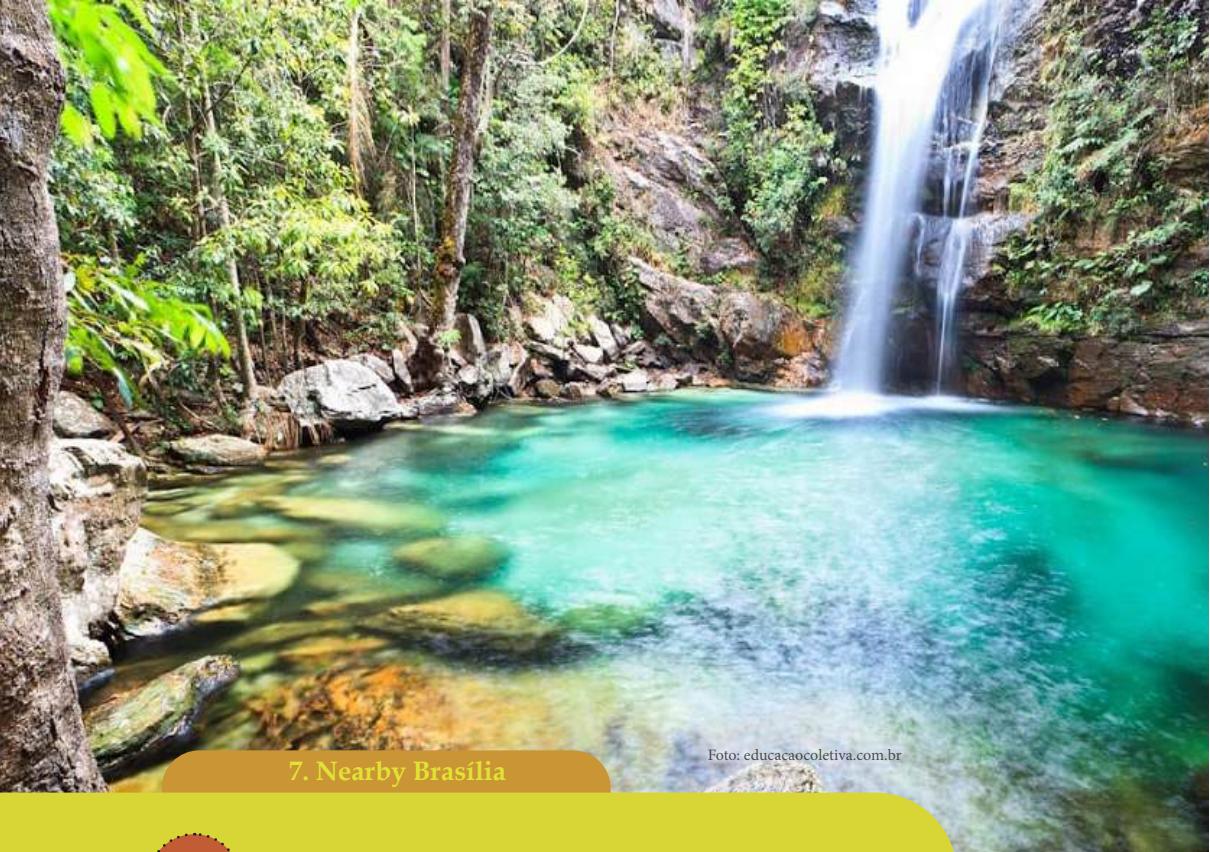
Paraíso na Terra (60km)

Paraíso na Terra (“Heaven on Earth”) is a space created in the midst of nature, in which visitors and collaborators find an environment of peace, conducive to meditation, study and spiritual elevation.

The space is located in Cafuringa’s environmental protection area, and combines the structure of a farm hotel with a meditation environment in the midst of nature. There are dozens of paradisiacal waterfalls, trails, temples of Greek architecture, igloos that function as meditation rooms. The restaurant only offers vegetarian food.

To visit the farm it is necessary to make a previous appointment by phone: +55 (61) 9 9966.5532, considering that it is sometimes closed due to spiritual retreats. The price per person is R\$ 95.





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Formosa/GO (85km)

