



AILA 2017
Rio de Janeiro
Brazil

Cartas de Apoio Support Letters



Rio de Janeiro, June 27th, 2011.

To
AILA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Re: World Congress of the International Association of Applied Linguistics – AILA 2017

Dear Sirs,

The Rio Convention & Visitors Bureau was thrilled and honored to learn that you are considering Rio de Janeiro as the host for the World Congress of the International Association of Applied Linguistics – AILA in 2017.

The cosmopolitan city of Rio is ideal for international meetings. Home to more than 6,3 million inhabitants, Rio boasts fantastic weather, savory cuisine, hospitable people, sport, entertainment and quality meeting facilities and a modern infrastructure to ensure that your event runs smoothly. With more than 28.000 hotel rooms and ample meeting spaces, including Riocentro – the largest convention center in Latin America – Rio is a logical choice for your event.

Rio de Janeiro has also created a Joint Committee of Tourist Security. The committee is composed of military and civil police forces, fire department, municipal and state tourist offices, Rio Convention & Visitors Bureau, Brazilian Association of Travel Agents, Brazilian Association of Professional Congress Organizer Companies, among others. This joint committee can be summoned to provide special security for congresses, events and groups in the city.

In addition, for some years now, Rio de Janeiro has been awarded the 1st position for international meetings on the North, Central and South American Continent by the ICCA - International Congress & Convention Association's statistics

Please count on our institutional support and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns surrounding the event. On behalf of the Rio Convention & Visitors Bureau we welcome you to Rio.

