



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Brazil – Porto Alegre

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Brasilia
- ✓ **Language:** Portuguese
- ✓ **Population:** ± 1,477,00
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 496.8
- ✓ **Currency:** Reís (R\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +55 (55)
- ✓ **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 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												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter						cold-	est					
Budget												

Altitude: 19m. Climate: Humid subtropical climate (Cfa).

Bucket List For Free

☺ Free museums: [Casa de Cultura Mario Quintana](#), [Usina do Gasômetro](#), [Museu do Arte Rio Grande do Sul](#), DMAE Art Gallery, [Galeria Hipotetica](#), Centro de Cultura Lupicina Rodrigues, [Museu dos Direitos Humanos](#), [Mercosul](#), Art Gallery Barao de Santo Angelo (UFRGS), Museu Banrisul, Ruben Berta Art Gallery, [PUCRS](#) (Science & Technology Museum), [Museu Iberê Camargo](#), [Planetario Jose Baptista Pereira](#), [Museu de Arte Contemporanea do Rio Grande do Sul](#), [Museu Julio de Castillos](#), Porto Alegre Museu Solar Lopo Goncalves, Museu Jose Felizardo, Military Museum.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 Museums: [Instituto Ling](#).

Full list of activities can be found [here](#).

☺ Natural: Guiciba Lake, Cais Mauá.

☺ Watch free movies at [Santander Cultural](#).

☺ Sights: Cathedral, Palacio Piratini, Parque Moinhos de Vento, Mercado Publico, Itapua lighthouse, Parque Farroupilha, Escadaria 24 de Maio & many churches.

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Big supermarkets: Zaffari, Asun, Dia, Rissul, Gecepel, Pezzi, Carrefour, Unisuper, Real.
- ⌘ Markets: Mercado Publico.
- ⌘ 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. 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 Mercado Publico. Try the local specialties of pinhão and açaí. Check all vegan-friendly restaurants on [Happy Cow](#).

Mama Said

- ☠ Porto Alegre is not a safe city. 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. Parque Natural Morro do Osso and Morro de Santa Teresa are particularly dangerous.
- ☠ Boycott zoos like Fundação Zoobotânica, 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: Gramado, Canela, Cambará do Sul, Florianopolis, Curitiba.
- ➔ International destinations close by: Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are not cheap in Brazil. Camping is not recommended in Porto Alegre for safety reasons. Find a hostel list [here](#).
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

Festivals

- ☼ [PoaJazz Festival](#): Jan.
- ☼ Fest Foto: May.
- ☼ [Porto Alegre em Cena](#): Sept.

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ Nightlife area: Cidade Baixa.
- ◆ Theatro São Pedro, Praça Mal. Deodoro.
- ◆ Auditorio Araujo Vianna, Avenida Osvaldo Aranha 685.

Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centre of Porto Alegre is more or less walkable. To get from or to suburbs alternative transport is necessary.
- Due to heavy traffic and drivers not being used to cyclists it's not recommendable to rent a bicycle, but it's not impossible.
- City buses bring you everywhere within the centre 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. The bus terminal for long-distance buses is located at Largo Vespasiano Julio Veppo 70 (Estação Rodoviária Central). Buses are expensive in Brazil!
- Airport: Aeroporto Internacional Salgado Filho (POA).
- There is a metro service to some cities north of the centre.
- Hitch-hiking is possible, but not very safe in 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: Triposo Brazil app.