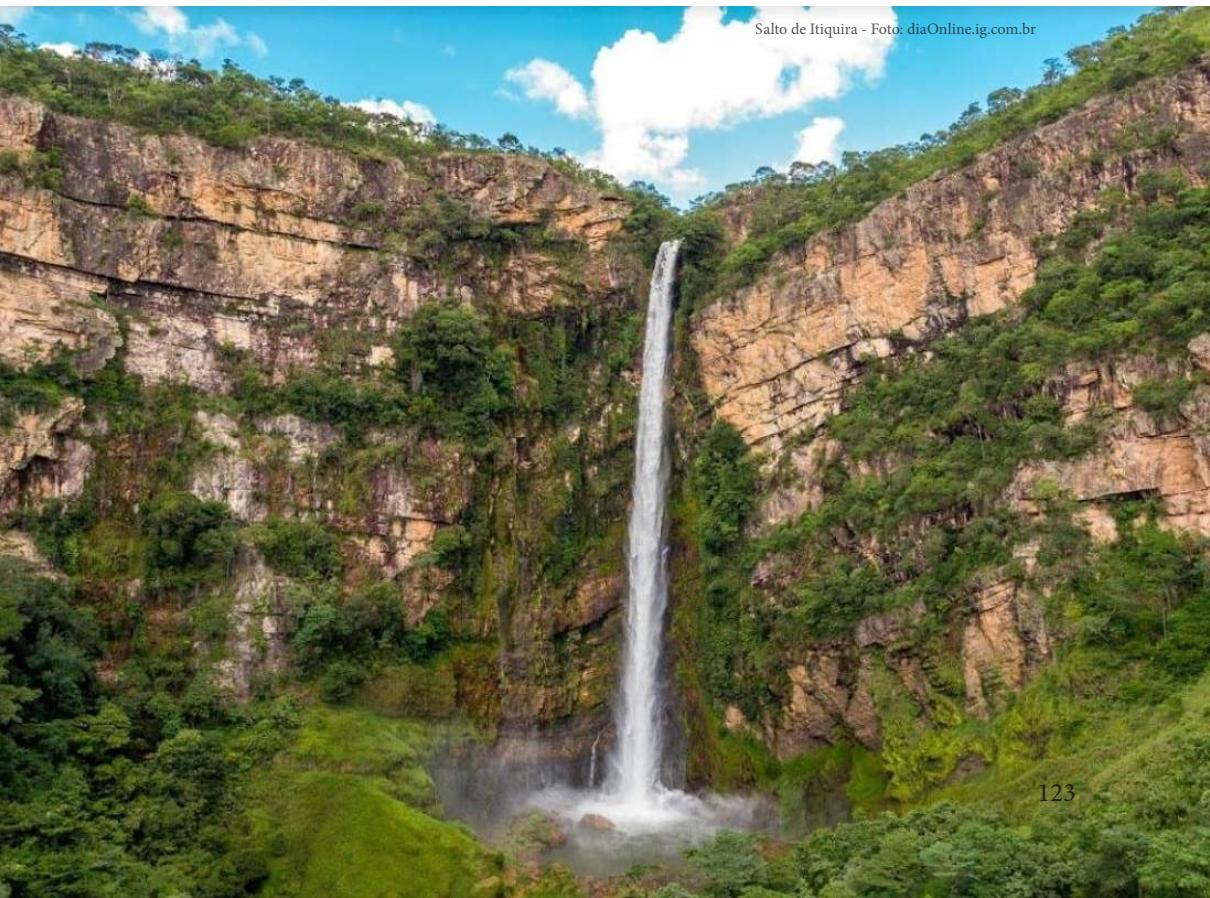
Formosa is a small city, with 108 thousand inhabitants, which has a large number of waterfalls, among which the Itiquira Waterfall stands out, located 34 kilometers from the city center, which is one of the highest in Latin America, with a fall 168 meters high. In the picture above, you can see the beautiful JK Waterfall.

In addition to the waterfalls, Formosa also offers tours in caves and archaeological sites.

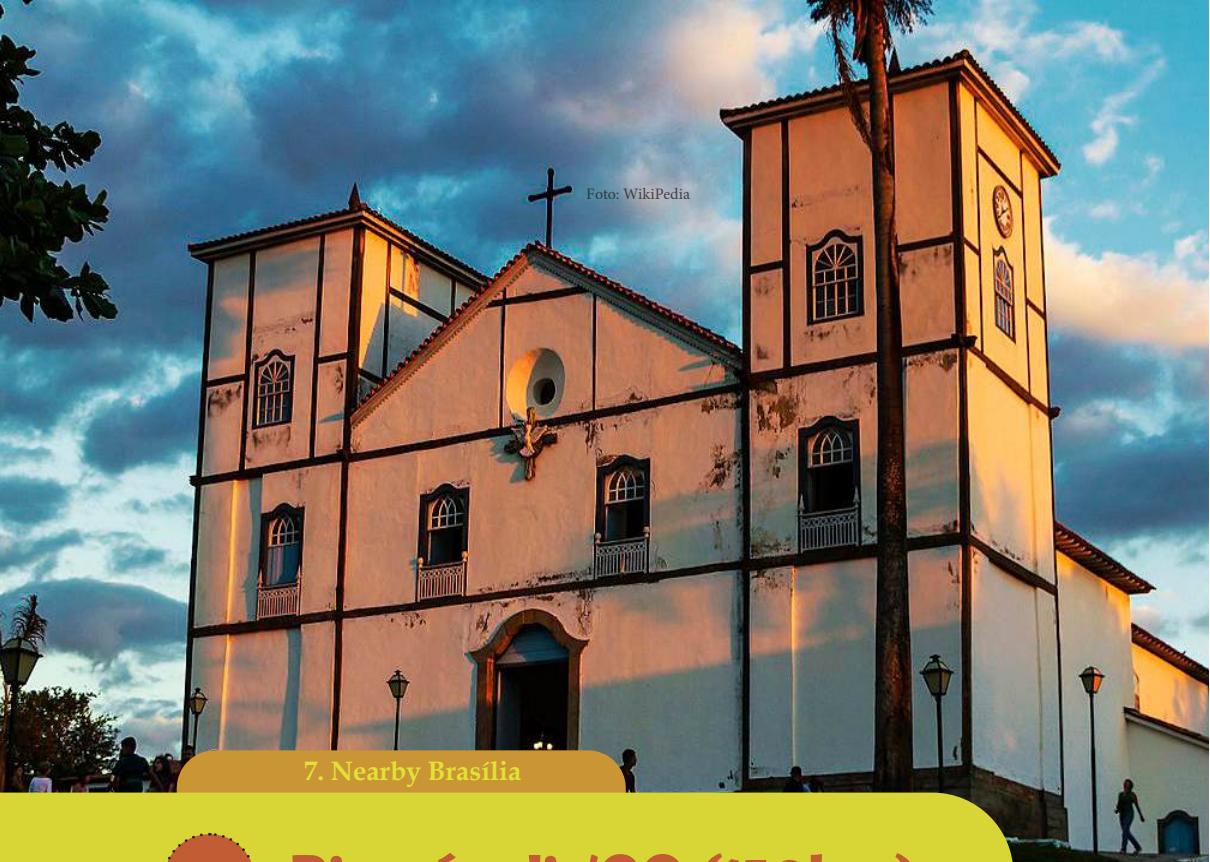
There you can also visit Buraco das Araras and Buraco das Andorinhas.



