

# MANAUS

I'm sure you'd love to visit the rainforest that surrounds Manaus, the capital of Amazonas. We asked Viviane Martins, a *manauara* tour guide to tell us the dos and don'ts of Amazon trekking.



## Walk safely through the forest!

Visiting the Amazon rainforest might be the most amazing thing you ever do, but there are risks. This simple advice will help you to stay safe and enjoy this amazing experience.

### Do

- **Do** understand that you'll get dirty, scratched, stung and possibly bitten by ants or mosquitoes.
- **Do** stay alert at all times.
- **Do** put on insect repellent to avoid bugs
- **Do** wear a long sleeved shirt and long trousers tucked into your boots.

### Don't

- **Don't** lean on any trees. You might find lots of different types of ants, spiders or even snakes.
- **Don't** approach wild animals. If you see one, move away from it.
- **Don't** step on fallen trunks or roots – there may be a snake hiding in there. Watch your step!
- **Don't** walk away from your group. Stick together!

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

ants bugs insect repellent long sleeves mosquito rainforest roots stings scratches and bites snakes spiders trunks wild animals

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

*... is a protected area because...*  
*Take care not to...*  
*You can find many different types of...*  
*You can identify it by...*

### ACTIVITY 1

Which word in each group is different?

Example: spiders ants mosquitoes ~~insect repellent~~

- |   |            |              |              |              |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a | rainforest | wild animals | trunks       | roots        |
| b | snakes     | spiders      | long sleeves | wild animals |
| c | scratches  | bites        | bugs         | stings       |

### ACTIVITY 2

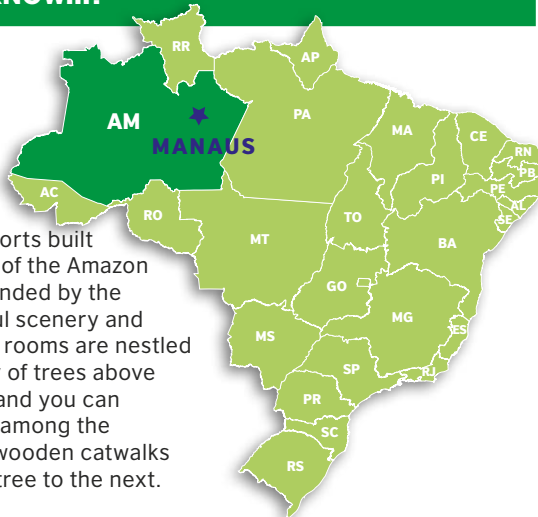
What sort of wildlife can be found in your area? Complete the circles with ideas.

animals

plants

Use the words and expressions from the box above to talk about the animals and plants in your area. What advice would you give to people wanting to see this wildlife in your area?

## DID YOU KNOW...?



There are resorts built in the middle of the Amazon jungle surrounded by the most beautiful scenery and wildlife. Their rooms are nestled in the canopy of trees above the Amazon, and you can actually walk among the treetops, on wooden catwalks that link one tree to the next.

MANAUS  
Population: 1.8 million. (Source: UNdata)

# PORTO ALEGRE

Most Brazilian people agree that Brazilian food is really delicious. Some of the food that we eat every day in Brazil looks very different from food in other countries. That's why we often have to explain Brazilian food to visitors. How do we do that? Let's find out!



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## Eating Out

Victor: Do you want to come to Oasis Verde with us on Sunday, Max? It's a restaurant and they do a great *churrasco* there!

Max: Sure! But, what's that?

Victor: Have you never tried *churrasco*?

Max: No. I've no idea what it is!

Victor: *Churrasco* is the Brazilian way to prepare barbecue. You find it everywhere in Brazil today, but it's originally from Rio Grande do Sul. The best *churrascarias* are in Porto Alegre. They're barbecue restaurants that serve grilled sausages and meat marinated in coarse salt. There's lots of meat and it's really delicious!

Max: Sounds good! What do you have it with? It's not only meat I hope.

Victor: No, it comes with rice and *farofa*.

Max: What's *farofa*?

Victor: It's made of manioc flour that we fry with garlic, onions and sometimes with eggs.

Max: That's different. I have to try it.

Victor: And we often drink *caipirinha* when we have *churrasco*. You know what *caipirinha* is, don't you?

Max: Um...no.

Victor: It's a type of alcoholic drink with lime and sugar!

Max: Well, I can't wait to try all this. So when are we going?

## USEFUL VOCABULARY

coarse salt eggs flour fruit  
garlic lime meat onions sausages  
sugar to fry to grill to marinate

## ACTIVITY 1

Complete the sentences below with a word from the vocabulary box.

1. Chicken is a type of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. *Acerola* is a type of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. *Farofa* can be prepared with \_\_\_\_\_.
4. *Churrasco* includes grilled sausages and meat marinated in \_\_\_\_\_.

## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

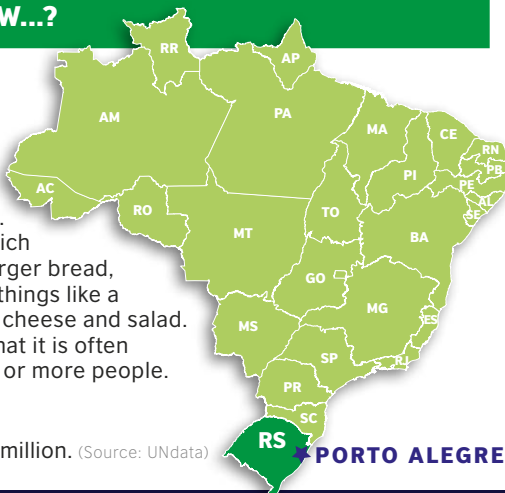
*It comes with...*  
*It tastes a bit like...*  
*It's a type of...*  
*It's a typical dish from...*  
*It's good!*  
*It's made of... / They're made of...*  
*It's really delicious!*  
*It's similar to...*

## ACTIVITY 2

What typical dishes do people eat in your city? What do they drink? Describe them using the expressions from the box.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

One dish you will only find in Porto Alegre, and nowhere else in Brazil, is the *Xis*. It is a giant sandwich made with hamburger bread, filled with a lot of things like a hamburger, eggs, cheese and salad. The *Xis* is so big that it is often split between two or more people.



PORTO ALEGRE

Population: 1.409 million. (Source: UNdata)

**PORTO ALEGRE**

ANSWERS: 1. meat 2. fruit 3. eggs 4. sausages, meat, coarse salt

# BRASÍLIA

Brasília is one of the youngest cities in the world. It was built between 1955 and 1960 to be the new capital of Brazil. Oscar Niemeyer, a famous Brazilian architect, was responsible for designing Brasília. Here are some suggestions of places to visit in the city.

## A City Tour

The best way to move around Brasília is by car. You'll find many famous sights on the Eixo Monumental – the city's main avenue.

### The Cathedral of Brasília

The magnificent cathedral was designed by Niemeyer and completed in 1970. Sixteen columns form the cathedral, with enormous glass panels between them.

### Itamaraty Palace

Check out the Ministry of Foreign Affairs building, with its arches of concrete, glass panels and surrounding pool.

### Congress Building

Brasília's most well-known sight, the home of the Brazilian National Congress. Located in the middle of the Eixo Monumental, the Congress is famous for its two hemispheres. These buildings, one facing up, the other down, are the home of the two houses of Congress.

### Mané Garrincha National Stadium

Rebuilt for the 2014 World Cup and reopened in 2013, the stadium is a breathtaking monument that can hold up to 70 thousand people.

### Juscelino Kubitchek Memorial

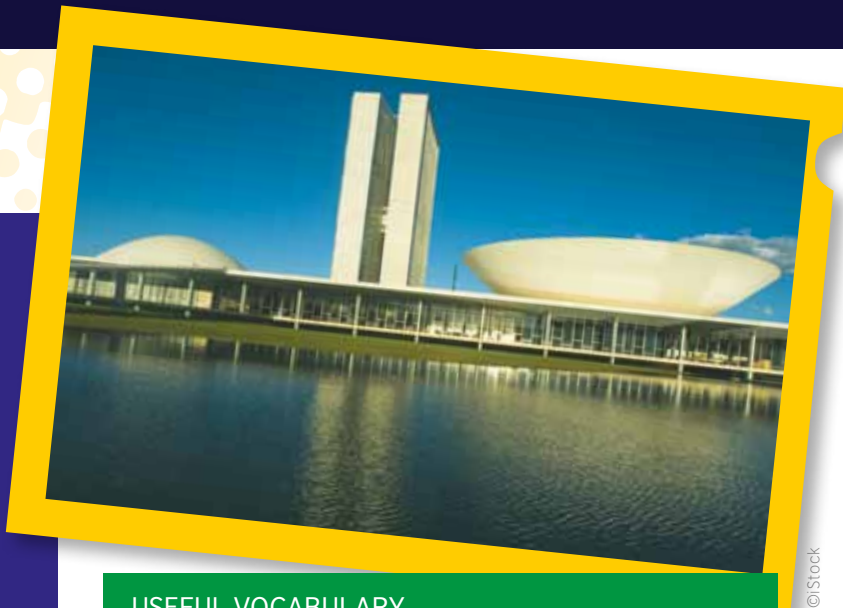
This is another one of Niemeyer's masterpieces. Ex-president Juscelino Kubitchek is buried there. His statue stands on top of a 28 meters high column, waving at the city.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

People always associate Brasília to Oscar Niemeyer, and they think he designed the city. But, Niemeyer designed the buildings, not the city. The city plan was designed by Lucio Costa, another well-known architect.

