



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Brazil - Gramado, Canela & Cambará do Sul

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Brasilia
- ✓ **Language:** Portuguese
- ✓ **Population:** ± 31,700 (G), 40,200 (Can), 6,700 (Cam)
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 237 (G), 254.6 (Can), 1.213 (Cam).
- ✓ **Currency:** Reís (R\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +55 (54)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 197 (police), 192 (ambulance), 193 (fire)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Rabies / malaria pills.



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												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 823m (G). Climate: Oceanic climate (Cfb).

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ **Gramado:** Chocolate & wine tastings (*in stores*), Lago Negro, parks, churches, visit to Nova Petropolis, Rua Coberta, Fonte do Amor Eterno, Mirante do Belvedere, [La Jardin Parque de Lavanda](#)... climbing a television tower illegally ;).
- ☺ **Canela:** Cathedral, chocolate tastings.
- ☺ **Cambara do Sul:** Canion Fortaleza, Canion Itaimbezinho, [Aparados do Serra National Park](#), Cascata de Venancios, Trilha Passo da Ilha, Pedra do Segredo. Hitchhiking is doable.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👉 **Gramado:** \$\$\$ [Mini Mundo](#), [Museu do Automovel](#), [Snowland](#), [Harley Motor Show](#), [Parque Gaucho](#), [A Mina](#), [Dreamland](#), [Mundo de Chocolate](#), [Aldeia do Papai Noel](#), Museu Gramado, [O Reino do Chocolate](#), [Mundo Encantado](#), Museu do Perfume, Parque Tematico Algum Lugar, [Museu Medieval](#), [Museu do Festival de Cinema](#), Museu Naval, [Vinicola Ravanello](#).
- 👉 **Canela:** [Mundo a Vapor](#), [Parque do Caracol](#), [Terra Magica](#). Full list [here](#).
- 👉 **Cambara do Sul:** [Cachoeira de Tio Franca](#). Tours.

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Big supermarkets: Rissul, Nacional, Dia, Ferga, Real.
- ⌘ 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, churrasco (meat), acarajé (deep-fried prawn snack), rice & beans.
- ⌘ Go vegan: Being vegan is ridiculously easy in Brazil. Every bigger supermarket has soy milk (various brands), soy burgers, soy, tofu, vegan cheese and yoghurt etc. Health stores like Mondo Verde have even more choice and cheap soy and veggies you find in weekly markets or at from street vendors. Try the local specialties of pinhão and açaí. Check all vegan-friendly restaurants on [Happy Cow](#).

Mama Said

- ☠ Gramado is rather safe, but it gets a bit dodgier in Canela. Crime rates aren't *that* high, but just keep an eye on your belongings and watch out for pickpockets. Cambara is small and safe.
- ☠ Boycott zoos like Gramado Zoo, where animals are held in captivity.
- ☠ Tap water is generally 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: Porto Alegre, Florianopolis, Curitiba.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are not cheap in Brazil. Camping is possible in summer (this region is rather cold in the winter).
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

Festivals

- ⚙ [Festival de Gramado](#) (cine): Aug.
- ⚙ [Bonecos Canela](#) (theatre): Oct.
- ⚙ Christmas celebrations: Dec.

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ **Gramado:** [Espectaculo Korvatunturi](#), [Bellepoque Show](#), Cine-Teatro Elizabeth Rosenfeld, wine- and beer bars.
- ◆ **Canela:** Positive Music Bar, Replay Recordstore Pub.

Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centers of Gramado, Canela and Cambara is walkable. These are tiny towns.
- The environment is very suitable for biking. Beware: drivers are not used to cyclists, take extra care.
- City buses bring you everywhere within the centers and to the surrounding villages. 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. Buses are expensive in Brazil!
- Airport Porto Alegre: Aeroporto Internacional Salgado Filho (POA).
- Hitch-hiking is possible, but it is not very safe when coming from Porto Alegre. The city is surrounded by slums which are certainly not recommended to enter or get near to as a foreigner. Instead, use apps like [Blablacar](#) to get a cheap(er) ride.

Tip: Download the Triposo Brazil app for offline maps, landmark descriptions & more, or load Google Maps when you have Wi-Fi and leave it open, you will still be able to use it offline.

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