



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Brazil – Florianópolis

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Brasilia
- ✓ **Language:** Portuguese
- ✓ **Population:** ± 478,000
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 424
- ✓ **Currency:** Reais (R\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +55 (48)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 194 (police), 193 (fire), 192 (ambulance)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Rabies / malaria prevention.



History Recap Over 1 Drink

1500: Portuguese arrive. 1822: Portuguese Peter I Emperor of Brazil, independence from Portugal. '88: Slavery abolished. '89: Federal Republic, Brazil coffee export. 1930: Revolt → Vargas head revolutionary government → coup: dictator. '39: Brazil first neutral, but then joins Allies in WWII. '45: military coup, New constitution. '51: Vargas elected president, stiff opposition → '54: suicide. '56: Pres Kubitschek, rapid economic growth. '60: Capital moved to Brasilia. '60: Pres Quadro.. '64: Military coup, state-ownership. Murders & disappearances. '74: Pres Geisel. '82: Halt payment foreign debt (one of world's biggest). '85: Pres Sarney → Cruzado Plan: Freezing prices and wages to halt inflation → high rise when freeze lifted. '88: New constitution reducing presidential powers. '89: Pres Collor de Mello. Foreign debt payments suspended. Pres corruption: new pres: Franco. '94: Pres Cardoso, acknowledges existence of slavery. '96: Police kills 19 Amazon peasants. '98: Cardoso re-elected. 2000: Indian protests (genocide). '02: Pres Lula, currency all-time low. '04: Wave of land invasions: Red April. Applies for UN Seat. First space rocket launched. '05: Death squad massacre in Rio's favelas. '06: Gang attacks in São Paulo. Lula re-elected. '07: Slaves freed in Amazon. '10: Rousseff 1st female pres: social reforms. '14: Rousseff re-elected. '16: Pres Temer (right).

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring									wettest			
Summer	warmest											
Autumn				driest								
Winter							coolest					
Budget												

Altitude: 3m. Climate: Humid subtropical climate (Cfa).

Bucket List For Free

☺ **Free museums & culture:** [CIC](#), Palacio Cruz e Sousa, Catedral, Fortaleza de São Jose, [Museu de Arte](#).

☺ **Nature & hikes:** Costa Lagoa to Canto dos Araçás, Caminho da Gurita (Lagoa do Peri), Trilha do Morro do Rapa (Pontas das Canas / Praia Brava), Galheta, Trilha da Lagoinha do Leste, Caminho do Rei (Cachoeira do Bom Jesus), Trilha Morro das Aranhas, Caminhos dos Naufragados e do Farol, Caminho da Costa da Lagoa to Ratones, Trilha do Poção (Parque Municipal do Maciço), Dunas da Joaquina, Serra do Tabuleiro State Park. →

Worth The Extra \$€¥

👉 **Outdoor sports:** Paragliding, stand-up paddle boarding, kayak, fly-boarding, rafting, abseiling, sandboarding, surfing, scuba diving, ziplining (*the ATV company is expensive & unresponsive*).

☺ **Areas to visit:** Santo Antonio de Lisboa, center, Lagoa de Conceição, Campeche (& island), Santinho.

☺ **Beaches:** Matadeiro, Joaquina, Mole, Naufragados, Santinho, Brava, Daniela, Barra da Lagoa, Forte, Moçambique, Campeche, Solidão, Armação, Galheta, Ingleses, Sambaqui, Pantano do Sul & more.

Budget Bites

⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Hippo, Imperatriz, Speciale, Big, Super Market.

⌘ **Markets:** Mercado Municipal.

⌘ **Local food:** Pão de queijo (cheese bread), acai (superfood), coxinha (chicken), cassava (yucca), paçoca (peanut candy), pamonha (corn dumpling), pastel (deepfried pastry), salgado & kibe & empada (pastry), tapioca, churasco (meat), acarajé (deep-fried prawn snack), rice & beans.

⌘ **Go vegan:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in Brazil and even more in trendy Florianopolis. Every bigger supermarket has vegan products, stores like Mundo Verde have even more choice and cheap soy and veggies you find in Mercado Municipal. Check all vegan-friendly restaurants on [Happy Cow – Floripa](#).

Mama Said

☠ Florianopolis is a pretty safe city, but use your common sense like everywhere. Don't walk anywhere alone after sunset, but also avoid being alone in desolate streets during the day. Don't take valuables along or take expensive cameras or phones out on the street. Don't enter favelas.

☠ Boycott zoos like Tartarugo Marina Museum, where animals are held in captivity.

☠ Tap water is not drinkable. Use filtered or bottled water.

☠ Only use licensed cabs or take an Uber.

☠ Corruption is high in Brazil, especially among cops or government officials. Try to avoid problems with them.

Next?

➔ In Brazil: Curitiba, São Paulo.

➔ International destinations close by: Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay.

Sleep Cheap

❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are not cheap in Brazil. Camping is a good option and wild camping is possible as there's not much control. Find a hostel list [here](#).

❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

Festivals

☼ Carnaval: Feb.

☼ Iron Man: Sports, May.

Nights Best Spent

◆ Nightlife areas: The best nightlife area is Lagoa de Conceição, but in the center you can find some entertainment as well.

◆ Teatro Alvaro de Carvalho, Rua Marechal Guilherme 26.

Free-Riding?

■ Florianopolis is not a tiny island, you can't just walk it. Within every area walks are possible, to go from area to area alternative transport is necessary.

■ Florianopolis has good roads and especially outside the center biking can be great fun.

■ City buses bring you everywhere within the center and to the surrounding villages. They stop only at designated bus stops are at the area terminals. You can use a public transport pass or pay cash. Destinations are displayed up front. Download the very helpful Moovit app to plan out inner-city bus routes. The bus terminal for long-distance buses is located at the Pedro Ivo Campos Bridge (Rita Maria). Buses are expensive in Brazil!

■ Airport: Aeroporto Internacional Hercilio Luz (FLN).

■ Hitch-hiking is relatively safe on the island and south of Florianopolis. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) to get a cheap(er) ride.

Tip: Triposo Brazil app.