



PORTUGUESE & MUSIC RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Portuguese and Music program enables you to combine a Portuguese course with various music lessons. This unique program offers exciting hands-on music classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Few will argue that Rio de Janeiro is among the world's most beautiful cities. Known as the "Cidade Maravilhosa," Rio lies between Guanabara Bay, the beautiful beaches of Copacabana, Ipanema, and Leblon, and a tropical forest Mountain range. The outstretched arms of Rio's Christ Redeemer Statue, set atop Corcovado Mountain's 2,307 ft. peak can be seen from virtually any place in the city. Pao de Acucar, (Sugar Loaf) mountain and its cable car mark the location where the city was founded in 1565. These two landmarks make Rio De Janeiro one of the world's most famous and recognizable cities.

During Carnival, Rio comes to a virtual standstill as parties, dancing and samba music fills the streets. At the Sambodromo, a specially designed stadium for the samba school parades, you can watch elaborately and scantily dressed participants sway and jump to the beat of samba music. Although Rio de Janeiro is famous for its festive atmosphere, it is the headquarters to some of Brazil's largest national and multi-national companies. It is a cosmopolitan city with a wide variety of sightseeing, nightlife and restaurants. Rio's relaxed atmosphere and beautiful beaches make this city an unforgettable experience.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Portuguese & Music Program in Rio de Janeiro, students will gain experience in foreign art programs, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for art into one incredible life-changing experience.



What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** Minimum 1 week, Standard Group 20 hours per week in a maximum of 4 students per class.
- **Music Classes:** 5 one-hour afternoon lessons per week
- **Lodging:** Homestay or hotel
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
- *Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage ****
- ** See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

STUDY PROGRAM

The study portion of the program includes 20 hours per week of Group Portuguese classes with a 1 week minimum. The maximum number of students per class is four. Classes are held Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm with a one hour break.

The classroom environment is "total immersion," which means that the student and the teacher speak only Portuguese. There is never any translation in the classroom and this forces the student to think in Portuguese. Rotating teachers allows the student to be exposed to many types of speakers and ensures that students will understand all people who speak Portuguese. Teacher rotation also keeps class fresh and interesting.

Methodology focuses on speaking and listening. Grammar is very important and students will learn how to use it through a very practical approach without being tedious, boring and repetitive. Students speak Portuguese, not analyze it. The key to learning a new language is communication. Because communication includes reading and writing, they are included throughout the programs.

MUSIC LESSONS

What better way to get to know a country's culture than by experiencing its music? This special course is a great way for students to learn about the most popular styles of Brazilian music such as Samba, Bossa Nova, and Axé. It is also a great opportunity to learn and practice new vocabulary by learning from famous song lyrics. Music lessons are held Monday – Friday afternoons for 1 hour.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

NRCSA arranges accommodation with local host families. It is highly recommended that students take advantage of homestays in order to practice what they learn in class with their family at home, and to integrate themselves into the Brazilian culture. For this reason, virtually all students stay with local host families which we will arrange for you upon your registration. Accommodation includes breakfast and dinner during the week and also lunch on the weekend. Many different types of host families are available, and the institute attempts to select the best match for each student.

All families are carefully screened and must meet NRCSA's stringent requirements before being accepted. All host families are middle-class and live in homes and areas that are attractive and safe. Students are free to go as they please, but need to respect the routine of the family they are staying with.

HOTEL STAY

Rio de Janeiro has numerous hotels and prices vary greatly. An extensive list of hotels/aparthotels is available upon request. Aparthotels normally include a bedroom, living room, bathroom and kitchen facilities.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 1 week of Portuguese and Music classes, and 1 week of housing ranges from:

\$1,216 → \$1,325 **

**Prices range according to housing and board options.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

U.S. citizens traveling with regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance of arrival.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

ACTIVITIES

Rio de Janeiro is full of cultural, artistic and outdoor activities year-round. Participating in these activities is a fun way to learn the language and interact with the locals. Activities students can get involved with include:

- Excursion to Sugar Loaf Mountain
- Visit Corcovado Mountain
- Trip to Rio's Botanical Gardens
- Visit Rio's Modern Art Museum
- Guitar and drum courses
- Excursion to the beautiful island of Paqueta

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the PORTUGUESE & MUSIC program in Rio de Janeiro, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrca.com/reg/online/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.