BRASÍLIA

Population: 2.48 million. (Source: UNdata)



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## USEFUL VOCABULARY

breathtaking cathedral enormous monument  
palace stadium statue well known

## ACTIVITY 1

Put the words from the vocabulary box into the appropriate categories

a. Buildings people can go in	b. Things to look at	c. Adjectives to describe buildings and monuments

## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

*Check out / You have to check out...*

*It was built by (person) ...*

*It was built in (year) ...*

*It was designed by...*

*The most well-known sight is...*

## ACTIVITY 2

Write information about important buildings in your area.

Name		
Built in		
Purpose or function		
Why people should visit it		
Your opinion		

Use the words and expressions in the boxes above to give visitors information about the buildings.

ANSWERS: 1. meat 2. fruit 3. eggs 4. sausages, meat, coarse salt

# BELO HORIZONTE

The best way to get to know a city is to ask the locals. Paula lives in Belo Horizonte and has some useful advice for her friend Annie. What are the best things to see and do in BH?



## Plenty to See and Do

Hi Annie

Really looking forward to your visit!

There is so much to do here so I've made a list of things we can do when you're here. Here are my top five.

- 1) Parks – You can't miss Mangabeiras beautiful scenery, green areas, waterfalls, etc. You'll love the musical performances they have there!
- 2) Pampulha Lake – This is a great place to go sightseeing. The first three works by Oscar Niemeyer are there. You have to see the church there.
- 3) Museums and art galleries – The Museu de Artes e Ofícios used to be the central railway station. It's a really beautiful building.
- 4) Central Market – Great cheap food and drink and lots of interesting people to watch!
- 5) Botecos – After all that sightseeing you'll want a drink. There are loads of bars here – from really traditional to really 'cool'

What do you think? What shall we do?

Can't wait to see you!

From,  
Paula

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

art gallery museum nightclub pub restaurant  
theatre viewpoint

### ACTIVITY 1

Answer the questions with the words from the vocabulary box.

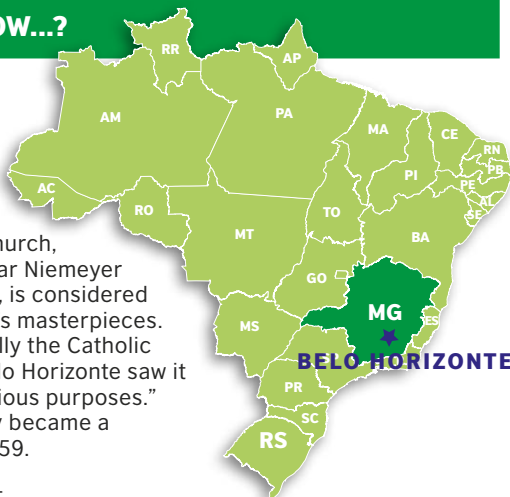
Where would you go if you wanted ...

- a. ... to eat and/or drink? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ... to go dancing? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. ... a cultural afternoon or evening? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. ... a good view of the city? \_\_\_\_\_

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

*... is a great option.*  
*I highly recommend...*  
*There is.../ there are... a lot...*  
*You can't miss...*  
*You can't visit... without going to...*  
*You have to see...*  
*You should definitely...*

### DID YOU KNOW...?



The Pampulha Church, designed by Oscar Niemeyer and built in 1943, is considered one of Niemeyer's masterpieces. However, originally the Catholic authorities of Belo Horizonte saw it as "unfit for religious purposes." That's why it only became a real church in 1959.

BELO HORIZONTE  
Population: 2.48 million. (Source: UNdata)

### ACTIVITY 2

Make a list of four places to go. Say what kind of place it is, e.g. a park, a museum, etc., and what people can do there.

Name of Place	Kind of Place	What to do

ANSWERS: a) pub/restaurant b) nightclub c) art gallery/museum/theatre d) viewpoint

# CUIABÁ

Cuiabá, the capital of the state of Mato Grosso, is introducing a brand new LRT (light railway transit). We talked to Rui Galindo, one of the city engineers involved with the project.



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## LRT Takes the City into the Future

What's the main advantage of the new LRT in Cuiabá, Mr Galindo?

Rui: The LRT will reduce car traffic in the metropolitan area by 12%.

And what about tourism? How will the LRT help improve tourists' experience of Cuiabá?

Rui: Well, the LRT will be the fastest and easiest way to get to the airport from the city centre. And it will be cheaper than taking a taxi. The LRT will be the best option for travellers.