Buraco das Araras - Foto: portalCaldas.com.br



Salto de Itiquira - Foto: diaOnline.ig.com.br



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7.3

Pirenópolis/GO (150km)

Pirenópolis is 150 km from Brasília (about 2 hours of travel) and is a historic city, one of the first in the State of Goiás, the stage of the “cavalcadas”, a party with dramatic, equestrian representations, of a struggle between Moors and Christians for domaining the Iberian Peninsula during the Middle Ages in Europe. The stagings are cheered by hundreds of masked men, some on horseback.

The stone streets and old houses present throughout the center give the charm that the interior city has. At the highest point of the city, you will find the Igreja Matriz (photo above - Mother Church), which, being seen from various points in the city, can serve as a reference during your tour.

Ah, during the tour you will also meet several characters from the cavalcades scattered around the center, and you can even take some pictures with them!

As the center is not so big, you can do everything on foot. In fact, we realized that it is difficult to find a place to park the car inside the center, as they are very crowded, but you can park in a nearby location and walk there, it is not that far.

In the so-called Rua do Lazer (Leisure Street), the vast majority of restaurants and bars in the city are concentrated, with tables and chairs scattered across the street (there are no cars there).

A great attraction of the city is that there are dozens of waterfalls around it, such as Cachoeira do Abade.

Inn suggestions: Pousada dos Pireneus; Villa do Comendador; Quinta Santa Bárbara Eco Resort; GAV Pyreneus Residence Resort (2025).





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7.4

Goiânia/GO (202km)

Goiânia is the capital of the State of Goiás. With approximately 2.5 million inhabitants, it only loses to Brasília in number of inhabitants.

The highlight of Goiânia tourism is its architectural collection found in the city, in addition to the parks and good cuisine. In fact, if you go to Goiânia, don't miss **Pitigliano** restaurant and pizzeria and also **Grá Bistrô Rooftop!**

It should also be noted that Goiânia is the birthplace of several singers and country duo, like Zezé de Camargo and Luciano, Leandro and Leonardo, Bruno and Marrone, among others.

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7.5

Chapada dos Veadeiros/GO (238km)

Chapada dos Veadeiros is a natural paradise, surrounded by canyons and waterfalls, in the middle of the cerrado of Goiás.

The region encompasses eight cities in the State, but the main ones are Alto Paraíso de Goiás, Vila de São Jorge and Cavalcante, considering that most of the attractions are concentrated there, such as the Chapada dos Veadeiros National Park and Santa Bárbara Waterfall, famous for the water in shades of “Caribbean blue”.

In the region there is also the famous Vale da Lua, which is one of the most famous landscapes of Chapada dos Veadeiros, scenery of films and spectacular photos. The tour is safer during the dry season (between the months of May and September).

