



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Brazil - Ouro Preto

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Brasilia
- ✓ **Language:** Portuguese
- ✓ **Population:** ± 70,300
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 1245
- ✓ **Currency:** Reals (R\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +55 (31)
- ✓ **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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	warmest											wettest
Autumn												
Winter							coolest					
Budget												

Altitude: 1139m. Climate: Humid subtropical climate (Cwb).

### Bucket List For Free

- ☺ **Free museums & culture:** [Casa dos Contos](#), Museu de Arte Sacra, [Centro de Artes e Convencoes](#), Museu da Pharmacia.
- ☺ **Nature:** Andorinhas & Dos Namorados waterfall, Mirante Morro San Sebastião, Morro da Forca.
- ☺ **Sights:** Basilica Nossa Senhora do Pilar, São Francisco de Assis, Praça Tiradentes, Igreja Nossa Senhora do Carmo, Santa Efigenia dos Pretos, Igreja Mercês.
- ☺ **Day trips:** Lavras Novas (Mirante da Pedra), Mariana.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 **Outdoor sports:** Hiking, river rating, tubing, ATV, kayaking, canyoning, rapelling, SUP.
- 👍 **Museums:** [Museu da Inconfidencia](#), [Museu de Ciencia e Tecnica](#), [Museu do Oratorio](#), [Museu Aleijadinho](#), Guignard House Museum.
- 👍 **Other:** Visit one of the many mines, Itacolomi State Park.

## Budget Bites

⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Cooperouro, Supermercado do Lino, SJ, Itacolomy. Many small supermarkets and vegetable shops sell cheap vegetables.

⌘ **Markets:** Mercado Ouro Preto.

⌘ **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, but choices are rather limited in Ouro Preto. Be sure to try the local specialties of pinhão and açaí. Check all vegan-friendly restaurants on [Happy Cow – Ouro Preto](#).

## Mama Said

☠ Ouro Preto is a rather safe city, but it's still Brazil. Don't walk anywhere alone after sunset, but also avoid being alone in desolate streets during the day. Use common sense. Don't take valuables along or take expensive cameras or phones out on the street. Don't enter favelas.

☠ 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: Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Paraty, Trindade, São Paulo, Itatiaia.

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

## Sleep Cheap

❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are not cheap in Brazil. Camping is not recommended here for safety reasons. Find a hostel list [here](#).

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

## Festivals

☼ Carnaval: Feb.

☼ CineOP: Film, June.

☼ Festival de Inverno: Culture, July.

## Nights Best Spent

◆ Teatro Municipal, Rua Brigadeiro Musqueira.

◆ [Centro de Artes e Convencoes](#), Diogo de Vasconcelos.

There's not a big clubbing scene in Ouro Preto, but several bars in the center serve drinks until late.

## Free-Riding?

■ Ouro Preto is pretty big, but has a rather compact center. To get around you can walk, but because of the very steep streets an acceptable physical condition is required.

■ Biking is an option, but the steep cobblestoned streets don't make it an easy task.

■ City buses bring you everywhere within the center and to some of 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. The bus terminal for long-distance buses is located at R. Padre Rolim 661 (Rodoviaria). Buses are expensive in Brazil!

■ There is a rather scenic train ride that goes to Mariana in the weekends.

■ Airport: Aeroporto Internacional do Rio de Janeiro Galeão (GIG) & Aeroporto Internacional de Belo Horizonte (CNF).

■ Hitch-hiking is not very safe in Brazil, but Ouro Preto and the province of Minas Gerais in general are alright. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) to get a cheap(er) ride.

Tip: Triposo Brazil app.

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