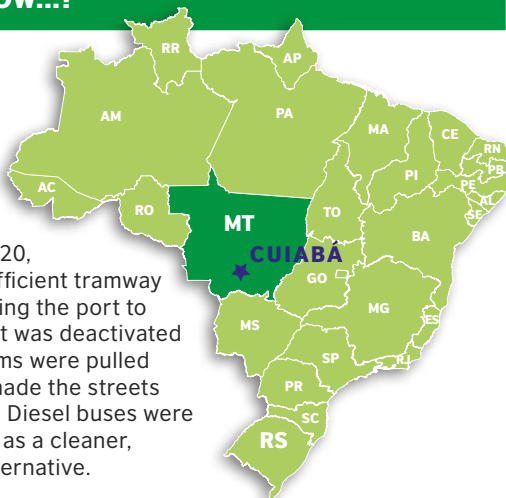
How will the LRT affect the traffic in the streets of the city?

Rui: The LRT lines will operate in the central lanes of the main avenues, so they won't get stuck in traffic jams. And, of course, more people will use the LRT so traffic won't be so bad.

How many stations will the LRT have?

Rui: There'll be 33 stations and the terminals will have big car parks for cars and bicycles. The LRT will be the cheapest and fastest option in Cuiabá.

### DID YOU KNOW...?



From 1891 to 1920, Cuiabá had an efficient tramway service connecting the port to the city centre. It was deactivated because the trams were pulled by horses that made the streets dirty and smelly. Diesel buses were then introduced as a cleaner, less polluting alternative.

CUIABÁ  
Population: 543,000. (Source: UNdata)

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

bus cheap comfortable expensive fast  
slow taxi train tram

### ACTIVITY 1

Complete with two of the words in the vocabulary box.

- a. Two means of transport that run on rails:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Two means of transport that have tyres:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Two adjectives that describe transport positively:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. Two adjectives that describe transport negatively:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Don't forget...  
Make sure you avoid...  
The ... is the cheapest/fastest option/way to get to...  
... is the best option for...

### ACTIVITY 2

Complete the table with information about public transport in your city or town. Use the words and expressions in the boxes above to talk to visitors about the best means of transport in your area.

Name of town/city	
Main public transport	
Positive points	
Negative points	

ANSWERS: a) train/tram b) bus/taxi c) cheap/comfortable d) expensive/slow

# CURITIBA

When you pack your suitcase for a trip you usually decide what to take based on the season. Not in Curitiba, Paraná! You never know what the weather is going to be like, especially in the middle of winter. It's difficult to know what to wear or to take with you when you visit the city.



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## Get Ready for Crazy Weather!

When people decide to come to Brazil they usually think that they will find boiling temperatures and sunny weather, but it isn't always hot in Curitiba. In the winter months (from June to August) it can get quite chilly and in some regions it even snows! It tends to be cold and rainy most days, with an average temperature of around 10°C. However, it's difficult to predict what the weather will be like because on some days it is freezing in the morning but is warm by the afternoon.

It's best to be prepared for all types of weather when you visit Curitiba, so make sure you pack different types of clothes that you can use in different weather conditions. Also, don't forget to take both sunscreen for sunny days and an umbrella for cloudy and rainy ones!

### DID YOU KNOW...?



Curitiba is the coldest state capital in Brazil. But Curitibaanos also say it's the greenest, the most sustainable, the most organized and the most civilized city in the country. According to them, Curitiba is the best place to live in Brazil!

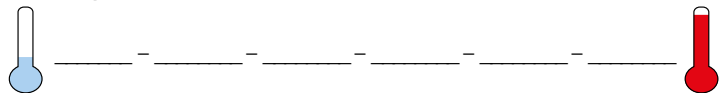
**CURITIBA**  
Population: 1.75 million. (Source: UNdata)

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

boiling cloudy cold cool freezing  
hot sunny rainy stormy warm windy

#### ACTIVITY 1

Look at the words in the box. Mark them with (T) for 'temperature' or (W) for 'weather'. Then put the words that refer to temperature in the correct order from coldest to hottest.



Now complete the sentences with the other words in the vocabulary box.

- It's going to be \_\_\_\_\_ all day so make sure you take your umbrella with you.
- It can get very \_\_\_\_\_ when we go to the mountains because it is so high up.
- Today is really \_\_\_\_\_; perfect for a trip to the beach!
- I can't see the sun at all because it's so \_\_\_\_\_.

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

*It tends to be....in summer/winter*  
*The average temperature is....in summer/winter*  
*The temperature can go up/ go down to...*  
*In summer/winter, it is usually rainy/cloudy/hot, etc.*  
*In summer/winter, it can get quite...*  
*Make sure you pack warm clothes/t-shirts, etc.*  
*Don't forget to take an umbrella/sunscreen/a hat.*  
*It's best to be prepared for hot/rainy/cold weather.*

#### ACTIVITY 2

Fill in the information in the table below. Use the expressions and words in the boxes above to talk about the weather.

What's the weather like in your town or city in June?
What's the temperature like?
What kind of clothes should a visitor take with him/her?

