

Travel Guide

Iguazu Falls

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Foz do Iguaçu | Information

Foz do Iguaçu is a major city in the state of Paraná, Brazil. It is a gateway to both Paraguay and Argentina, and home of the famous Iguaçu Falls. Together with the cities of Ciudad del Este (Paraguay) and Puerto Iguazu (Argentina), it forms part of one the largest cultural tourism poles in South America.

Foz do Iguaçu | Map



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» Foz do Iguaçu | *Sight*

Parque Nacional do Iguaçu: You can't miss the shiny entrance to the Parque Nacional do Iguaçu, which houses bathrooms, ATMs, lockers, souvenir shops and vast parking facilities. Once you buy your ticket, you will be directed to board a free double-decker bus.

Macuco Safari: is an unrivalled boat trip that will lead you on an exciting adventure at Iguassu Falls, where you will enjoy all its splendour. The tour starts with electric vehicles which will take you through the exuberant forest of Iguaçu National Park. At the port of shipment everybody will climb on the twin-engined boats until reaching the most expected Canyon Falls. When you get there, see the beautiful landscape, feel the power of the falls that raise a mist forming a beautiful rainbow, you will feel the energy that will make this intense and breathtaking adventure becomes unforgettable.

Panoramic Helicopter Flight: What could be better than seeing Iguassu Falls from the air? On this memorable tour from Foz do Iguaçu, you'll jump in a helicopter and soar high above the falls for unique, bird's eye views of this stunning landscape. This is the ultimate way to see Iguassu Falls – an experienced pilot, a comfortable helicopter and countless unimaginable photo opportunities.

Parque das Aves: This 5-hectare bird park, located 300m from the entrance to Parque Nacional do Iguaçu, is home to 800-plus species of birds, including red ibis, bare-throated bellbird, and flamingos galore. They live in 8m-high aviaries that are constructed right in the forest. Other exhibits are devoted to snakes, butterflies and other species.

Itaipu Dam: While visiting Iguassu Falls National Park, take the chance to explore the Itaipu Dam, the largest operational hydroelectric power plant in the world. Visit this stunning piece of modern architecture and learn about its construction, its environment impact and its importance to the people of Brazil and Paraguay.

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» Foz do Iguacu | *Shopping*

Duty Free Puerto Iguazu: International duty free shopping location near Iguassu Falls, where you can purchase the best brands duty-free, including make-up, cigarettes, alcohol, and more. There's no need to pay the local and national taxes for the things that you want to take home. The 4-hour tour will let you shop 'til you drop, as you purchase a host of items duty-free.

You can buy fragrances, wine, confectionary, travel essentials, sunglasses, watches, accessories, and more! Purchase a number of luxury goods for the best prices, without paying local or national taxes. And, the best part is that duty-free shopping has all of the best brands.

Ciudad del Este: Ciudad del Este is Paraguay's shopping hub, on the border of Brazil and only a few minutes drive from the Brazilian tourist centre of Foz do Iguacu. Ciudad del Este has perceptions galore of being Paraguay's centre of chaos and lawlessness. It also has some of the best shopping in Paraguay, and draws thousands of local Brazilians and tourists alike.

Limit: The limit for purchases made by foreigners in Paraguay is US \$300. Should your purchases exceed this quota, you must pay a 50% tax on the total value. The quota is non-transferable and can only be used once every 30 days.

Puerto Iguazu: The nearby town of Foz do Iguacu is a safe and friendly place that offers several options to tourists during the day and night. This charming town is composed of bars, restaurants, markets, shops and open-air market where you can buy cheese, wine, preserves, alfajores, among others. The city has differentiated business hours, where service is prevalent at night, offering many attractions that blend perfectly with an exciting evening. The center of Puerto Iguazú is only a twenty- minute drive from downtown Foz do Iguacu.

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» Foz do Iguaçu | Restaurants

Rafain Churrascaria Show: This restaurant is a Brazilian steak house (churrascaria). They also include a buffet with salad, pastas and desserts. Although it is mostly frequented by tourists. The Rafain Churrascaria is best known for its evening folklore show. At night, they have several shows to entertain their costumers. *Av. Das Cataratas, Km 6,5*

Famiglia Maran: This bakery and cafeteria has something for everyone. Sandwiches, pastas and filling hot dishes will sate your hunger, as will the irresistible soup buffet. *Rua Almirante Barroso 1968*

El Capitão: This buzzy and friendly staple has a big terrace, well-poured chopp (beer), and a menu of pizza and other food. *Av Jorge Schimmelpfeng s/n*

Muffato: Want to eat where the locals eat? Inside a hideous hypermarket near the bus terminal is a place with little atmosphere but one that serves a very typical, very tasty and cheap Brazilian pay-by-weight buffet. *Juscelino Kubitschek 1565*

Búfalo Branco: The best churrascaria (restaurant featuring barbecued meat) in town is known for its succulent meat and fine service. Arrive hungry to take full advantage of the endless rodízio (smorgasbord) of grilled beef and pork. *Rua Rebouças 530*

Trapiche: The moqueca and other outstanding seafood stews here are big enough to sate at least a couple of big appetites, and the highest priced items include lobster and oysters (that have come a long way from the sea but are delicious nevertheless). *Rua Marechal Deodoro de Fonseca 1087*

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» Foz do Iguaçu | *Hotel Venue*

Bourbon Cataratas Spa Resort & Convention

Location: The 4 Star Hotel Bourbon Cataratas Spa Resort & Convention is located in Foz do Iguaçu close to the main tourist attractions of the triple border, such as the majestic Iguacu Waterfalls. It occupies an area of 165.000 m² surrounded by beautiful nature. The airport of Foz do Iguaçu is situated 20 minutes from the Hotel Bourbon Cataratas Spa Resort & Convention.

