



# VISITING BRAZIL



## 1

### Warm up

Look at the questions about Brazil and select the correct answer.

- What is the capital city of Brazil?
  - Brasília
  - Rio de Janeiro
  - São Paulo
- What currency is used in Brazil?
  - Real
  - Dollar
  - Peso
- How many distinct beaches are there in Brazil?
  - 195
  - 1095
  - 2095
- What religion are 65% of Brazilians?
  - Catholic
  - Buddhist
  - Hindu
- What language do the majority of people speak in Brazil?
  - Spanish
  - Portuguese
  - Brazilian
- How many stars does the Brazil flag have on it?
  - 47
  - 37
  - 27



## 2 Visual guide

Look at the list below and tell your partner if you have heard of any of these things. Watch the video and put the items in the order that you see them.

- 1 Caipirinha
- 2 Banana boats
- 3 Lopes Mendes
- 4 Ilha Grande
- 5 Ipanema
- 6 Beach volleyball
- 7 Museu do Amanhã
- 8 Copacabana Beach
- 9 Brazilian barbecue

Answer the following questions.

1. Do you know anything else about Brazil? Tell your partner.
2. Are there any similarities between Brazil and where you come from?
3. Would you like to travel to or live in Brazil in the future?

## 3 Vocabulary 1

You are going to watch the video of Brazil again but this time with sound. Before watching, match the words taken from the video to their correct definitions.

**drawn**

**bucket list**

**detour**

**stunning**

**uninhabited**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (n): a list of things that you would like to do before you pass away
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): no people living there
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.): very attractive or impressive
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (n): a longer route to visit a place or avoid a problem
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (v): attracted or pulled towards something



### 4 Listening for details

Watch the video and answer these questions.

Video



1. Was the speaker's trip to Brazil as good as they expected?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How did they get to Lopes Mendes beach?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. What kind of places can you find along Ipanema beach?

\_\_\_\_\_

Audio



4. How many visitors go to Copacabana beach each year?

\_\_\_\_\_



### 5 Focus on language 1

Look at the expressions from the video and using their context, guess the meaning of each one. Then, to help you remember the language, have a chat with your partner. Use the phrases below to talk about your life.

- "... and a trip to **the home of** Copacabana."
- "... tourists are drawn here each year to have **the time of their life**"

Answer the following questions in pairs.

1. Would you rather visit **the home of** whisky or **the home of** wine?
2. When was the last time you felt like you were having **the time of your life**?



## 6 Vocabulary 2

Part A: Match the following vocabulary to the definitions.

### Group 1

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|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. head <u>o</u> ver (phr. v) | a. connected to a country that controls another country   |
| 2. <u>t</u> owering (adj.)    | b. extremely tall and therefore very impressive           |
| 3. <u>c</u> ontribute (v)     | c. provide something that then helps to achieve something |
| 4. <u>c</u> olonial (adj.)    | d. started something like an organisation or institution  |
| 5. <u>f</u> ounded (v)        | e. go to a destination                                    |



### Group 2

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|--------------------------|--|
| 1. stroll (v)            | a. walk somewhere slowly and in a relaxed way    |
| 2. <u>s</u> tretches (v) | b. cool and unusual in a positive sense          |
| 3. <u>d</u> elights (v)  | c. studies or looks at a subject in great detail |
| 4. <u>f</u> unky (adj.)  | d. things that give you great pleasure           |
| 5. <u>e</u> xamines (v)  | e. spreads over an area of land                  |

**Part B: Now fill in the gaps with the correct word from Part A.**

1. The bar had a really \_\_\_\_\_ interior and was unlike any bar I had been to before.
2. They estimated that the new park would \_\_\_\_\_ over a huge area in the city centre.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ mountains of Switzerland are so amazing to see in real life.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ architecture was a common feature of the old town.
5. I watched a documentary that \_\_\_\_\_ the effect of alcohol on the body.
6. There were so many tasty \_\_\_\_\_ in the box of chocolates I got for my birthday.
7. I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ to the post office because I have a letter that I need to send.
8. I love going for an early morning \_\_\_\_\_, I like to hear the sound of the birds at that time of day.
9. The University of Cambridge was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1209.
10. I always want to \_\_\_\_\_ more ideas in meetings, but I often stay quiet.

**7****Skimming for general understanding**

You are going to read about a trip around Brazil. Match the following titles (1-7) to the article paragraphs on page six.

1. Soothing sounds
2. A historic nature trip
3. The statue and the art
4. Let's party
5. The people of football
6. Let your car be your guide
7. A boat ride to peace