ANSWERS: freezing - cold - cool - warm - hot - boiling / a. rainy b. windy c. sunny d. cloudy

# FORTALEZA

If you want to know the best places to visit in a new city, ask a taxi driver. Taxi drivers usually know a lot about the history of a city and what tourists should know. On a visit to Fortaleza, the capital of Ceará, Kevin asks a taxi driver for some advice.

## Places to Visit

Driver: Good morning. Where to?  
 Kevin: I'd like to go to somewhere I can learn about the history of Fortaleza.  
 Driver: Sure! I suggest we go to the fortress Nossa Senhora da Assunção.  
 Kevin: OK.  
 Driver: It's an important historical site because it's where the city began. It was founded by the Dutch.  
 Kevin: The Dutch? Not the Portuguese?  
 Driver: No, the Dutch were here first. Then the Portuguese conquered the fort and gave it its Portuguese name, but it then collapsed. The present fort was built in 1812.  
 Kevin: Can you go inside?  
 Driver: Yes, but I don't know if you have to pay an entrance fee or if it's free entry. There's a guided tour and you'll learn a lot about the history of Fortaleza.  
 Kevin: Great!  
 Driver: You can also learn about the city in the Museu Amalgâmico Solar da Sapiroanga.  
 Kevin: Tell me more.  
 Driver: It's full of interesting objects from different periods of the history. OK. Here we're at the fortress. Enjoy your visit!



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### USEFUL VOCABULARY

entrance fee fort fortress free entry guided tour museum tickets

### ACTIVITY 1

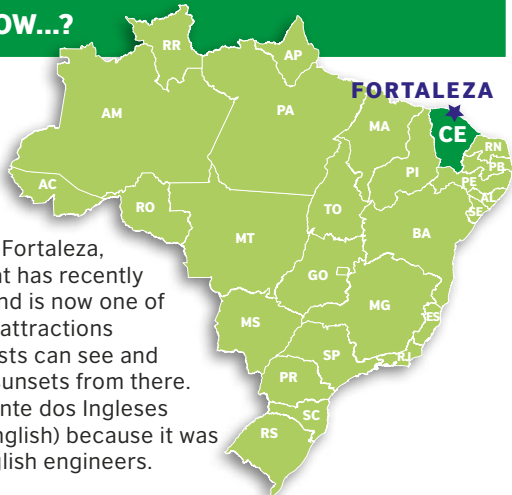
Complete the dialogue by choosing the right word or expression from the dialogue box.

Kevin: Excuse me, I'd like to buy **(a) a ticket / entrance fee** to the fortress.  
 Attendant: You don't have to pay. It's **(b) museum / free entry**.  
 Kevin: Great. Is there a **(c) fort / guided tour**.  
 Attendant: Yes, it starts in ten minutes.

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

*It represents...*  
*It was built by/in...*  
*It was founded by/in...*  
*It's an important historical site because...*  
*Pay special attention to...*  
*Some people say that...*

## DID YOU KNOW...?



There's a pier in Fortaleza, built in 1920, that has recently been restored and is now one of the main tourist attractions of the city. Tourists can see and enjoy beautiful sunsets from there. It was named Ponte dos Ingleses (Bridge of the English) because it was designed by English engineers.

FORTALEZA  
 Population: 3.6 million. (Source: UNdata)

### ACTIVITY 2

Think of a historical site in your town or city that you think a visitor should visit. Answer the questions about it. Remember to use the words and expressions in the boxes above.

- Why is this site important? What happened there?
- Is there anything people should pay special attention to?
- How can people get there?
- Do people have to pay to get in?
- What's your opinion about it?

ANSWERS: a) ticket b) free entry c) guided tour

# RIO DE JANEIRO

*Cariocas* (people who were born or live in Rio de Janeiro) love their bars, almost as much as they love football. My blog post this week is about the way these two passions meet on one Rio de Janeiro evening.



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## Matchday Cheers in Rio

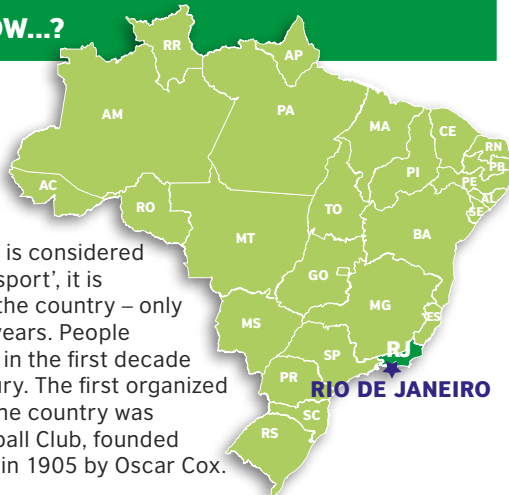
You walk into a bar in Rio de Janeiro one Wednesday evening. What do you see?