Cachoeira Almécegas II - Foto: Melhores Destinos

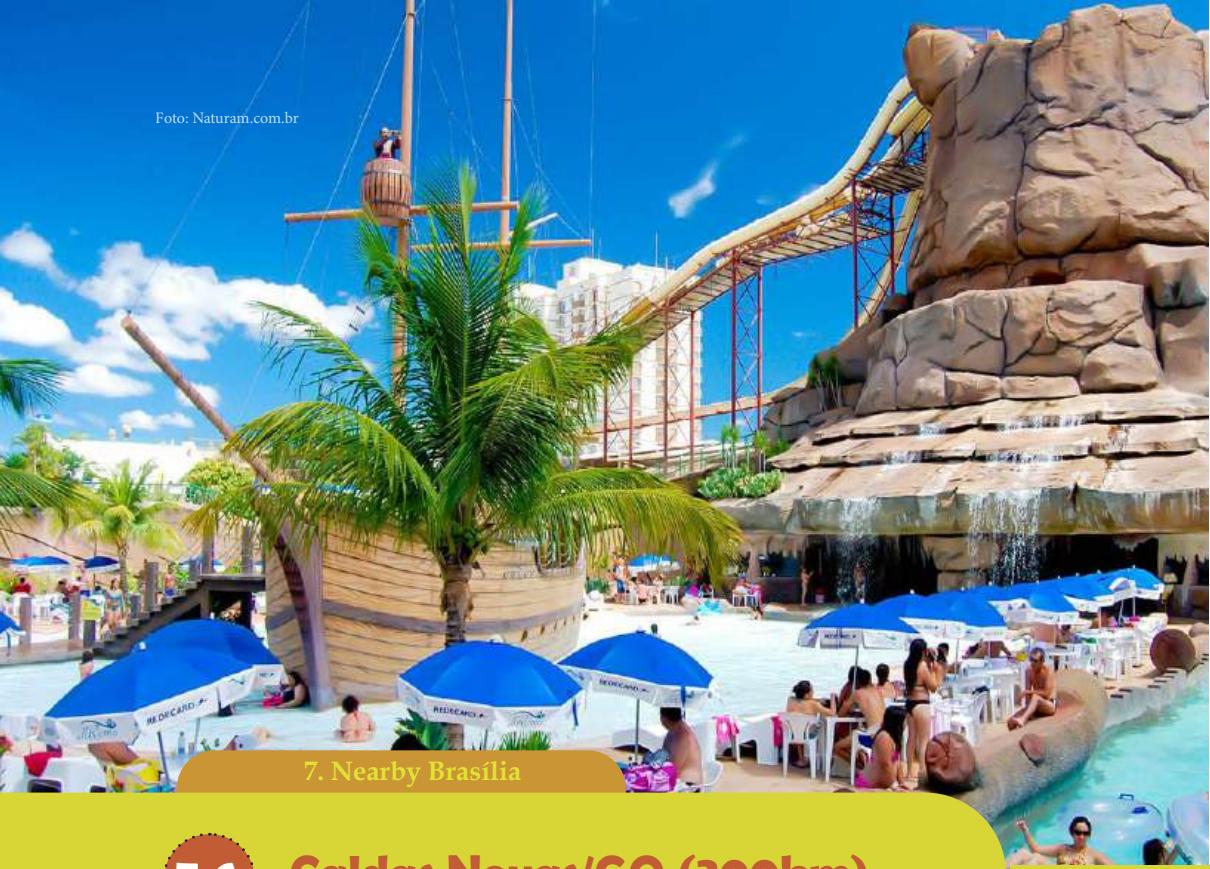


Cachoeira Santa Bárbara - Foto: ViajanteComum.com



Vale da Lua - Foto: ViajanteComum.com





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7.6

Caldas Novas/GO (300km)

Known for being the largest hydrothermal resort in the world, Caldas Novas has waters that spring from the ground in very hot temperatures, ranging from 43 ° to 70 ° C.

The main source of income in this city is tourism, so that, in high season, the city receives more than 500 thousand tourists.

In addition to hotels with water parks, the city also has eco-tourism as an attraction, as it is on the banks of the Corumbá dam and Serra de Caldas lake.

It is a few kilometers from Rio Quente, where the Rio Quente Resorts complex is located.



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Rio Quente/GO (300km)

Next to Caldas Novas, there is Rio Quente, which is the headquarters of Rio Quente Resorts, a huge water park complex (Hot Park) with natural pools (Parque das Fontes) and artificial beach (Praia do Cerrado), all supplied by water hot springs and currents.

Access to the Hot Park can be purchased right there or online, but beware: access to Parque das Fontes is restricted to guests of the Rio Quente Resorts, so make sure you are staying at one of their hotels if you want to enjoy this park too (worth it).

The city is small, but very busy. It has some fairs and several restaurants.

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7.8 Lodges Near Brasília

We have listed below some of the most popular lodges /inns near Brasília, separated by city. The inns that accept Day Use (no need to book accommodation) are marked with a green square in the pictures). ■

a) Lodges nearby Brasília (30min to 50min by car):

Brasília Resort Hotel Fazenda



Vila Velluti



Villa Triacca (hotel / winery)



b) Lodges near Alexânia/GO and Outlet (1h):



Tauá Resorts



Hotel Fazenda Cabugi All Inclusive



c) Lodges near Padre Bernardo/GO (1h):

Rancho dos Canários



d) Lodges near Pirenópolis/GO (1h30min):



Pousada dos Pireneus



Quinta Santa Bárbara Eco Resort



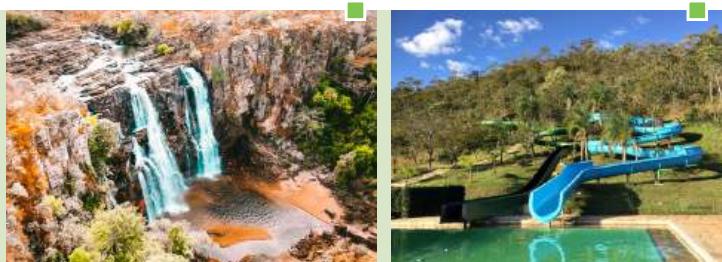


Pousada Villa do Comendador



e) Lodges near Corumbá/GO (1h30min):

Pousada Salto Corumbá



f) Lodges near Chapada dos Veadeiros (3h):