## A Brazilian road trip

### A four wheeled tour around Rio and the rest

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil is massive, easily the biggest country in South America and a country that lived under Portuguese rule for over 300 years. Due to its sheer size, it seems to make sense to travel by car, unfortunately the roads are not always up to scratch. However, travelling around the land of samba by car allows you to see parts of it that a usual package tour would never take you. The journey from Rio de Janeiro, the capital city until 1960, to São Paulo offers you a manageable trip in which to sample some of the country's lesser-known delights.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Protecting the people of Rio for over 90 years, Christ the Redeemer is one of the most iconic sights in the world, and a must- see for people visiting the city since its completion in 1931. Head over to Tijuca Forest National Park and there you will find the imposing statue towering above you at a height of around 700 metres. Also make sure you make time to take a walk up the brightly coloured Selarón Steps. Created by artist Jorge Selarón, the vivid stairs include tiles that were gifted to him by tourists who had visited from all over the world and wanted to contribute to this little corner of sunshine.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Jump in your car and head west towards São Paulo and on your way, make sure to make a stop at a little town called Paraty. Paraty is gorgeous and it has its fair share of amazing natural attractions. It is the home to a number of national parks and spotless little islands for which you can get an island-hopping tour for less than \$10. Paraty also possesses wonderful examples of colonial architecture in the historic town centre. Get lost in the countless winding alleyways and make sure to check out Santa Rita, a charming church founded by freed slaves in 1722.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Campos Do Jordão is about three hours' drive from Paraty and houses the quite unique, Ducha de Prata, a perfect place for those of us who love the relaxing sounds of running water. Several waterfalls are situated in the area, and they create a chilled-out atmosphere which is perfect for relaxing. Take a stroll through the blossoming flowers and save your cash for the cute, independent shops and cafes in the area.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ São Sebastião is great for beach lovers as the area stretches out to over 100km of coastline. The beaches on the mainland certainly have their own charm but a 15 minute ferry ride to the island of Ilhabela will present you with a world of delights. Dozens of peaceful beaches and hundreds of waterfalls are just some of the gifts that you can enjoy while you are there.
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ São Paulo will act as the final destination of your road trip, and what a destination it is. Founded by Jesuit missionaries in 1554, the mission slowly grew into a town and in 1711, it was officially recognised as a city. Modern São Paulo is packed with funky cinemas, countless top-grade restaurants, and more bars than you could ever visit, the cutely named, Sampa is the perfect place for a party. However, if you fancy a bit of culture before the sun goes down then São Paulo won't disappoint.
- G. \_\_\_\_\_ Take your arty side to Pinacoteca do Estado, the oldest art museum in the city which is home to around 10,000 pieces of Brazilian art from the last 200 years, and for the history lover inside you then check out Museu do Futebol. Despite its name, is not just for sports fans, the museum examines Brazil and its people and provides you with the perfect end to a wonderful trip.

*sources: lonelyplanet.com, destinationlesstravel.com, laidbacktrip.com*



## 8

**Reading comprehension**

Read the questions below and choose the right answer. Give reasons for your answer.

1. How long was Brazil colonised by Portugal?
  - a. more than 200 years
  - b. more than 300 years
  - c. less than 300 years
2. Which iconic site can you see in Rio de Janeiro?
  - a. Machu Picchu
  - b. El Morro
  - c. Christ the Redeemer
3. Where did Jorge Selarón get some of the tiles for his artwork?
  - a. from the police
  - b. from locals
  - c. from tourists
4. What can you get for around \$10 in Paraty?
  - a. Beach tour
  - b. Island tour
  - c. Forest tour
5. Who set up the Santa Rita church in Paraty?
  - a. colonial soldiers
  - b. freed slaves
  - c. Argentinian travellers
6. Where should you spend your money in Campos Do Jordão?
  - a. independent shops and cafes
  - b. department stores
  - c. convenience stores
7. What can you find on Ilhabela?
  - a. waterfalls
  - b. waterfalls and beaches
  - c. beaches
8. What happened to São Paulo in 1711?
  - a. officially made a town
  - b. officially made the capital
  - c. officially recognised as a city
9. Where can you find 10,000 pieces of Brazilian art?
  - a. Modern Art Museum
  - b. Museu do Futebol
  - c. Pinacoteca do Estado



## 9

**Focus on language 2**

With your partner, look at the examples of natural language from the article. Using the context, try to guess the meaning of each one. To help you remember the expressions, have a chat with your partner and use them to talk about your life.

- "...unfortunately, the roads are not always **up to scratch**"
- "...and a **must-see** for people visiting the city..."
- "Take your **arty side** to Pinacoteca do Estado..."

Answer the following questions in pairs.

1. Have you visited a restaurant where you thought the food wasn't up to scratch?
2. Which movies have you seen that you think are a must-see for your friends?
3. Do you think that you have an arty side?

## 10

**Optional extension / homework**

Look at the two texts below, each one is about a sport that originated in Brazil. Complete each one with the vocabulary in the box. Once you have read your text, summarise your paragraph for your partner. Try and use different vocabulary, as this will develop your ability to paraphrase.

spread / holds / countless / developed / influential / self-defence

**A) Brazilian jiu-jitsu**

Initially \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> in 1925, Brazilian jiu-jitsu is a martial art that primarily focuses on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>. The sport includes the skilled use of grappling, ground fighting and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> leading to submission. The \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> of Brazilian jiu-jitsu was a slow one and it didn't make it to the United States until the early 1970s but its popularity has continued to grow since then.

There are many jiu-jitsu gyms in Brazil, and Rio de Janeiro is home to some of the oldest and most \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> academies in the world. One of them most renowned is Nova União Academy- a gym that has produced \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> champions and has now grown to have gyms in over 40 different countries.



wannabe / charming / reduced / world-famous / international / originally

### B) Footvolley

Like its name suggests, footvolley has taken some parts of football and some of volleyball and turned them into a sport that has been \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> people since its creation in 1965. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> starting with five players per team, it has these days been \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> to two and you can see evidence of this on beaches all over Brazil.

These days, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> footvolley events exist all over the world with the first one outside of Brazil, being held in the USA in 2003. Many of the beaches in Brazil offer training sessions for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> footvolley stars. In fact, some \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> football players have been known to regularly play footvolley on the soft beach sand. These include Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Romário.

**Discuss the following questions with your partner.**

1. Have you ever tried a martial art before? Would you like to give Brazilian jiu-jitsu a try?
2. Does the idea of footvolley sound like fun to you? Do you think you would be able to kick the ball over the net easily?