- You can see a lot of people and almost all of them are men.
- They're sitting in groups of six or seven, all wearing the same coloured shirts.
- There are snacks and beer on the tables, but the people eat and drink in silence.
- The atmosphere is tense and the people are all staring at a TV set.
- Suddenly you can hear cheers, all at the same time and the noise is incredible.
- A minute or two later everybody is all quiet and tense again.
- Somebody shouts from another bar and people react with loud comments.
- Now it's all over and they all cheer again and start hugging each other and chanting.

### What's going on?

The answer is simple; there is a football match on TV and the fans are watching their team score goals on their way to a victory!

## DID YOU KNOW...?



Although football is considered 'Brazil's national sport', it is relatively new in the country – only a little over 100 years. People started playing it in the first decade of the 20th Century. The first organized football team in the country was Fluminense Football Club, founded in Rio de Janeiro in 1905 by Oscar Cox.

RIO DE JANEIRO  
Population: 6.32 million. (Source: UNdata)

## USEFUL VOCABULARY

cheer win fan goalkeeper goal lose  
pitch player referee score stadium

## ACTIVITY 1

Put the words from the vocabulary box into the groups.

People	Things	Verbs

## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

*People are wearing...*  
*The atmosphere is...*  
*There is/are...*  
*You can hear...*

## ACTIVITY 2

Describe how you react when you favourite team:

- ...scores a goal: \_\_\_\_\_
- ...loses a goal: \_\_\_\_\_
- ...wins a match: \_\_\_\_\_
- ...loses a game: \_\_\_\_\_

Talk about how people in Brazil react when watching the national football team play. Use the words and expressions in the boxes above.

ANSWERS: People: fan; goalkeeper; player; referee; Things: stadium; pitch; goal  
Verbs: cheer; lose; score; win



# NATAL

The beaches of Natal are among the most beautiful beaches in Brazil. In fact, whatever you like to do at the beach, Natal has the right place for you. Here are just three of Natal's beaches. Which one suits you best?



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## What's the Best Beach for me?

### PONTA NEGRA

This busy beach is the perfect place for a lazy day at the beach. There are lots of people to look at and the beach is lined with stalls (called *barracas*) that serve food and drink to beachgoers. When you're tired of swimming and sunbathing you can enjoy the shops, restaurants and bars that line the beach.

### MARACAJAÚ

North of the city, the beach at Maracajaú is quieter than Ponta Negra and not too crowded. It's the perfect place for snorkelling, surfing or kitesurfing. Surfers will enjoy the big waves and divers will love the beautiful coral reefs. The ideal spot for an adventurous beachgoer.

### GENIPABU

Lots of tourists visit Genipabu each summer to see its famous sand dunes and beautiful calm waters. You can take a camel ride or, for the more adventurous, take an exciting buggy ride through the dunes with an expert driver.

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

chatting with friends drinking beer/coconut water  
eating seafood snorkelling sunbathing  
surfing swimming relaxing watching the sunset

### ACTIVITY 1

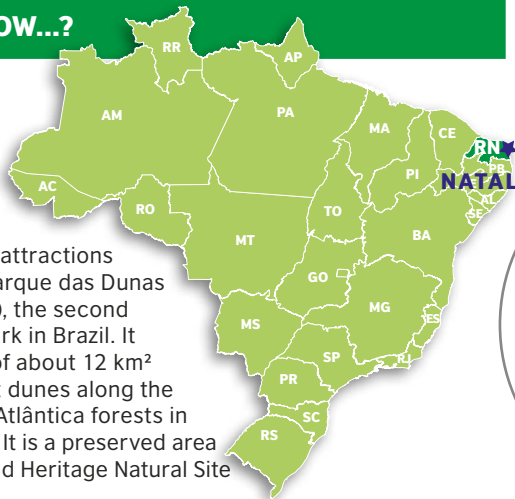
Complete the sentences below with your favourite beach activities. Use the words in the vocabulary box.

- When I go to the beach, I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- My favourite beach sport is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I like to drink \_\_\_\_\_ and eat \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach.
- The ideal beach for me is \_\_\_\_\_.

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

*It's great for...*  
*It's ideal if you like...*  
*... is perfect for...*  
*... is the best place for...*

## DID YOU KNOW...?



One of the main attractions of Natal is the Parque das Dunas (the Dunes Park), the second largest urban park in Brazil. It covers an area of about 12 km<sup>2</sup> with magnificent dunes along the coast and Mata Atlântica forests in the background. It is a preserved area – a UNESCO World Heritage Natural Site since 1993.

### NATAL

Population: 804,000. (Source: UNdata)

### ACTIVITY 2

Complete the circles with the things you like and the things you don't like doing at the beach. Talk to someone about it.

I like

I don't like

# SÃO PAULO

*Paulistas* (people from São Paulo) claim that their city has the most exciting nightlife in Brazil. There's something for everyone with a huge range of bars, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, nightclubs and a lot more.



