

Get to know Brazil: Location and Weather

Mark 16:15NIV "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."



Brazil is about the same size as mainland USA:

- There is all kinds of weather in Brazil, depending on where you live, just like in the USA
- Carpina is 7 degrees from the equator, and is very hot!
- The green area is part of the Amazon rainforest
- Between the Amazon and the ocean is a dessert area called "Sertao"
- The "elbow" area where Carpina is located, is the poorest part of Brazil
- Sao Paulo and Rio (in the red states) are the largest cities in Brazil
- Brazil is the only country in South America that doesn't speak Spanish: they speak Portuguese!

Pray For:

- The great poverty that is in Northeast Brazil, and how that especially affects the children
- The government in Brazil is corrupt (transparency.com) and makes it hard for good change to happen
- The 210+ million people that live in Brazil, the 5th largest country in the world, who a majority are mostly Catholic

Questions to talk about:

- What do you know about Brazil?
- What do you think it would be like to live in Brazil?
- What would it be like living near the equator?
- What do you know about the Amazon rainforest?
- Have you seen the movie "Rio"? or another movie about Brazil?
- What would it be like to go a place where everyone else speaks a different language?
- Do you know any Portuguese words?
- What do you want to learn about Brazil?

Something Extra: If you'd like to learn more, check out the Animated History of Brazil on the SUIBHNE YouTube channel!



Get to know Brazil: Food

Romans 14:3 NIV "The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them."



The food in Brazil is colorful and healthy:

- Brazilian food is not Mexican food, but there are similarities. Rice and beans are staples, along with meat and chicken. But Brazilian food is not spicy, and they don't have tacos or burritos
- World Renewal Brazil is in Northeast Brazil, seven degrees from the equator, so it is hot, and there are many tropical fruits that the USA does not have. The Acai bowls are amazing!
- Are you hot or dehydrated? Find a coconut seller to machete cut off the top of a fresh "agua de coco"
- Breakfast in Brazil is typically fresh baguettes, fruit, eggs, cheese, and ham. Lunch typically is the largest meal with rice, beans, meat or chicken with some sides, and dinner is often smaller, with soup, pizza, or sandwiches

Pray For:

- Those in Brazil that don't have enough food to eat
- Missionaries in Brazil missing American food
- Courage to try new foods
- Gratefulness to appreciate the food we have
- Flexibility when you aren't able to have the food you want

Questions to talk about:

- What kind of food do you think Brazil has?
- Do you like to try new foods, or is it difficult for you?
- What do you think is "Typical American food"?
- What do you normally eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner?
- Why do you think Brazilians normally have a larger meal for lunch instead of dinner?
- Do you think you would enjoy Brazilian food?
- What is the weirdest food you've ever tried?
- What would you most want to try if you visited Brazil?

Something Extra: The YouTube channel "Our Brazilian Life" has a video called "Americans try Brazilian Food"



Get to know Brazil: Holidays

Colossians 2:16-17 NIV "Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival...These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ."



Carnaval: before Ash Wednesday which is 40 days before Easter



Tiradentes: April 21 For the national hero Joaquim Jose da Silva Xavier



Corpus Christi: 60 days after Easter, celebrating the Eucharist



Sao Joao: June 24 a harvest festival with lots of corn



Independence Day: September 7, also Republic day: November 15



Children's Day: October 12 to celebrate kids!

Holidays in Brazil are great because Brazilians love to celebrate:

- Brazil celebrates most of the same major holidays that we do, like Christmas, New Years, Easter, Mother's Day
- Brazil also celebrates some familiar holidays- -but on different days: Father's Day, Valentine's Day, Labor day, and Independence Day
- Some holidays that they (mostly) don't celebrate in Brazil that we have in the USA are Halloween, Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, St.Patrick's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and April Fool's Day
- To the left are some holidays they have in Brazil, but we don't celebrate in the USA

Pray For:

- Missionaries in Brazil that are missing their family around the holidays
- The safety of children around Carnival, when there are many dangers around
- The opportunities to share about Jesus around many holidays, especially Christmas and Easter

Questions to talk about:

- What is your favorite holiday, and why?
- What would it be like to celebrate the same holiday but in a different country?
- Why are some holidays the same, but on different days in Brazil?
- Why do you think that Brazil doesn't celebrate some of the holidays we have in the USA?
- Why do you think that Brazil has some holidays that we don't have in the USA?
- Which Brazilian holiday (that they have and the USA doesn't) would you like to celebrate?

Something Extra: The YouTube channel "Five Minutes of Fergie" has a playlist called "Five Minutes of Brazilian Holidays"



Get to know Brazil: Fun

1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."



Soccer: the most popular sport in Brazil



Dancing: music is very important and popular in Brazil



Going to the beach: Brazilians know how to relax!



Churrasco: Brazilian BBQ that can last for hours while the meat cooks



Parties: Brazilians love to celebrate!



Shopping: malls in Brazil are called "Shopping," and they are very popular

There are so many ways to have fun in Brazil:

- Brazilians love to have fun, just like everyone else in the world! There are all kinds of people who like all kinds of things in Brazil, just like in the USA
- Soccer is a really big deal in Brazil: most Brazilians hate Argentina, just because of their soccer team!
- Music is so important in Brazil that Recife (near World Renewal Brazil headquarters) has its own special rhythm called Frevo
- Many Brazilians live on or near the coast, so going to the beach is a big deal, and what most everyone wants to do when they have some time off of work, or else go to the mall: or maybe both!

Pray For:

- Missionaries in Brazil that are learning to do new things
- Opportunities to share about Jesus using the things many Brazilians like to do, like soccer, music, parties, and churrascos
- Creativity for more ways to use popular activities to share about Jesus

Questions to talk about:

- What do you like to do for fun?
- What do you think Americans like to do for fun in general?
- Is it the same or different from what you like to do?
- Do you think Brazilians and Americans are more similar, or more different?
- What makes them different?
- Why do you think different countries have different things that are popular to do?
- What do you like to do that Brazilians like to do as well?
- What don't you like to do that Brazilians like to do?

Something Extra: There are lots of family vlogs about life in Brazil at "Five Minutes of Fergie" and "Our Brazilian Life" YouTube channels