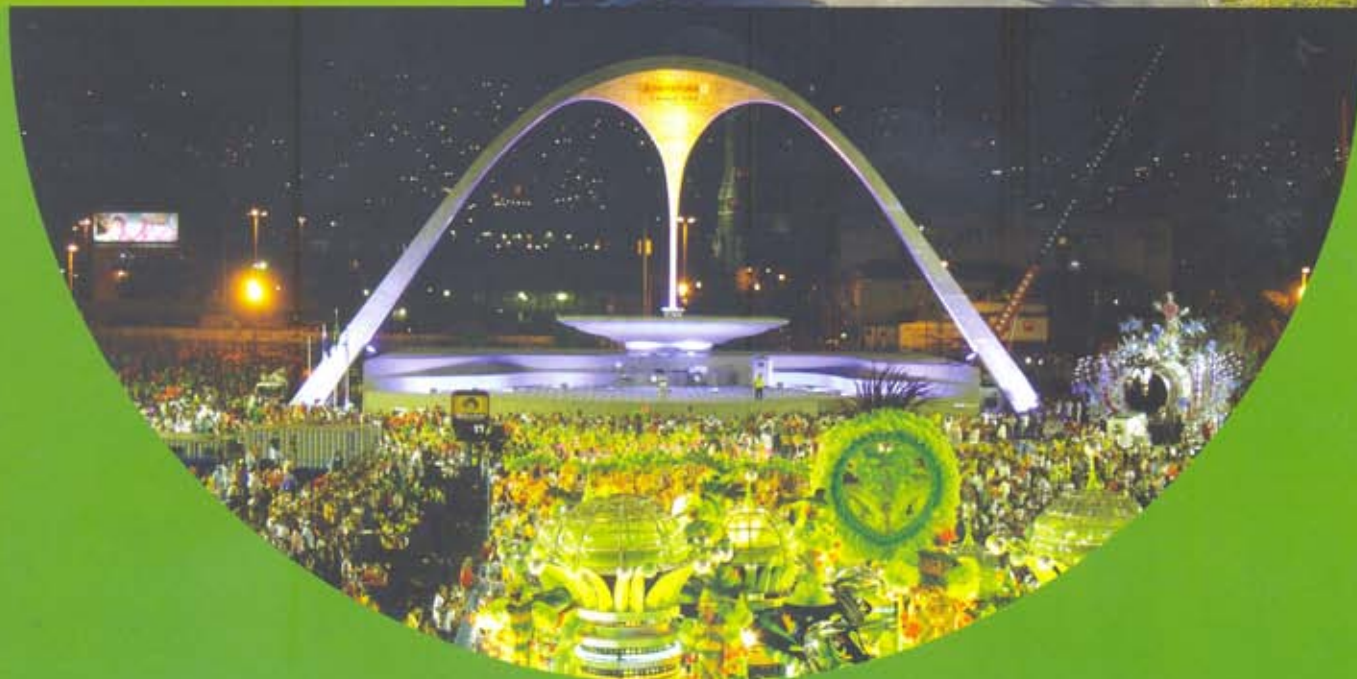
Kind Regards,



Paulo Senise
Executive Director

Informações Gerais

General Information



Area: 1,171 Km²

Population: 6,3 million people

Climate: mostly sunny, temperature ranging from 27°C / 80°F

MONTH		TEMPERATURE			RAIN (days)
Max			Min		
F		C	F		C
Jan	113°	38°	53°	18°	12
Feb	110°	37°	56°	19°	9
Mar	110°	37°	53°	18°	9
Apr	110°	37°	50°	17°	11
May	107°	36°	32°	11°	9
Jun	95°	32°	35°	12°	7
Jul	98°	33°	38°	13°	6
Aug	107°	36°	41°	14°	7
Sept	110°	37°	41°	14°	10
Oct	110°	37°	44°	15°	11
Nov	113°	38°	47°	16°	11
Dec	110°	37°	53°	18°	14

Infrastructure:

About 28,000 hotel rooms, facilities and services for meetings and events (professional organizers, travel agencies, audiovisual equipment, airlines, ground transportation, convention centres, venues for social events, etc).

Cosmopolitan city

Beautiful nature with the largest urban forest in the world, 2 bays, lagoons, 90 Km of beaches and mountains.

One of the main cultural capitals of Brazil - museums, cultural centres, historical buildings, musical events, movies, theatres.

Great choice of restaurants, shopping malls, tourist sights.



Events and Tourism Infrastructure

- More than 50 experienced and efficient professional congress organizers and trade show companies
- Excellent simultaneous translation and first class equipment companies, freight forwarders and custom brokers.
- More than 500 travel agencies.
- First class telecommunication services:
 - 1-) International direct dial
 - 2-) National direct dial
 - 3-) Celular Telephone system
 - 4-) Special services
 - 5-) Data transmission system (Phonefax, Fax, etc...)
 - 6-) Cable TV
 - 7-) 6 private TV channels, 1 state TV channel
 - 8-) Teleport
- Radiodigital system to connect w/ EMBRATEL's national and int'l headquarters
- Digital multiplex structure
- Radiosatellites and peripheral and antennas park to access INTELSAT and BRASILSAT satellites
- Over 900 restaurants of every specialty.
- 59 consular and commercial representations.
- Near 400 museums, libraries, movies, theater and space for musical and artistic exhibition.

Awards

1. **World Travel Awards**, the British edition of the **Travel Weekly** magazine granted Rio de Janeiro the award of **the best South America's tourist destination** and to Riocentro the best South America's Convention Center in 2003 and 2004.
2. The city of Rio was chosen **the World Capital of Friendliness in 2001** through a research conducted by the University of Michigan and the University of California.
3. On July 2003, 24,000 readers of the British newspaper **The Guardian** and **Observer** chose, for their annual travel edition, Rio de Janeiro as their 6th favorite tourist destination.
4. On July 2007 the statue of Christ The Redeemer on the top of Corcovado Mountain, in Rio de Janeiro, was elected one of the New 7 Wonders of the World.





Economy

The main economic sectors in Rio de Janeiro are: oil and gas (Brazilian Capital of Petroleum), telecommunications, thermo-electrical, naval, chemical and metallurgical, pharmaceutical, agricultural, food and beverage, audiovisual (radio, movies and TV), civil construction, information technology and tourism. Rio de Janeiro is the gate for international tourism – from each 10 foreigners, 4 come to Rio. The segment represents 4% of the State Gross Domestic Product.

Security

- Joint Committee of Tourist Security composed of:
 - State Security Secretariat
 - Military Police Force
 - Civil Police Force
 - Municipal Guard
 - Fire Department
 - Municipal Tourist Office
 - State Tourist Office
 - Rio Convention & Visitors Bureau
 - Brazilian Association of Travel Agents
 - Brazilian Assoc. of Professional Congress Organizer Companies
 - Others
- It can be summoned to provide special security for congresses, events and groups in the city.

Statistics

According to ICCA - International Congress and Convention Association, Rio de Janeiro was ranked 1st as international meetings destination in the Americas, in the last decade. Also among the top 10 and 20 several times.

ICCA - association based in Amsterdam that has the most complete data bank of international meetings in the world.





