

Brazil

Information for applicants

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Brazil is the world's fifth largest country, both by area (8.5 million km²) and by population (approximately 207 million people). It still has a relatively young history, which 'officially' began upon its discovery by the Portuguese in 1500. The capital, Brasilia, is situated inland, unlike other major cities such as Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Salvador and Recife. The official language is Portuguese.

Climate and sights

Brazil extends across a wide range of climate zones, from tropical wet in the Amazon and tropical dry in the north east to semi-arid in the country's central Cerrado region and sub-tropical in the south. These climate zones have a major impact on Brazil, giving rise to a wide range of flora and fauna, diverse ways of life and environments, and a wealth of resources. Brasilia has a highland climate. The rainy season lasts from November to April and the dry season, in which very little rain falls, from May to September. Average temperatures range between 26°C and 29°C, but can fall to between 13°C and 16°C on cooler days.

Medical care

The Brazilian health care system is divided into a public and a private sector. In the major cities at least, medical care in the private sector largely conforms to West European standards. In rural regions especially, the public sector frequently has structural deficits in terms of human resources, equipment and, in some

cases, hygiene practices. It is often advisable to transfer to a private hospital if you require longer term treatment.

Accommodation and quality of life

Rents in the residential areas most popular with foreigners are higher than those in Germany. Those looking for a detached house (*casa*) can expect to pay monthly rents of between USD 1,500 and USD 5,000. Renting a three-bedroom apartment (*apartamento*) can cost between USD 1,500 and USD 4,000 per month, depending on location and level of furnishing. Placing advertisements in daily newspapers or using an estate agent can help with finding accommodation. The GIZ office keeps a list of estate agents' addresses. The range of leisure activities on offer is similar to that in Germany and includes cinema, theatre, walking, exercise in the park or at the gym (*academia*), discos, music shows, nightclubs and weekend excursions.

Shops and services

When it comes to shops and services, there are no notable restrictions. The general cost of living in Brazil is comparable with that in Germany. Some items, especially imported foods and delicacies are more expensive, while others, such as meat and local fruit, are cheaper.

Accompanying partners and children

Accompanying partners can work for a Brazilian or international employer in Brazil once they have been granted a work permit and a temporary work visa. These are each obtained separately as part of

two processes that must be completed before travelling to Brazil. Only after a work permit has been obtained can a visa application be submitted.

There is a German school with a kindergarten in Rio de Janeiro and an international school in Brasilia.

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