Rooms and facilities: Hotel Bourbon Cataratas Spa Resort & Convention 311 rooms and suites are all equipped with minibar, Wi-Fi, cable-TV, private bathroom with bathtub and shower, fridge, hair dryer, safe, air-conditioning and a 24h room service.

Extras: Other amenities of the Hotel Bourbon Cataratas Spa Resort & Convention are congress facilities for up to 1300 people, bars and restaurants, sports and leisure area, beauty center, a chapel, two travel agencies, transfer service and vehicle rental, six convenience shops, jewelry store, free parking, nursery and a babysitter service.



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Language: Brazilian Portuguese is the national language, but the accent and the intonation are quite different of what is heard in Portugal and in other old Portuguese colonies. There are still lots of Brazilians descendants of immigrants which speak German and Italian, especially in the southern cities of the country. The major part of the population understands Spanish, as well. However, English is known to be the most used language in the tourism industry, such as in hotels and airports.

Time Zone: Due to its continental dimension, Brazil has 3 different time zones. São Paulo follows the standard time of Brasília – DF (minus three hours in relation to Greenwich). The state of Paraná, in which Foz do Iguaçu is located, uses Daylight Saving Time. Typically, clocks are adjusted forward one hour near the October and are adjusted backward in February.

Weather: Remember that while Brazil is mostly a tropical country, a part of it is subtropical and this is exactly where Foz do Iguaçu lies. This means that if you visit in winter (mid-year in the Southern Hemisphere), it may be quite cold - much less than in most of Europe or North America, and not all the time, but it is not impossible to get even subfreezing temperatures and frost in Foz do Iguaçu when a cold front from Antarctica hits from late April through early September. Many foreign tourists visiting Brazil make the mistake of visiting Southern Brazil (including Foz do Iguaçu) in winter without taking warm clothes and then clatter their teeth. In other times of the year, it is usually warm in Foz do Iguaçu, and can be very hot on some summer days (November-March).

Electricity: Brazil is one of a few countries that uses both 120 and 240 volts for everyday appliances. We recommend bring a universal adapter.

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Clothing

In order to ensure a relatively safe trip, here are a few things you might want to consider packing for your trip in addition to your basic toiletries and clothes.

Comfortable Shoes - it's probably wise to wear comfortable shoes to walk through Iguazu National Park and other places.

Poncho: Don't waste your time buying a poncho—if you get close enough to a waterfall to get wet, no plastic bag will save you from getting soaked. That being said, make sure whatever clothes you are wearing will not turn to lead weight when they get wet and drag you down.

Hat - given the intense tropical heat and sun, this will at least keep your scalp from getting severely burned. If you're wearing a broad-rimmed hiking hat, it could also help protect your neck, ears, and face.

Sunscreen - again, given the intense sun, it's a good idea to protect other exposed parts of your skin from sunburn.

Insect Repellent - since mosquitoes are present here, this will help prevent them from biting.

Sunglasses - prevents cataracts or other harmful effects of prolonged exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays on your eyes

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Security: As it is common in any big city, it's important to consider the personal security. In order to do so, do not forget or mishandle your belongings and avoid walking on the streets with laptops, cameras, and any other electronic devices when it is possible. If necessary, you can call the emergency numbers below:

190 Military Police / 197 Civil Police / 193 Military Firefighters Corps

Telephony: In order to make an international phone call, dial: 00 + operator code* + country code + area code (for example, 21 for Lisbon) + phone number. If you intend to make an international phone call and want the addressee to pay for it, call 0800-703-2111.

Brazil Code: +55

City Code: 45

Tips: The major part of restaurants and bars includes a non obligatory 10% service fee in the bill. It's common to accept the inclusion of the 10% or even leave a little more if the service is considered satisfactory.

Credit Cards: The main credit cards are accepted in Brazil. The credit card flags Visa, Mastercard, Diners and American Express are accepted in almost every commercial establishment

Currency: R\$ 3,21 = USD 1

R\$ 3,38 = EUR 1

R\$ 3,95 = GBP 1

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Foreigner Visa Info: The Visa is a federal authorization so that a foreigner can enter Brazil. For the major part of the countries, the visa is emitted only abroad. However, for some other countries, the entry and staying of the visitant in the Brazilian territory is authorized during a certain period, defined according to the purpose of the travel.

The visa are granted to the foreigners that come to Brazil because of business travels, diplomatic travels, official travels, tourism, visit to friends and family, participation on sportive and artistic events, besides to be present on seminars and international conferences.

The foreigner visitant must fulfill the Visa Application Form – available in Portuguese, Spanish, French and English – particularly. Even if the tourist brings a minor, this person must fulfill his own Form. In case of coming to Brazil without any parent or responsible, the minor has to present an authorization signed by his parent or responsible.

The Visa Application to enter Brazil can be done in any foreign Brazilian consulate. The payment is required, along with a fee which varies according to the kind of Visa asked for and the time during which the tourist will remain in the country.

Vaccination: Travelers which inhabit or have been in the countries listed as follows in the last three months before coming to Brazil need vaccination against the Yellow Fever. The International Certificate against Yellow Fever must be presented at the moment of the arrival in Brazil. The countries are: Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Ecuador, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, French Guiana, Liberia, Nigeria, Peru, Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Venezuela and Zaire.

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