Casa da Lua



Pousada Inácia



g) Lodges near Caldas Novas and Rio Quente/GO (3h30min):



Rio Quente Resorts



Di Roma Caldas Novas



Pousada Inácia na Chapada dos Veadeiros. Foto: Facebook Oficial



Rio Quente Resorts (fountains park is open 24 hours). Foto: soutraveler.com.br



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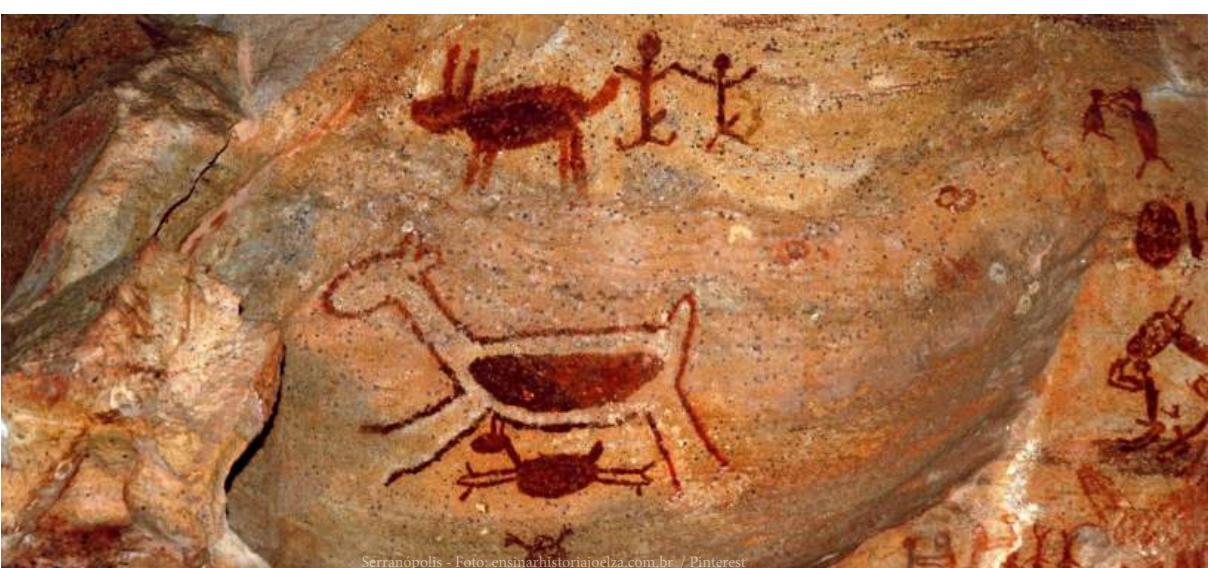
Other Locations

In addition to the places mentioned above, you still have a wide range of options to visit around Brasilia. Below is a list of other places that deserve research and, who knows, also a visit:

- 1) Salto de Corumbá (100km)
- 2) Cocalzinho de Goiás (109km)
- 3) São João d'Aliança (159km)
- 4) Vila Propício (194km)
- 5) São Domingos (215km)
- 6) Mambaí (314km)
- 7) Colinas do Sul (318km)
- 8) Serranópolis (583km)
- 9) Parque Nacional das Emas (650km)



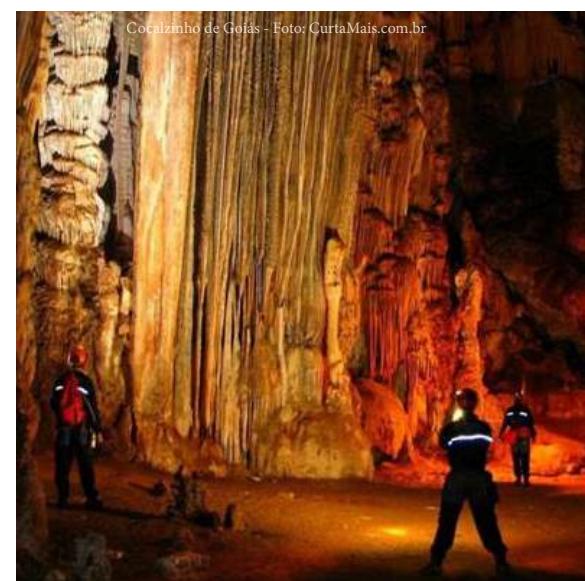
São Domingos - Foto: Prefeitura Municipal



Serranópolis - Foto: ensinarhistoriajoelza.com.br / Pinterest



Cocalzinho de Goiás - Foto: diaOnline.ig.com.br



Cocalzinho de Goiás - Foto: CurtaMais.com.br



8 One day itinerary

If you are going to make a connection in Brasília and cannot stay more than a day in the city, or even a few hours, I will indicate below a faster itinerary with few tours, so that you can make the most of your stay in the federal capital.

Of course, this will depend on your profile too, some people will prefer to see as many sights as possible, others will prioritize one or two tours to enjoy them more fully.