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## City Nightlife

Josh: Look at this! There are lots of places to go at night in São Paulo!

Lisa: I know. That's why I love living here. So, what do you want to do tonight?

Josh: Well, I'd like to go to the theatre, but I can't find any plays in English.

Lisa: You're in Brazil! Surely you want to do something more Brazilian!

Josh: That's true. How about some music then?

Lisa: I can recommend a great jazz club near here. It's one of my favourite nightspots.

Josh: Sounds cool, but didn't you say we should do something more Brazilian?

Lisa: No, don't worry. They play Brazilian music there too, but if you prefer, we can go somewhere else. We could go dancing.

Josh: No, the jazz club sounds fun.

Lisa: Good, so that's decided!

Josh: And perhaps we should have dinner before we go to the jazz club.

Lisa: Definitely I'm hungry. Do you prefer Japanese or Italian food? The pizzas are good here.

Josh: Let's go for pizza!

## USEFUL VOCABULARY

bar cinema go dancing have a drink  
have dinner listen to music jazz club nightclub  
restaurant theatre watch a play

## ACTIVITY 1

Put the words and expressions from the vocabulary box into pairs – the place and what you do there.

Place	What you do there

## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

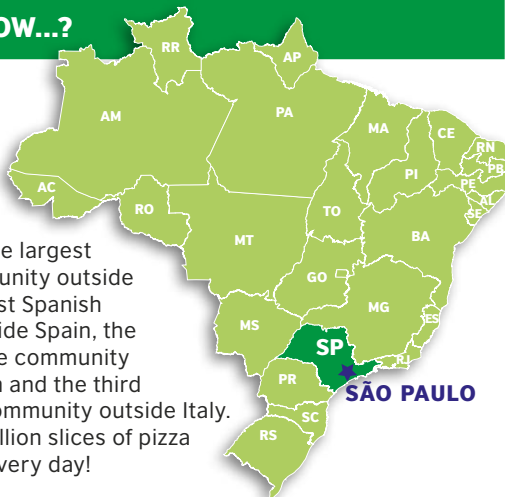
*For a X atmosphere, go to...*  
*I can recommend*  
*If you prefer, we can...*  
*My favourite nightspot is...*  
*There are several...*

## ACTIVITY 2

Think of two interesting places in your town and then say why you recommend them.

Places		
Reasons to recommend		

## DID YOU KNOW...?



São Paulo has the largest Japanese community outside Japan, the largest Spanish community outside Spain, the largest Lebanese community outside Lebanon and the third largest Italian community outside Italy. And over one million slices of pizza are consumed every day!

## SÃO PAULO

Population: 11.32 million. (Source: UNdata)

ANSWERS: Place: bar; cinema; jazz club; nightclub; restaurant; theatre  
What you do there: go dancing; have a drink; have dinner; listen to music; watch a play

# SALVADOR

Carnival is the greatest festival in Brazil. And Carnival in Salvador, Bahia, is particularly special. Huge crowds gather to enjoy the music from *trios elétricos*, special carnival floats with sound systems and bands playing on top of them. Some people wear fancy dress or masks and everybody dances and parties for about a week.



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## Carnival Celebrations

Over two million people take part in the Salvador Carnival celebrations. They include locals and many tourists from abroad or other regions of Brazil.

Carnival starts on Thursday evening and goes on for five days and nights.

Dozens of bands parade along the streets playing on *trios elétricos*.

Each *trio* is followed by *blocos*, groups of people wearing the same carnival shirts known as *abadás*.

People usually pay R\$150 – R\$350 to wear the *abadá* and join the *bloco* as it follows the *trio eléctrico* on its route.

It's traditional for people to dance outside the *blocos*. And this is free!

Some people at Carnival stay in special grandstands (*camarotes*), which are set up for those who prefer to watch and dance in a private area. Seats in these areas are very expensive – R\$1200 to R\$2400 per day!

You can find stalls selling drinks and snacks. It's common to see people drinking and dancing next to them.

Salvador has the most popular carnival in Brazil!

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

dance fancy dress float mask parade  
stalls street party

### ACTIVITY 1

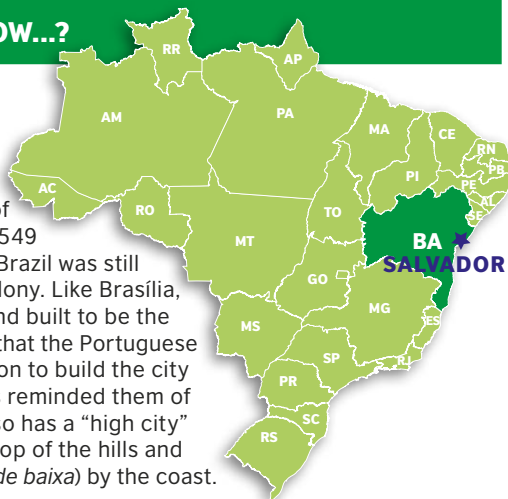
Complete these words using carnival words from the vocabulary box. Remember to use plural forms when necessary.

