



## ABOUT RIO DE JANEIRO

Rio de Janeiro is a magnificent natural setting between the mountains and the sea. It has nearly 70 km of beaches on the Atlantic Ocean, tropical climate almost all year long and warm people. This is what makes the city the preferred destination of all visitors who come to Brazil. Ipanema Beach, where the Ipanema Plaza Hotel stands, is one of the most famous beaches of the city.

## WEATHER

During December, the average temperature is 32°C.

## CURRENCY

Brazilian currency units are Real (R\$) and Centavos. Currently, the exchange rate is around U\$ 1 = R\$ 2.24. Exchanges may be done at banks or authorized travel agencies, at the airport and also at the hotel.

## VISA and CUSTOMS

Upon arrival and departure, everyone will necessarily go through customs.

Passengers from the USA and Mexico will need a Visa to enter Brazil. For any other passports, please check with your nearest Brazilian diplomatic service.

## SHOPPING

Malls open from 10h to 22h from Monday to Saturday and from 15h to 22h on Sundays. Street shops open from 9h to 19h and close at 14h on Saturdays.

## CREDIT CARDS

Most credit cards are widely accepted in shops and restaurants.

## PHONE SERVICES

Brazil's area code is 55. Rio de Janeiro's is 21.

## ELECTRICITY

The electricity supply is 110V, 60Hz. Where available in 220V, you will find a specific indication.

## CLOTHING

Light and casual clothing is recommended since December is a very hot month.

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