Access

Air Travel Time

from major European capitals - about 11 or 12 hours flight

from North America - from 9 to 14 hours flight

from Central America - about 7 hours flight

from South America - from 3 to 8 hours flight

from Africa - about 10 hours flight

from Asia - about 25 hours flight

from Oceania - about 18 hours flight

Rio is linked to airports in more than 80 countries.

20 international and national airlines link Rio de Janeiro to the main capitals of the world:

Aerolineas Argentinas

Air Europa

Air France

American Airlines

Avianca

TACA

British Airways

Delta Airlines

Gol

Iberia

KLM

Lan Chile

Continental Airlines

Ocean Air

Pluna

TAAG

TAM

TAP

United Airlines

Copa Airlines



DIRECT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS - RIO DE JANEIRO*			
Air Company	Daily Frequency		Cities
	Arrival	Departure	
Aerolineas Argentinas	6	6	Buenos Aires
Air France	3	3	Paris
American Airlines	4	4	Miami e New York
British Airways	1	1	London
Continental Airlines	2	2	Houston
Copa Airlines	2	2	Panama City
Delta Airlines	2	2	Atlanta
Gol	10	10	Buenos Aires, Santiago, Caracas, Córdoba e Punta Cana
Iberia	2	2	Madrid
LAN Chile	4	4	Santiago
Pluna	4	4	Montevideo
TAAG Airlines	1	1	Luanda
TACA Peru	2	2	Lima-Callao
TAM	26	26	New York, Santiago, Assunção, Caracas, Lisbon, Miami, Paris, Frankfurt, London e Buenos Aires
TAP	4	4	Lisbon
United Airlines	2	2	Washington
US Airways	2	2	Charlotte
Total:	77	77	

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Visa to Brazil is **not required for citizens of the following countries**

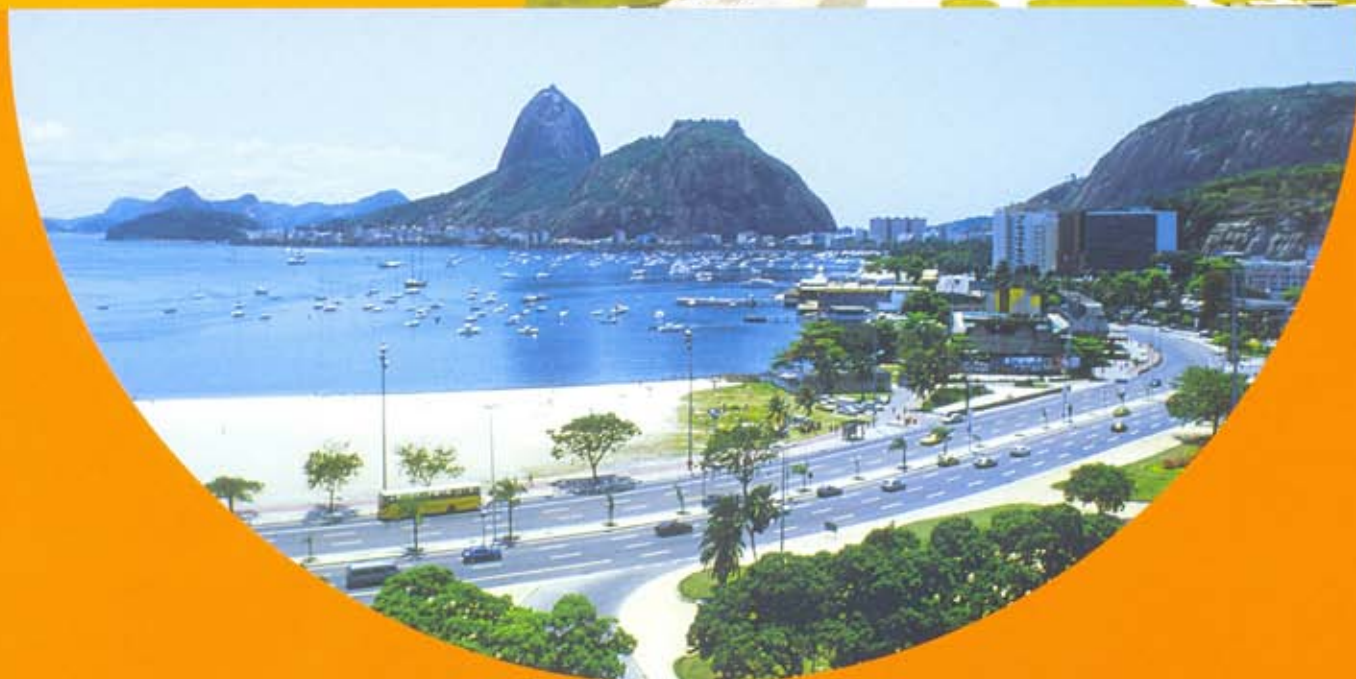
Argentina	Honduras	Poland
Austria	Hungary	Portugal
Belgium	Iceland	San Marino
Bolivia	Ireland	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Israel	Slovenia
Chile	Italy	South Africa
Colombia	Luxemburg	South Korea
Costa Rica	Macao	Spain
Croatia	Malta	Suriname
Czech Republic	Monaco	Sweden
Denmark	Morocco	Switzerland
Ecuador	Netherland	Thailand
Finland	New Zealand	Trinidad & Tobago
France	Norway	Tunisia
Germany	Paraguay	Turkey
Great Britain	Peru	Uruguay
Greece	Philippines	Vatican