Anyway, here is the list of indicated tours for a day trip in Brasília:

In Pilot Plane:

- 1) **Three Powers Square;**
- 2) **National Congress, Supreme Court and Planalto Palace** seen from outside;
- 3) **TV Tower** (you get to the top real fast, it's worth it);

- 4) **Esplanade of Ministries** (by car, uber, bus, etc.);
 - 5) **National Theatre**, seen from outside;
 - 6) **Cathedral**, visiting it inside also;
 - 7) **JK Memorial and National Stadium**, seen from outside;
- **Snack**: if you want a delicious and economical snack, go to the **Vitamina Central** press juicery (W3, block 506 South - get an uber). If you want to see a superquadra ("super block"), go to **Marzuk** (Asa Sul - Quadra/Block 106).
 - **Almoço**: to make lunch an opportunity to get to know other attractions, go to the **Mangai restaurant at Setor de Clubes Sul** (be careful, it's not the Mangai at Shopping ID) and have lunch outside the restaurant, you will have a beautiful view of **Lake Paranoá** and the **JK Bridge**.
- 8) **JK Memorial or SESI Lab**: internal visit during the hottest period of the day (to enjoy the AC);
 - 9) **Mané Market**: for an afternoon snack in the pilot plane;
 - 9) **Pontão do Lago Sul**: (South Lake's "Pontão") this tour will take you about 1 to 2 hours, considering the displacement and the tour itself. If you have enough time, do it between 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm, it will be worth it! You can also take a boat trip around Lake Paranoá and then choose one of the restaurants on the pier for dinner! **Avoid going during the hot sun as it is an open air tour.** Another option for a night stroll and dinner is Mané Mercado, next to the Mané Garrincha Stadium. Go when
- That's it, good ride! Then tell us if it was worth it (gabriel. angst@hotmail.com / instagram guia de brasilia / www.guia de brasilia.com).

Pilot Plan Map

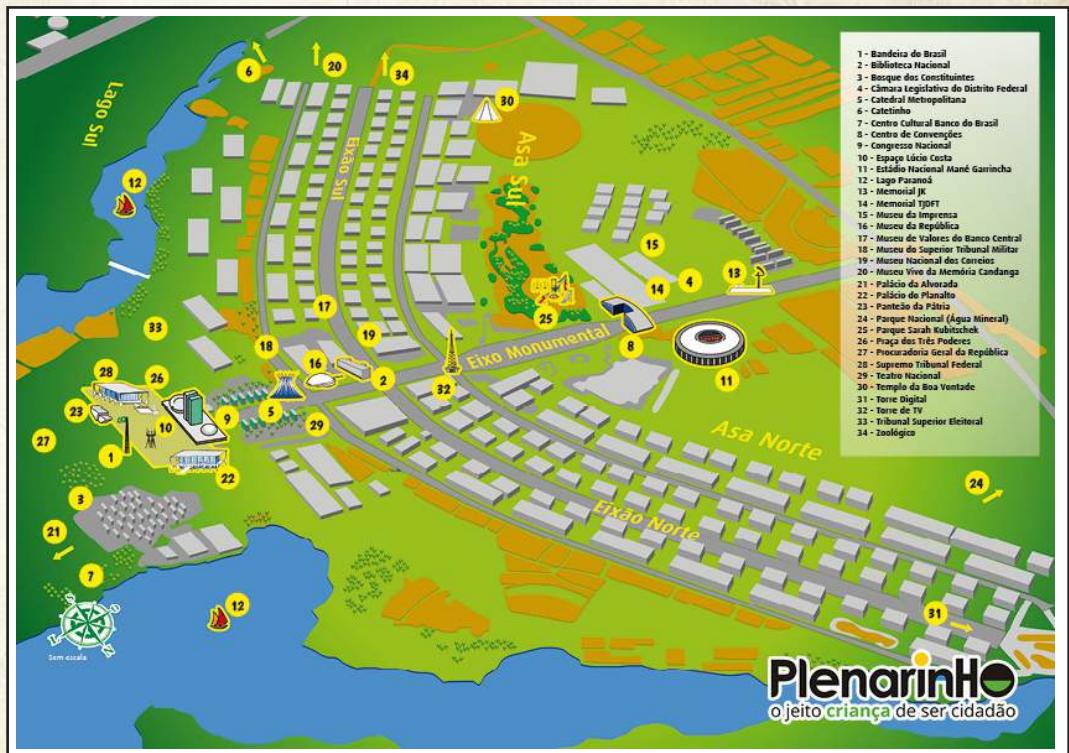
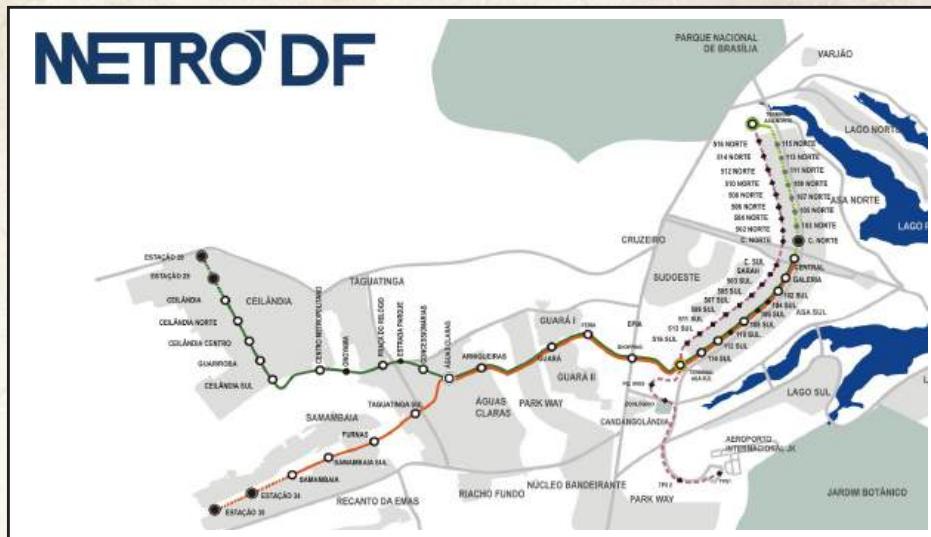


