

GENERAL INFORMATIONS ABOUT BRAZIL FOR LASER PHYSICS – 2010 PARTICIPANTS

Brazil thanks you for visiting our country during Laser Physics – 2010. This is a wonderful country to get to know. To make your stay more enjoyable and more beneficial, and to avoid problems of any kind, we are providing you with this guide.

Read it carefully. And always keep it with you. Here you will find many useful tips about day to day life in Brazil, as well as about legal, practical and safety matters. With this information close at hand, you will have more time to make the most of Brazil.

GENERAL INFORMATIONS

Electric power - In most Brazilian cities the voltage is 110 or 220 v, 60 cycles, except Salvador and Manaus, which are 127 v. Many hotels have sockets of both 110 and 220 volts.

Business Hours - Most stores are open from 9.00 to 18.30/ 19.00 on weekdays, and from 9.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays. However, many shopping centers stay open until 22.00. The banks are open from 11.00 to 16.00. The larger banks offer a 24 hour ATM service.

Car Rental - Rented cars, with or without a driver, are available at all the main airports.

Hotel Accommodation - Brazil has an excellent range of hotels, from the largest international chains to guest-houses and chalets that guarantee the safety and comfort of the guests. Wherever you would like to stay, it is advisable to consult your travel agent for reservations.

Taxis - There is a large number of taxis in most cities. Common taxis, with a meter, can be hailed in the street. Make sure that the driver turns on the meter before the ride starts. Radio taxis can be called by telephone, and offer air-conditioning and greater security.

Tipping - Most restaurants and bars include a 10% service charge on the bill. It is usual to leave slightly more if the service is good. When it is not included on the bill, the general rule is a tip of 10 to 15%. Taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped.

Currency - The Brazilian unit of currency is the Real (R\$). In the beginning of June the rate was about US\$1,00 ≈ R\$1,80. Dollars and travelers

checks can be easily exchanged at hotel receptions, banks or travel agencies. Most hotel stores and restaurants accept international credit cards.

Transport - Buses are the most popular means of transport for trips between one state and another. For air travel, the main Brazilian airlines are Tam, Azul and Gol, which provide the majority of domestic flights. There are also regional airlines with high standards of comfort and security, such as Abaeté, Nordeste, Rio Sul, Ocean Air, Pantanal, Passaredo, Total and BRA.

Communications - Any part of the world can be reached in real time by telephone, fax or e-mail. There will be internet connection at the conference site. Cyber coffees are also very common in most cities. Hotel Carimã offers a Wireless internet service at very good price (R\$20,00 or US\$11,00 for the whole week).

Language - Portuguese is the national language, although the Portuguese spoken in Brazil differs in both accent and intonation from the language spoken in Portugal.

Climate - The climate varies according to both latitude and altitude. The seasons are exactly the opposite those in North America and Europe (except in the north of the country). The annual average temperature is approximately 28°C in the north and 20°C in the south. During Laser Physics the average temperature in Iguazu will be 15 to 22°C

YOUR SECURITY STARS AT THE AIRPORT

Make sure you take care of your belongings and use only officially recognized porter services. Similarly, use only transport services recognized by the airport, including taxis, buses and vans. Do not hesitate to obtain information at the INFRAERO counters, the institution responsible for the administration of the main airports in Brazil.

The Brazilian Federal Police provides us with some useful information in order to avoid misunderstandings with regard to our laws and customs. In addition, they offer some tips to make your stay and your excursions as safe as possible. Brazil, like any other country in the world, has a higher crime rate in the big cities

than in the smaller towns. The local Police are responsible for keeping the cities safer, but by following the advice given, you will avoid placing yourself in situations of higher risk.

Always keep with you the original or a copy of your travel documents and the entry /exit card issued by the Federal Police, as these are proof of your legal status in Brazil.

Make note on your travel documents of the name, address and phone numbers of a person to contact in case of emergency.

Always try to stay in a group and in places with public access, avoiding excursions outside the usual hours of traffic, and always keep with you the name, address and phone number of the hotel or residence where you are staying.

Never show openly that you have money, checks, credit cards 'or valuable jewelry in your possession, and it is preferable to use national currency, if possible of low denomination.

Avoid demonstrating openly that you cannot express yourself in Portuguese, and do not accept invitations from strangers to visit unknown places.

Do not frequent suspicious places or those incompatible with your status as a visitor, giving preference to group excursions or those with routes previously arranged by your travel agent or someone known to you.

Particularly in the busier airports, only use the services of porters whose credentials are recognized by the local administration. The same applies to transport services (taxis, buses, car rentals, etc) recognized by the airport.

In the event to theft or loss of documents during your stay, you are legally obliged to report the incident at the nearest Police station, or in an emergency, by calling the Police toll-free on 190.

In the event of illness, the hotel reception will help you to call for medical or dental assistance.

In case you expend sometime in Rio, there is a Police Station with special services for visitors: Phone: (21) 3399-7170

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