- Brazil has diplomatic representation in several countries in all continents around the world.



Infraestrutura

Infrastructure



Infraestrutura Infrastructure





Rio de Janeiro International Airport - Galeão / Antonio Carlos Jobim

Located at Ilha do Governador

20 minutes from main hotels in the South Zone by the express way Linha Vermelha (Red Line)

38 minutes from Riocentro (the largest Convention Centre in Latin America)

Transportation - air conditioned bus, taxi, shuttle bus

Capacity: 15 million passengers per year

520 flights per day

Gates: 12 (7 international and 5 national)

2 Terminals

Enlargement investment: R\$ 405.000.000,00

Domestic Airport Santos Dumont

Located downtown

10 minutes to the South Zone and main hotels

Capacity: 5 million passengers per year

273 flights per day

Gates: 6

Terminal: 2

Airlines: 6 national airlines



Hotels in Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro has today about 28.000 hotel rooms in various categories.

Hotel rates in Rio in general range as follows:

- 5 stars - from US\$ 150 to 445
- 4 stars - from US\$ 140 to 220
- 3 stars - from US\$ 120 to 150

Hotel taxes in Rio are about the same as those practiced worldwide: 5% city tax, 10% service tax, tourist room tax (US\$ 3 for 5 star hotels, US\$ 1.5 for 4 star hotels, US\$ 1 for other categories – per room per night).

Some famous international hotel chains: Caesar Park, Sheraton, Inter-Continental, Marriott, Orient Express. Some famous national hotel chains: Othon, Windsor

Hotels

Quantity	Category
14	*****
48	****
53	***
34	**
14	*
65 Hostels, bed & breakfast, etc.	

- **Total:**

Establishments from all categories, totaling about 28,000 rooms.

TRANSPORTS

Private Transportation

Rio de Janeiro counts on experienced companies to provide shuttle buses to attend meetings and events

Traffic Control - military police participates coordinating the traffic opposite the hotels and in adjacent streets

Public Transportation

- Large bus service linking all areas of the city
- Special air conditioned buses
- Taxis – 35.000 cars all over the city
- Metro / subway - 42 Km and 2 lines linking Ipanema, Copacabana, Downtown and the North Zone.
- Car rental companies.

As the city will host the FIFA World Cup in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016 Rio de Janeiro will receive investments to improve its infrastructure for airports, ports, roads, transport, accommodation, leisure and services.

Espaço para Eventos Venues



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Convention Centers within hotels

HOTELS WITH CONVENTION FACILITIES

- **Capacity from 500 to 5.000 people**

Inter-Continental Rio
Rio Othon Palace
Windsor Barra Hotel
Windsor Atlantica Hotel

Sheraton Rio Hotel & Towers
Sofitel Rio de Janeiro
Copacabana Palace

- **Capacity from 200 to 450 people**

Caesar Park
Sheraton Barra Hotel & Suites
JW Marriott Rio de Janeiro
Marina Palace

Pestana Rio Atlântica
Windsor Plaza
Transamerica Flat Barra

- **Capacity from 50 to 180 people**

Everest Rio
Windsor Excelsior
Best Western Rio Copa
Best Western Sol Ipanema
Golden Tulip Ipanema Plaza
Leblon Palace
Merlin Copacabana