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METRO DF



Attention: the dotted line represents the VLT, which will connect the Airport to the Pilot Plan and the Metro in the future, but it is still not working. For now, this route is only made by a circular bus, line 102.6. Also, the Subway only reaches Asa Sul, with the Estação Central, on the Monumental Axis, being its last stop.

Attractions nearby subway stations:

Common stations to Green and Orange lines:

Central (Bus Terminal): Conjunto Nacional Mall, Bus Terminal, National Theatre, Cathedral, National Museum, Monumental Axis, TV Tower, Esplanade of Ministries, National Congress, Supreme Court, Planalto Palace;

102 Sul: Parentela Bakery, Açaí Puríssimo, The Coffee;

106 Sul: Cine Brasília, Jacket Café, Casa de Biscoitos Mineiros, Vasto;

108 Sul: Eixão do lazer, bikes rental, Café e um Chêro, Quitinete, BIC;

112 Sul: Casa Doce;

114 Sul: Queens Place, McDonalds;

Terminal Asa Sul: connection to BSB Airport, take the bus (line 102.6);

Shopping: Park Shopping Mall, Living Park Sul Residence, Bus Terminal (interstate/international). Leroy Merlin, Carrefour, Casa Park Mall and Cinemas;

Feira do Guará: Guará's Market/Fair;

Guará: Fran's Café;

Arriqueiras: 112 Café, Café du Centre, Dolce Far Niente, Adorável Café, Casa de Biscoitos Mineiros.

Green line stations:

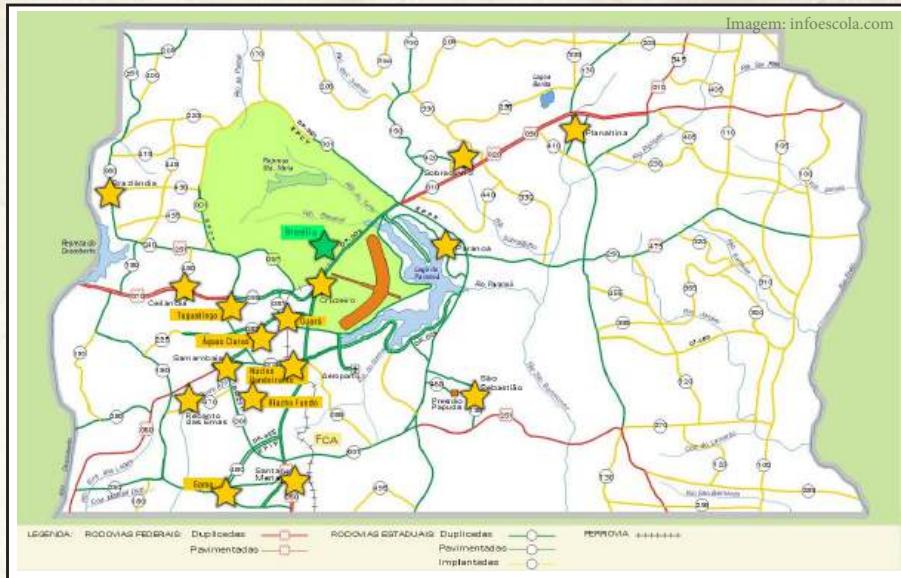
Concessionárias: DF Plaza Mall, Sams Club, Casa de Biscoitos Mineiros.

Orange line stations:

Taguatinga Sul: Taguatinga Mall, Atacadão Dia a Dia.

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Federal District Map



Goiás Map

For you who have a trip to Brasilia scheduled, we will help you to anticipate with reservations for some tours, which can be made before your arrival in the city, in order to ensure that you can do them.

1) Itamaraty Palace (Ministry of Foreign Affairs):

[Link](#)
[QR Code](#)



Duration: 1h20min; [LINK](#).

Clothing: see the required clothing on the website;
Visitation rules are on the website <https://www.gov.br/mre-pt-br/assuntos/palacio-itamaraty/visite-o-itamaraty> . It can be combined with a tour of the Rio Branco Institute (4);

2) National Congress:

[Link](#)
[QR Code](#)



Duration: 1h; [LINK](#).

Clothing: see the required clothing on the website;
Visitation rules are on the website <https://www2.congresionacional.leg.br/visite/agendamento-en> . In short, visits do not need to be scheduled on weekends. However, **tours held on Thursdays need to be booked through the website** and tours held on Mondays and Fridays can be scheduled;

3) Supreme Court:

[Link](#)
[QR Code](#)



Duration: 1h; [LINK](#).