- People often wear \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ during Carnival.
- It is common to see \_\_\_\_\_ with sound systems and bands.
- Lots of people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the streets.
- You can buy food and drink at the many temporary \_\_\_\_\_.

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

*It takes place in...*  
*It's common to see people...-ing*  
*It's traditional for people to...*  
*People usually...*  
*Some people wear...*  
*The best part of it is...*  
*You can find...*

### DID YOU KNOW...?



Salvador was the first capital of Brazil between 1549 and 1763, when Brazil was still a Portuguese colony. Like Brasília, it was planned and built to be the capital. It is said that the Portuguese chose this location to build the city because the hills reminded them of Lisbon, which also has a "high city" (*cidade alta*) on top of the hills and a "low city" (*cidade baixa*) by the coast.

SALVADOR

Population: 2.68 million. (Source: UNdata)

### ACTIVITY 2

Complete the sentence starters to talk about the most important festival in your area. Use the words and expressions from the boxes.

- The biggest festival in... is...
- It takes place in...
- People usually celebrate it with...
- The best part of it is...

ANSWERS: a) masks / fancy dress b) floats c) floats d) stalls

# RECIFE

Brazil is famous for its music and dancing. There are lots of different types of dance. Recife, the capital of Pernambuco, is the home of *frevo*. Let's find out more.



## The Dance of Recife

### What is *frevo*?

Well, it's a kind of music and it's also a dance.

### Tell me more.

Let's start with the music. It's fast and exciting and played on brass instruments like trumpets, trombones and tuba.

### And how about the dance?

*Frevo* is an acrobatic dance with more than a hundred different steps to learn. Dancers make jumps and very fast leg movements – it's really exciting to watch.

### And what do they wear?

*Frevo* dancers wear very colourful costumes as they dance. And they each carry a small umbrella.

### An umbrella?

Yes, just a small one – but not because it's raining! The dancers throw the colourful umbrella from hand to hand or even up in the air as they dance.

### When can I see it?

You can see and hear *frevo* all year round in Recife. You can even try it for yourself!

### USEFUL VOCABULARY

musical instruments    dance steps  
colourful costumes    traditional music  
local speciality

### ACTIVITY 1

Think about your city or region. Answer the questions with a description.

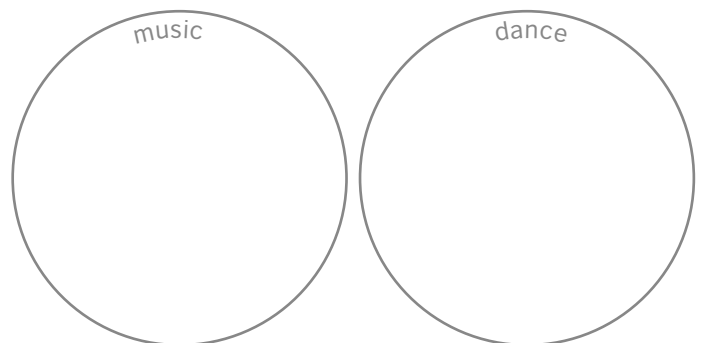
- 1) What is the traditional local dress?
- 2) What is the local music?
- 3) Is there a traditional dance in your region?
- 4) What food is the local speciality?

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

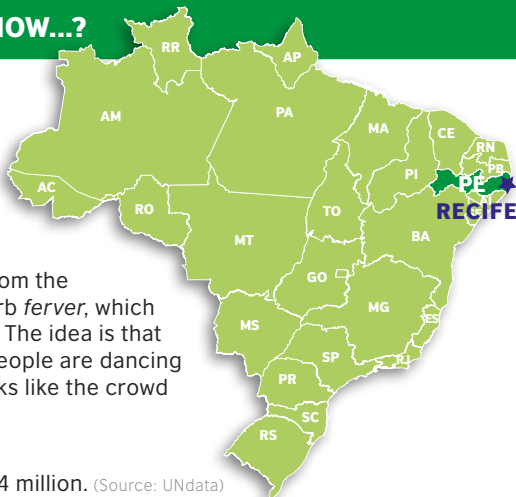
*It's a popular dance in...*  
*People usually dance it...*  
*People move to the sound of...*  
*The beat is very...*

### ACTIVITY 2

What's other typical Brazilian types of music and dance do you know? Complete the circles.



### DID YOU KNOW...?



*Frevo* comes from the Portuguese verb *ferver*, which means 'to boil'. The idea is that when a lot of people are dancing together, it looks like the crowd is boiling!

RECIFE

Population: 1.54 million. (Source: UNdata)