Windsor Miramar
Porto Bay Rio Internacional
Leme Othon Palace
Golden Tulip Regente
Golden Tulip Continental
Mercure Botafogo
Santa Teresa Hotel



Some important events in Rio de Janeiro:

United Nations Conference for Environment and Development - Rio'92

Date: 1992

Nr. of participants: 20,000

9th World Psychiatry Congress

Date: 1992

Nr. of participants: 7,000

13th World Congress of Cardiology

Date: 1998

Nr. of participants: 19,000

Americas Telecom Rio 2000

Date: 2000

Nr. of participants: 27,000

17th World Petroleum Congress and Rio Oil & Gas

Date: 2002

Nr. of participants: 40,000

3rd Conference on HIV Pathogenesis and Treatment

Date: 2005

Nr. of participants: 6.000

11° Intl Congress of the World Federation of Public Health

Date: 2006

Nr. of participants: 10.000

World Congress of Nephrology

Date: 2007

Nr. of participants: 6.000

XV Panamerican Games – Rio 2007

Date: 2007

Nr. Of participants: 8.000 athletes and delegates (estimated audience: 3.000.000 people)

13th International Congress on Immunology

Date: 2007

Nr. of participants: 6.000

13th International Congress of Endocrinology

Date: 2008

Nr. of participants: 6.000



Social Events Venues

Pão de Açúcar (Sugar Loaf)

www.bondinho.com.br

Besides being Rio's symbol for tourists around the world, is an ideal space for shows, private or company celebrations, cocktails and banquet parties or any sort of events. The events area is located on Urca Hill. Here are the Amphitheater, Discs, Gardens and Morro da Urca Restaurant. From any spot you have a remarkable view of Rio de Janeiro.

Capacity: Cocktail = until 700; Dinner = until 400; Auditorium = until 1,500

Ribalta

www.ribalta.com.br

One of the most sophisticated, exclusive, versatile settings in Rio de Janeiro, with 4,000 sq.m of free area, Ribalta is prepared to host a variety of events. Technical equipment: air conditioning; generator, stage (16m X 13m), acoustic treatment, high technology sound system, 4 Barco screens of 6,400 lumens each.

Capacity: Auditorium = 4,000; Banquets / cocktails = 2,500 (round tables)

Villa Riso

www.villariso.com.br

The original colonial house has been fully restored with modern conveniences. Located in a privileged place surrounded by 22,000 sq.m of exuberant tropical gardens, it is close to the city's best hotels in the area. Villa Riso's multilingual staff is expert in organizing events as conventions, symposia, gala dinners, theme parties and cocktails.

Capacity: Auditorium = 600; Cocktail = 800; Banquet = 430

Vivo Rio

www.vivorio.com.br

Versatile show house. Constructed area of 10.000sqm, parking for 1000 vehicles, American bar at terrace, restaurant, ecological air conditioning, panoramic elevator, security, complete catering service, 400sqm kitchen, stage, 2 lounges, reversible room for 2.300 seated people or 6.000 for cocktail and social events.

Pier Mauá – Maritime Passengers Station

www.piermauasa.com.br

Pier Mauá converts itself in a city cultural attraction too. In an open area, with full view of the cruisers, there are shows for thousands people with national and international attractions.

- Warehouse 1:
 - Shops, Bar and Restaurant (Annex Building): 1,336.70 sq.m
 - Maritime Passengers Station: 1,587.50 sq.m
 - Check-in: 1,427.40 sq.m
 - Reception and Baggage: 3,500 sq.m
- Warehouse 2: 3,500 sq.m - Exhibitions / Events / Commercial Area
- Warehouse 3: 3,500 sq.m - Exhibitions / Events / Commercial Area

Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro

www.icrj.com.br

The Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro was founded in 1920 with its headquarters in privileged location, Urca, Rio de Janeiro, aside to the main postcard from Brazil, Sugar Loaf. It has sophisticated branch offices in major resorts on our coast: Angra dos Reis, Cabo Frio and Ilha de Palmas. Our Club offers structure for events, naval sports and navigation following international standards, where several national and international nautical events take place. It provides structure for the realization of business, social, sporting and cultural events.

SPACES FOR EVENTS

Salão Marlin Azul - Refrigerated, with capacity for 300 people (in unique environment), all in glass with a view to the inner gardens of the club.

