



BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE COURSES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sun, Samba, Energy, Capoeira, Music, Laughter and the fabulous and lavish Carnaval ... Brazil has all of this and much more.

If you are looking for an injection of life to make you feel alive, Brazil is the place for you!

This tropical paradise is alive with mad passion in every walk of life. Axe (a-chay) means energy in Brazil and nowhere else is the heart-pounding, rhythmic energy more prevalent, be it an impromptu capoeira roda on a street corner, bursting with music, excitement and physical perfection, or the sound of loud raucous laughter between two acquaintances over ice cold beer in local open sided bars.



Would you like to learn Portuguese? Or maybe improve on your existing knowledge of the language? You have just taken your first steps towards broadening your horizons...

Our Portuguese courses take place in both Rio de Janeiro, near the beach, and Foz do Iguaçu close to Brazil's borders with Argentina and Paraguay. You can also combine a Portuguese Course with any other project in either location.

LEARNING PORTUGUESE

Complete immersion in another culture is, without doubt, the fastest and most effective way to learn a new language. You not only learn to speak a language fluently, you also have the opportunity of learning about the culture of the language and living and studying with likeminded people with the same motivations as you. Learning a language may appear difficult at first when trying to learn by yourself or in a segregated classroom at home. However, when you are living, working, socializing and breathing a new language – you learn fast – and the whole process is exciting, memorable and a lot of fun.... especially in Brazil...!!

There are many benefits to learning a foreign language abroad. You can interact with the local people and understand and appreciate the greater subtleties of a culture, such as the local literature, music, art, and folklore.

You'll never regret studying a language abroad. It is an experience that will build your character while helping you to achieve an impressive personal goal and acquire skills that will help you to succeed in life.

ABOUT BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE

Portuguese is similar to Spanish on paper but it sounds completely different to the ear. If you have an understanding of Spanish already you will find it easy to adjust to written Portuguese and you will be able to make yourself understood to local Brazilians, although you will probably not be able to understand them! Once you start to learn Brazilian Portuguese however it will be easy to transfer this knowledge to Portuguese and on to Spanish. These languages are widely spoken around the globe. Mastering this language is time well spent!



The Portuguese spoken in Brazil differs from Portuguese in Portugal in terms of pronunciation and certain vocabulary. When the Portuguese settled in Brazil in the 16th century they encountered a diverse mix of languages of the indigenous Indians as well as various idioms and dialects brought over with the African slaves. The result was quite an extensively transformed spoken Portuguese. Although the new generation will be different, currently not many Brazilians speak English and a basic understanding of Brazilian Portuguese is extremely handy!

The more you can interact with the local people and culture the more rewarding your travelling experience will be. Brazilian Portuguese is a beautiful language with a passionate musicality to its rhythm.

ABOUT THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL AND COURSES IN FOZ DO IGUAÇU

You will be enrolled to study Portuguese (Brazilian) within an established Language School in the town of Foz do Iguaçu, next to the incredible Iguacu Falls. The language centre has an excellent reputation and was established 15 years ago. Not only does it specialise in teaching languages such as English, Spanish, and Portuguese but it also teaches the methodology of teaching languages. The committed and enthusiastic teachers are well experienced in teaching languages and have undertaken specific courses to do so. You will benefit from receiving lots of help both in and out of the lessons from the very friendly and helpful staff. Portuguese classes are normally held within walking distance of your accommodation.

Most of the time your lessons will be during the day on Monday to Friday, but it is possible that occasionally your lesson times will vary slightly. Teaching revolves around an intensive language program that utilizes innovative techniques on a one-teacher to one-student basis. You will receive individual tuition and lessons prepared especially for you.

INTENSIVE COURSES:

This course is aimed at people where the focus is purely on learning Portuguese and in the quickest time possible. It is perfect for those wanting to get an understanding of the language as quickly as possible, before moving onto other projects. It consists of 20 hours of lessons per week, but is not advisable for those of you who want to combine one or more placements.

SEMI-INTENSIVE COURSES:

The semi-intensive course gives a good middle ground and offers the participant both the opportunity to have time in and out of the class room. It consists of 10 hours of lessons per week, providing a good spring board to learning whilst allowing you to remain free to take part in other interests.

SUPPLEMENTAL COURSES:

The supplemental course is perfect for those of you where learning a language isn't your first love but you would still like a few lessons to get you started and give you more confidence in your new surroundings. The supplemental course can be taken with any combination of projects and consists of five hours of lessons per week.

Portuguese lessons are strongly recommended if you are a complete beginner or if you are undergoing a teaching placement and want to improve your Portuguese at the same time.

ABOUT THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL AND COURSES IN RIO DE JANEIRO

You'll be enrolled on a course with a local language school located in the Catete district of central Rio, just a 10 minute walk from your accommodation. The experienced and dedicated teachers at this school are incredibly friendly and will go out of their way to ensure that you have an enjoyable experience learning Portuguese in Brazil!



Studying in Rio will also be a fun cultural experience, as you absorb the Brazilian way of life from your interactions with Carioca's!

Depending on your preferences, you can take a course in a small group (no more than 8 students), or on a one-to-one basis. If you are taking private lessons then you'll have the opportunity for the course to be tailored exactly to your needs. Lessons last one and half hours each and are taught through various methods, including: talking, multimedia (video, CD's, internet), practical activities, excursions and cultural trips!

Portuguese courses are available to all levels, from beginner to advanced, and can be taken for a variety of durations each week, from 5 to 20 hours. We recommend a minimum of 30 hours of tuition (spread across several weeks) for concrete learning to take place. Please speak to us for more details and prices of these courses

GENERAL INFORMATION

Teachers try, where possible, to hold classes predominantly in Portuguese, but most teachers are fluent English speakers and will assist you in English if or when you get stuck. Having the classes in held in Portuguese helps to immerse you in the Brazilian language and encourages you to converse and gain confidence in speaking Portuguese.

If you are doing another placement in Brazil you may want to consider taking some Portuguese Lessons as a supplement - even some basic knowledge will be beneficial to you during your teaching assignment. For combination programmes, we will ensure that your timetable is arranged to give you plenty of time in between your different placements.



CERTIFICATION

At the end of the course, you'll receive a certificate issued by the School, stating that you have attended the course, to which level, and the duration in hours of the course you have completed.

Any student attending a course should ensure to bring with them a good quality, compact dictionary that includes a comprehensive Grammar tables. If you want to buy a phrasebook in preparation for your trip, ensure it is a Brazilian Portuguese phrasebook and not Portuguese.

THE NEXT STEP

If you would like to join us on one of our exciting projects then please fill in either an online application form at our website (www.travellersworldwide.com) or one that is attached to our brochure. Once you have booked and confirmed your place we will send you detailed pack information regarding your placement and country.

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