



BRAZIL



The name **Brazil** comes from a tree named **brazilwood**



Name: Federative Republic of Brazil
States: 26
Language: Portuguese
Population: 213 million (2021)
Capital: Brasilia: with 4.2 million inhabitants is the Country's fourth largest city.
Largest city: São Paulo with about 22 million inhabitants
Currency: Brazilian Real (BRL or R\$). US\$1 = approx R\$4
National day: September 7th

The most famous landmark of Brazil is located in Rio de Janeiro. **The Christ the Redeemer statue** overlooks the city and Sugarloaf mountain. The statue stretches almost 125 feet high and weighs 635 tons.



Regarding the size of **Brazil**, all the countries of the European Union could fit twice into the country! Brazil is **slightly smaller than the USA.**

The climate in Brazil is mostly **tropical** with a temperate climate in the Southern parts of the country.

History: The country was inhabited mainly by semi-nomadic tribes before the arrival of the Portuguese **Pedro Alves de Cabral** the colonialists. The land was claimed by Portuguese and Portuguese settlers founded the colony in 1532. By the 17th century sugar cane was the main export product and the slave trade brought many African slaves to the country. The Brazilian gold rush attracted many fortune seekers to the country. In **1822**, Brazil **declared independence** from Portugal, although independence was officially recognized by the Portuguese only three years later! Brazil was ruled by various Brazilian emperors until in 1889 it was finally declared a republic. Brazil's president is Jair Bolsonaro since January 2019.



The Brazilian cities are known for the extensive **favelas**. These are the neighborhoods or shanty towns, where mainly poor people live.



Football (soccer) is the most popular sport in Brazil with the national team consistently among the best in the world, winning **the World Cup a record 5 times.**

Rio de Janeiro: **Copacabana** and **Ipanema** are great for beach holidays



The people in Brazil love being outdoors, the main sports are soccer, volleyball and water sports.

Brazil is known for its cheerful and vibrant atmosphere during **Carnival** time starting on the Friday before Ash Wednesday. Carnival do Brazil is celebrated in many cities such as in Sao Paolo, Salvador or Rio de Janeiro.



Brazil is the country with the **fifth** largest population in the world, after China, India, the USA and Indonesia.

In Brazil, **carnival** is celebrated with the parades of the various samba schools. The communities are usually widely involved as drumming, dancing and marching are practiced all year round for this special annual event.



Brazil is the only country on the planet where the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn run through the country.

The **Pantanal** is the world's largest tropical wetland and covers most of the country's western parts.

Brazil shares the Iguazu Falls, **the largest waterfall** system in the world with Argentina.

There are over 270 waterfalls in this waterfall system.



The Amazon rain forest is the **largest rainforest** in the world. About 60% of the world's rainforests are located in Brazil.



The **Amazon river** is the world's second longest river. It is about 6,400 km / **4,000 miles** long. The river flows through Peru, Colombia and enters the Atlantic Ocean in Brazil.



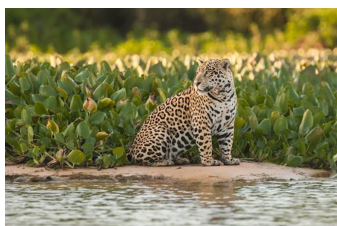
Pantanal National park is also called the '**Brazilian Garden of Eden**'

Among the Brazilian people are more than **800,000 indigenous people**, some of them Amerindians.



The Amazon is home to many fish species, also the piranha. The national bird is the **macaw**. The colorful **toucans** with their big horned beaks also can be seen in Brazil.

Brazil's national animal is the **Jaguar**.



Brazil is home to many other fascinating mammals too, such as **armadillos**, **tapirs** and **pumas**.



Brazil has more animal and plant species than any other country in the world.

Speaking of the Amazon, there are **over 100 tribes** within the jungle that have never had contact with outside civilization!





The main **agricultural** products of Brazil include coffee, soybeans, wheat, corn and sugar cane. Brazil is the world's largest exporter of **coffee, soybean and beef**. Brazil has been the largest producer of coffee for the last 150 years.



Brazilians love their fresh fruits and vegetables such as okra, coconuts corn and beans. Many traditional dishes contain beans, rice or manioc flour.

Typical Brazilian food and drinks:
Pão de Queijo: delicious cheese bread
Guarana: drink made with small red berries
Feijoada: a bean stew made with pork and rice.
Coxinha de Galinha: Brazilian breaded and deep fried snack filled with shredded chicken. Usually served with a chili dip, see below:



Brazilians love all things sweet and eat a candy or two with every meal. Most Brazilian sweets make innovative use of nuts, condensed milk and local fruits (acai, papaya, passion fruit and guava)., The most popular traditional Brazilian desserts :



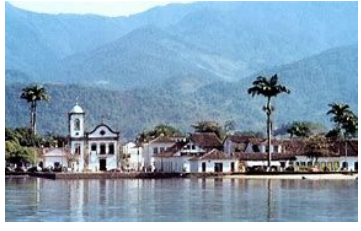
Brigadeiro, Quindim, Beijinho de coco, Acai



Who are some famous people from Brazil?
The most of famous people are football players, models and writer, for example: Pele, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Neymar, Gisele Bundchen, Paulo Coelho.



Capivara National Park is known for ancient rock paintings.



Did you know :
There are around **2500** airports in Brazil.