Clothing: see the required clothing on the website;
Visitation rules are on the website <https://portal.stf.jus.br/textos/verTexto.asp?servico=sobreStfVisitacaoPublica&página=principal1> . **Scheduling must be done on the website;**

4) Palácio do Planalto:

Duration: 1h; [LINK](#).

Clothing: see the required clothing on the website;

Visitation rules and reservation are on the website <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/servicos/agendar-visita-institucional-ao-palacio-do-planalto> . **The reserve must be made on the website or by email corep@presidencia.gov.br ;**

[Link](#)
[QR Code](#)



5) Palácio da Alvorada:

Duration: 1h; [LINK](#).

Clothing: see the required clothing on the website;

Visitation rules are on the website <https://www.gov.br/palacio-do-planalto/pt-br/conheca-a-presidencia/palacios-e-residencias/palacio-da-alvorada> . **The visit was made on Wednesday afternoons, but was suspended until October 2022;**

[Link](#)
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6) Instituto Rio Branco:

Duration: 45min; [LINK](#).

Clothing: see the required clothing on the website;

Visitation rules are on the website <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/palacio-itamaraty/visite-o-itamaraty> .

In short, you must send an e-mail to **visita@itamaraty.gov.br** with the request to reserve a date and time and send an attached form with the visitors' personal data. The visit can be combined with the Itamaraty Palace (1);

[Link](#)
[QR Code](#)



7) Stained Glass Atrium (CAIXA CULTURAL BANK)

Duration: 1h;

Where: CAIXA Cultural Brasília (SBS Quadra 4, Lotes 3/4), every saturday, 10am or on sundays, 11am and 3pm.

8) Brasília Winery

Duration: 1h;

Guided tour with tasting. Book via WhatsApp +55 (51) 9442-1975.

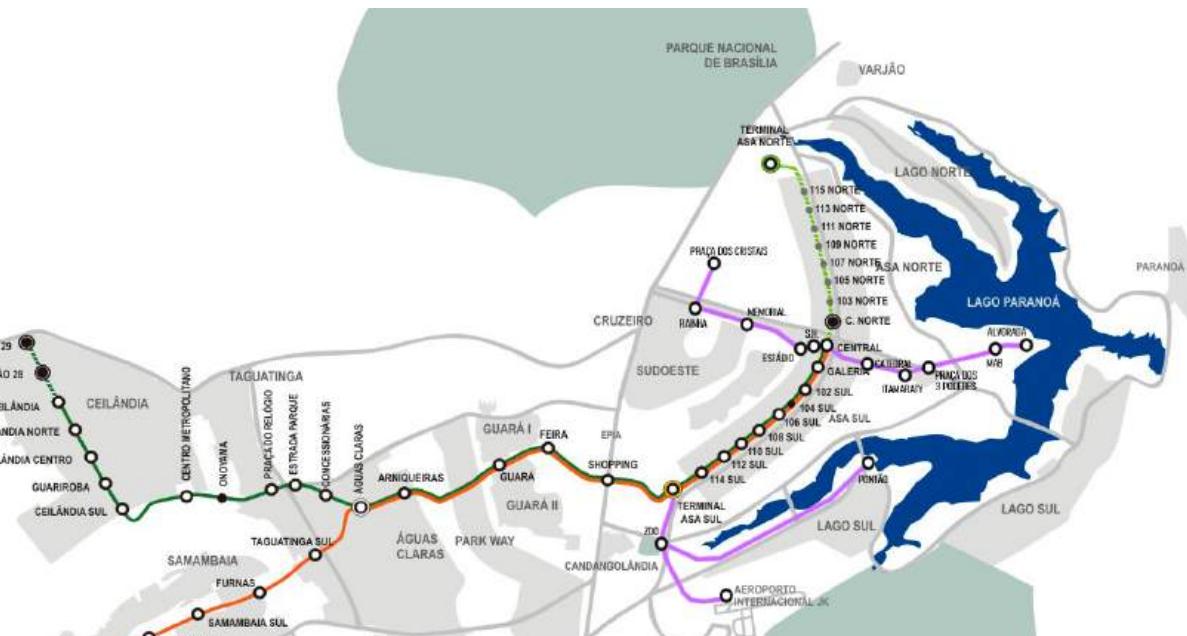
In this final chapter, we'll leave a little taste to the imagination. If could think about a tourist evolution of the city, what would you create here? **Send your ideas through the website www.guiadebrasilia.com and we can publish it here too!**

Below you can see new ideas by these authors:

- 1) a more populated **Three Power Plaza trees**, covered benches for resting, an observatory of the square and several water fountains;



2) two new subway lines (in pink), one passing through the attractions of the Monumental Axis, the Hotel Sector and ending at Alvorada Palace, and another connecting the Airport, Zoo and Pontão do Lago Sul to the Asa Sul subway station;



3) the structuring of a **beach** on Lake Paranoá, as has been done in other parts of the country.



4) the conversion of the **Mansão dos Arcos** ("mansion of the arches") into a cultural space and guided museum, with a café and an escape room, similar to what Casa Loma is in Toronto, Canada.



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