Salão Nobre - Refrigerated, with capacity for 100 people (in both environments, internal and external), with a view to Guanabara Bay and Sugar Loaf.

Pérgula da Piscina (Pool Pergola) - With a postcard like view and surrounded by 96 palm trees, has a privileged view of the Sugarloaf and Guanabara Bay. With capacity of approximately 1,300 people. Ideal location for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, business gatherings and much more you can create.

Centro Cultural Gabriel Villela - Refrigerated, with capacity for 150 people. It offers brand new audiovisual equipment (High definition HD 1080).

Gastronomic Center Victoria

www.complexovictoria.com.br

One of the attractions from the *Espaço Victoria* is one of the most dazzling landscapes of the Rio de Janeiro – the trail of the Hippodrome in *Gávea*, with the National park from Tijuca, Christ Redentor, “*Pedra da Gávea*” and “*Morro Dois Irmãos*” at the bottom.

Capacity Room

	Área (m2)	Height (m)	Auditorium	Cocktail	Buffet 1 *	Buffet 2 **	Empratado
Indoor Room	350	3,6	250	400	310	200	250
Small Varanda	77	-	-	50	40	40	50
Big Varanda	156		-	120	100	60	80
Total	583	-	250	570	450	300	380

P.S.:

- 1) All the settings are calculated with dance floor.
- 2) *Buffet 1 = Setting with round tables and lounges style.
- 3) **Buffet 2 = Setting with round tables only.

Rio Marina da Glória

www.marinadagloria.com.br

Central and easy to reach, five minutes from Santos Dumont Airport, complete infrastructure, parking for more than 1,000 cars and total security for exhibitions, fairs, product launches, auctions, meetings, shows, corporate entertainment, congresses and anything else you can imagine.

EVENTS PAVILION #1: 3,000m² of covered area; panoramic view of the bay; complete infrastructure: independent kitchen entrance and restrooms; capacity for up to 3,500 people

EVENTS PAVILION #2: Located on the outer point of the Marina da Glória; 1,100m² Covered Area; 3 support marquees, each with 100m² space and bar facilities; more than 1,000m² of open air space; seats up to 800 people for a dinner and holds up to 1,000; for cocktails with stage and dance floor.

AUDITORIUM: Ample parking, air conditioned throughout, meeting room, support kitchen and pantry. The auditorium is located alongside Pavilion #1, and offers comfort and security for 180 people.

OTHER AREAS: More than 12,000 sq.m available for assembling outdoor events

Rio Scenarium

www.rioscenarium.com.br

This concert house located at Lapa with live music, dinner services with dishes and snacks offers many possibilities to the arrangement of social and conventional commercial events. The house, 3 floor storied high, dating 1860, with attached areas to the original construction, offers many options for the production of events from 50 to 1000 people.

Exclusive Room

A 960 ft2 room, decorated with objects and old furniture, which can be moved according to the necessity of the event. The room also includes a fixed stage for concerts and shows. The sound of the room is provided by third parties. It includes a space special for breakfast, brunch, lunch, cocktail ceremonies and dinner. Fully air-conditioned and separate restrooms for ladies and gentlemen, this room has everything needed to make a great event and it all can be provided by the support staff.

Differentiated Spaces

The house still offers spaces for smaller groups, which can be exclusive, according to the group size:

- A specially decorated space called Bharmácia, on the 2nd floor for groups up to 60 people.
- A decorated space with pieces of the opera singer Nadir de Mello Couto, on the 2nd floor, has capacity of up to 100 people. This space can be attached to an identical space on the 1st floor, doubling its capacity.

Albamar Restaurant

www.albamar.com.br

The traditional Albamar Restaurant, in Praça XV, after restoration and redecoration, presents its new area for events – the Albamar Space, an events hall with a seating capacity of 100, with standing room for another 200 people on the second floor.

Julieta De Serpa House Of Art And Culture

www.casajulietadeserpa.com.br

Built in 1920 on Flamengo beach front, the impressive “palace” with its wonderful French neoclassic architecture, today contains the House of Art and Culture, consisting of 3 principal spaces: the restaurant (54 places), the Bistro BS (25 places) and the Salon D’Or (25 places).

Lonier Events

www.lonier.com.br

Space for various types of events. 10 minutes from Barra da Tijuca, Lonier has the largest and most complete infrastructure for hosting your event. A total of 200,000m² of green area, framed by the Atlantic Forest, with salons, auditoriums, aquatic park, sports courts, a football field and 40 wonderful suites.

