



PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Visa Information

Delegates from some countries may require a visa to enter Brazil. Please check that you meet all visa requirements to enter Brazil and remember to apply for your visa.

Check here if you need a visa to enter Brazil

<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/consulado-atlanta/english/visas/visa-requirements-by-country>

BUT also, check your own Government advice to be sure

Should you need a **Letter of Invitation** for visa purposes please email Mackrell HQ

mackrell.hq@mackrell.net

The Hotel

Renaissance São Paulo

Address: Alameda Santos, nº 2.233, Jardins, São Paulo/SP, Brazil, CEP 01419-002 (ZIP code)

Phone: (+55) 11 3069 2233

Web: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/saobr-renaissance-sao-paulo-hotel/overview/>

The agreed prices with the hotel incl. discount: **USD 215 plus local tax** per night for a single room and **USD 245 plus local tax** per night for a double room, incl. breakfast.

Book your accommodation by using the hotel online link on the Online Registration System.

Rates are valid for bookings made no later than 8th October if rooms are available.

Transport from São Paulo International Airport (GRU) to Renaissance São Paulo Hotel

Taxis:

Taxis are located right in front of the exit of the Arrivals at GRU Airport, Terminal 3. Licensed taxis are White/Black/Silver and have a red license plate.

The fare from the GRU Airport to the Renaissance São Paulo Hotel is normally around RS 100.00 (USD 20.00) without traffic jam – depending on the time of arrival and traffic jam, the fare cost can double. Payment by card is possible in most taxis. **Travellers are advised to avoid unlicensed taxis.**

Uber:

There is an Uber signaled pick up point also located right in front of the exit of the Arrivals at GRU Airport, Terminal 3, in the middle lane platform.

Metro:

Most travellers will be arriving in São Paulo at Terminal 3 of GRU Airport.

There are very few public transportation options, but they are not recommended given the long journey and connections needed – nevertheless, if any of the delegates/APs prefer the public transportation option, please send an e-mail to yvani.chung@velloza.com.br and we can indicate the most suitable routes.

Currency and Exchange

The currency in Brazil is Brazilian Real (BRL): 1 USD = BRL 5.62 (at this time).
All major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, shops, taxis and restaurants.
There is an ATM at the airport and in the hotel (underground floor).

Climate

In the spring, which in Sao Paulo lasts from September to November, both temperatures and rainfall rise again. The weather is warm with temperatures averaging **between 14 °C and 26 °C (57 °F to 79 °F)** during the day.

Check the weather forecast before you pack at <https://www.yr.no/en/forecast/daily-table/2-3448439/Brazil/S%C3%A3o%20Paulo/S%C3%A3o%20Paulo>

Dress Code

Friday Afternoon Activity for all: Casual and comfortable shoes for walking and raincoat, just in case.

Friday Evening Reception and Dinner at Renaissance: Business Casual

Saturday Business Meeting: Casual

Saturday Accompanying Persons: Casual and comfortable shoes for walking and raincoat, just in case.

Saturday Dinner Gala: Smart Casual or Cocktail Attire. The Saturday evening dinner gala is in an indoors venue hired only for our event, and we will be transferred between hotel and dinner gala venue with hired buses – no long walking required.

Time Zone

The time zone is Brasilia Time (BRT) which is UTC -3h.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/brazil/sao-paulo>

Sales Tax

Taxes are included in the prices quoted in shops.

Tipping and Service Charge

The service charge is optional in Brazilian bars, cafes and restaurants that do have serving staff, but it is generally expected to be paid and it is approx. 10%-13% of the bill – it is always disclaimed in the bill.

Tipping is also optional, but generally less expected than the service charge – tipping is most common when the service went nicely.

Tipping in shops, pharmacies, bookstores is not expected.

Electric Current

In Brazil the power plug sockets are of type N. The standard voltage is 220V and the frequency is 60 Hz <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/brazil/>

Essential Contacts:

Police: 190

Ambulance: 192

Fire Service: 193

More information: <https://www.travel-brazil-selection.com/informations/essential-information/police-and-emergency-services-in-brazil/>

Places to Visit in and Around São Paulo if you are coming early or staying longer

Mercado Municipal de São Paulo – Address: *Rua da Cantareira, nº 306, Centro Histórico de São Paulo* – Hours: *Monday to Saturday, 6AM-6PM*

This public market of São Paulo is a wholesale and retail post specialized in fruits, vegetables, meats and other food products and it is considered as a worthy tourist spot, given the outstanding variety of different products and the possibility of trying many Brazilian staple dishes.

Oscar Freire Street – *Rua Oscar Freire, nº 1-1.000, Jardins*

Oscar Freire Street is a tree-lined street and has been elected as the 9th most luxurious street in the world and the second in the Americas, behind 5th Avenue in New York. The blocks and surrounding streets are great for strolling, shopping and eating, comprising luxurious brands, sophisticated food, iconic Brazilian brands and art. Celebrities are often spotted in the area.

MIS (Museu da Imagem e Som) – *Avenida Europa, nº 158, Jardim Europa* – Hours: *Tuesday to Sunday, 10AM-7PM*

The São Paulo Museum of Image and Sound is a public museum of audio-visual works, established in 1970, with the purpose of endowing the country with institutions devoted to studying and documenting works of the new media that had been ignored by traditional museums.

Parque Villa Lobos – *Avenida Professor Fonseca Rodrigues, nº 2.001, Alto de Pinheiros* – Hours: *Everyday, 5:30AM-7PM*

Villa-Lobos State Park was named after Heitor Villa-Lobos, one of the best-known South America composers of all time. The park, besides its beautiful scenery, houses Roda Rico, formerly known as Roda São Paulo, an observation wheel located right next to the park itself.

Casa Museu Ema Klabin – *Rua Portugal, nº 43, Jardim Europa* – Hours: *Wednesday to Sunday, 11AM-5PM*

Named after her, the Ema Gordon Klabin Cultural Foundation was created by the Brazilian collector and philanthropist in 1978, headquartered in her former house, surrounded by an astonishing 4,000 square meter garden projected by acclaimed landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx.