

BRAZIL SOCCER TOUR



Day One

- Depart the US on an overnight flight to Sao Paulo International Airport.

Day Two

- Arrive in Sao Paulo Airport where you are met by your Excel Sports Representative.
- Transfer by deluxe coach to your 3* hotel in the Sao Paulo area, where you will be staying for the following seven nights.
- Welcome meeting and orientation by your Excel Sports Representative.
- Afternoon practice session.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Three

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- Enjoy a two hour walking tour of Sao Paulo with a guide, visit Bairro Jardins and Paulista Avenue (with its modern buildings and constructions), Parque do Ibirapuera (one of the largest parks in São Paulo), Old São Paulo (where the city started, back in 1500's), Mercado Municipal (Central Market), Estação da Luz (a restored old Train Station), and the historical buildings near there (Pinacoteca do Estado, and Museu da Língua Portuguesa).
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your first international friendly game vs. a Brazilian team.

Day Four

- Breakfast at hotel.
- This morning, tour Estádio do Pacaembu, it is sometimes wrongly stated that Sport Club Corinthians Paulista owns the Pacaembu Stadium; however the Pacaembu Stadium is owned by the Municipal Prefecture of São Paulo. However, the Corinthians has been playing in the Pacaembu Stadium since the 1950s; therefore the team has a special feeling towards the stadium, even calling the Pacaembu Stadium "home". The Museu do Futebol (Museum of Football) is located below the stadium's bleachers. It was created to tell the history of Brazilian football.
- Afternoon free for lunch on own and sightseeing in Sao Paulo.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your second international friendly game vs. a Brazilian side.

Day Five

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Free day for sightseeing in Sao Paulo. Perhaps travel to the top of the Banespa Building and enjoy one of the most impressive views of São Paulo. The Banespa Building's observation deck and museum are modeled after the Empire State Building. Edifício Itália is another skyscraper with an observation deck. These are splendid ways to view the whole city.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Six

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- Afternoon free for sightseeing and lunch in Sao Paulo. For some art culture visit the São Paulo Museum of Art (MASP), dedicated by Queen Elizabeth II in the first half of the 20th century or the "Pinacoteca do Estado" art museums.
- Dinner at hotel.
- This evening play your third international friendly game vs. a Brazilian side.

Day Seven

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning practice session.
- Brazilians are also known for their love of dance. Perhaps enjoy some salsa, samba or Tango dancing. Classes and dance clubs are located all over the city. Enjoy this South American past time.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Eight

- Breakfast at hotel.
- This morning, play your fourth international friendly game vs. a Brazilian side.
- This afternoon, possible visit to a professional soccer game. As in the rest of Brazil, Association football is by far the most popular sport in the city. The major teams in São Paulo are São Paulo FC, Palmeiras and Corinthians and also, Portuguesa. There are two other small clubs in the city, Juventus and Nacional. São Paulo is one of the host cities of the 2014 FIFA World Cup, for which Brazil is the host nation.
- Dinner at hotel.
- Evening free for social activities.

Day Nine

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Depart Sao Paulo Airport on your return flight to the US.

ABOUT BRAZIL

São Paulo - is the largest city in Brazil, the largest city in the southern hemisphere, and the world's 7th largest metropolitan area. The city is the capital of the state of São Paulo, the most populous Brazilian state. The name of the city honors Saint Paul. São Paulo exerts strong regional influence in commerce and finance as well as arts and entertainment. The city has many landmarks, such as the Paulista Museum, the neo-gothic Metropolitan Sé Cathedral, the São Paulo Museum of Art (MASP), the Monumento às Bandeiras (Monument to the Bandeiras) and Niemeyer's Ibirapuera Biental Complex; and more recently the Octávio Frias de Oliveira Bridge (Estaiada Bridge) in the South Side. Paulista Avenue, in Midtown, is the city's most important financial center.

TESTIMONIALS

"The whole experience was one the players and parents will never forget. The soccer, the sightseeing and the cultural environment; the balance between soccer and social sightseeing was great."

Barry Christmas, Coach, FC Wheeling United