Offices Shopping Leblon

www.protel.com.br

Administration: Rede Protel. Located strategically in the South Zone of Rio de Janeiro, an excellent option for meetings, conventions, workshops, parties and various types of event, with facilities in accordance with the characteristics of the event. Auditorium for 90 people.

Real Astoria

www.realastoria.com.br

The second floor, with an area of 500m², is an ideal space for a variety of events. With an exclusive kitchen and a panoramic view of Guanabara Bay and the Sugar Loaf, the space has an excellent infrastructure for commemorations, parties, shows and events, with services including decoration, sound, and a buffet with a specialized chef. The Baco salon is ideal for private events, and the Enseada salon for meetings with special services for receptive tourism.

Copacabana Fort

www.fortedecopacabana.com

Sphere of Activity: The principal mission of the Army Historical Museum and Copacabana Fort is to preserve, safeguard and disseminate the history of the Brazilian Army, as well as providing a cultural center, with leisure and cultural facilities for its visitors. The cultural calendar is intense and the attractions are varied and free.

Spaces for Events:

Octávio Correa Promenade

Salon for Cultural Events

Art Gallery

Familiarization Room

Campo Marte

Lieutenant Siqueira Campos Square.

Passeios Turísticos Tours





TOURS IN RIO



Corcovado – Christ the Redeemer ONE OF THE NEW 7 WONDERS OF THE WORLD

This is one of the main beauty spots in the city, standing 2,330 feet above sea level and providing a sweeping panoramic view of sea and mountain, a world famous vista. The mountain is crowned with the statue of Christ, 98 feet high with a 26 foot pedestal containing a chapel that can hold 150 people. The top of the Corcovado can be reached by

electric train or by car. Address: Railroad Station - Rua Cosme Velho, 513 - Cosme Velho - Phone: (55 21) 2558-1329 Visiting hours: Daily 8:30am



Sugar Loaf

This natural symbol of Rio de Janeiro can be seen at the entrance to Guanabara Bay. There are two stages in the cable-car trip to the top of the rock. The first is from the station at Praia Vermelha to Urca Hill, which rises 705 feet above the bay, and the second links Urca Hill to the top of Sugar Loaf, 1,300 feet high. Each stage lasts three minutes. For tourists

seeing Rio from the air, there is now a Tourist Heliport located on the top of Urca Hill. Address: Cable Car Station - Av. Pasteur, 520 - Praia Vermelha - Phone: (55 21) 2546-8400 Visiting hours: Daily, 8am - 10pm





Lapa Arches and Santa Teresa district

Located in the Largo da Lapa Square, the center of Rio's turn-of-the-century nightlife, the Lapa Arches hold their place in history as the most monumental work undertaken in colonial Rio. This magnificent structure contains 42 arches in two tiers. Originally built as an aqueduct to supply the city with water, today they carry another outstanding attraction: the scenic tramlines linking the Carioca Station downtown to the

picturesque Santa Teresa district, a vibrant artistic community, with a great range of bars, restaurants, museums, cultural centers and artist's studios.



Municipal Theater

Designed and built by A. Guilbert and Francisco de Oliveira Passos, the theatre was inaugurated on July 14, 1909. The main murals are by Eliseu Visconti - the ceiling and back drop - by Rodolfo Amoedo. Mosaics are by Henrique Bernadelli.

Address: Pça. Floriano, s/nº - Downtown - Phone: (55 21) 2544-2900 -

Guided visit: Mon/Tue and Thu/Fri , 9am - 4pm



Botanical Garden

A paradise of plants and trees from the four corners of the earth. Founded in 1808, it spreads over an area of about 340 acres. Over 5000 species of plants, some of the most impressive being the Imperial Palms planted in 1842. Address: Rua Jardim Botânico, 1008 - Jardim Botânico - Phone: (55 21) 2294-9349 Open: Daily, 8am - 5pm





Tijuca Forest

Rio's largest park is the Tijuca National Park, covering 3,300 hectares, and including Tijuca Forest. The Park is the largest urban forest in the world. As you look up at the Corcovado from the Lagoa, the mass of greenery clinging to the edge of the mountain and stretching miles to your left, is the Tijuca National Park. Roads run through the entire length of the park allowing visitors to enjoy its many natural wonders, and at the weekend some of the routes become pedestrian only. The most well known part of the park is the Tijuca Forest which is reached from Alto da Boa Vista, accessible from all parts of the city. Address: Praça Afonso Viseu - Alto

da Boa Vista

Beaches



Rio has 90km of white sand beaches of which the following are the most interesting: Copacabana, Arpoador, Leme, Ipanema, Leblon, Vermelha, São Conrado, Barra da Tijuca, Recreio dos Bandeirantes, Prainha, Grumari, Macumba.

And more:

Maracanã: famous soccer stadium where the Brazilian teams play to an enthusiastic fan crowd.

Brazilian Music: musical performances and free concerts can be seen throughout the year all over the city.

Gastronomy: Rio is paradise for those who enjoy good dining. Fine, elegant restaurants feature international cuisine as well as savory, exotic Brazilian dishes.

Other options include: the historic heart of Rio, museums and galleries, Santa Teresa with artists' studios, old houses and a trolley car, the Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas and beaches with their kiosks and live music.





RIO DE JANEIRO SURROUNDINGS



Costa Verde (Green Coast)

Angra dos Reis, Ilha Grande, Paraty, etc.

Islands, coves, beaches, mountains and the indescribable beauty of the deepness of the sea

The natural beauty and resources of the green coast are uncountable – the sea color,

the Atlantic Forest's exuberance, the endless number of paradisiacal islands. The Green Coast is the perfect setting for nautical sports, deep-sea fishing and long boat tours.

Serra Verde Imperial (Imperial Green Mountain)

Petrópolis, Itaipava, Nova Friburgo, etc.

Privileged weather, good restaurants and the charm of the Imperial City

Going up the mountain region is always a pleasure, all year-round. The climate invites to the pleasure of good food and the region is rich in excellent restaurants, hotels, cozy inns and gorgeous sceneries. The winter festivals are always great events through out the year. Rivers with clear water, waterfalls, trails, exuberant forest – an invitation to mountaineering and ecotourism.





Vale do Café (Coffee Valley)

Vassouras, Valença, Conservatória, etc.

The nobility of its farms and the big colonial houses complements the scenery of a welcoming atmosphere and climate.

The Coffee Valley Region offers the visitors an excellent weather and a Rio de Janeiro historical

trip through its rural architecture – big colonial houses, farms and slave houses – a rich cultural patrimony worth visiting and exploring. The exuberance of the Atlantic Forest provides many leisure options for ecological adventure, rural, and musical tourism.

Agulhas Negras (Black Needles Mountain)

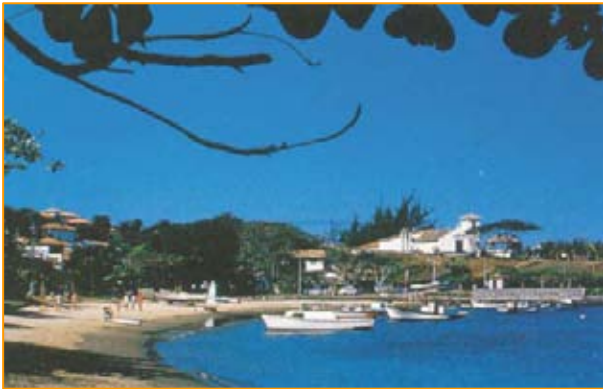
Mauá, Itatiaia, Agulhas Negras, etc.

Mountain climate, lots of green and peaks covered with snow in winter time.



The Agulhas Negras region is one of most precious ecological sanctuaries due to its exuberant nature and surprising natural beauty. The European culture – present in its local gastronomy – completes the scenery. All this natural wealth in the National Park of Itatiaia, the first one in Brazil. The park shelters animals and vegetation variety that exists only in this region. It is the perfect setting for long walks, diving into crystal clear and frozen waters or simply watch the exuberant nature of one the most beautiful regions of the State of Rio de Janeiro.





Costa do Sol (Sun Coast)

Búzios, Cabo Frio, Araruama, etc.

Sun, salt, blue sky and the wilderness of the ocean.

You start feeling the magic of the Sun Coast when you see the first windmill – a land

mark of this region. Afterwards, there are hundreds of wonderful beaches and lagoons, one after the other. A perfect itinerary for those who like the sun, wind, sea, aquatic sports, beautiful people and good food. High quality restaurants and a lively night life can be found all through the Sun Coast.

