



# PORTUGUESE & SAMBA MACEIO, BRAZIL

PROGRAM STARTS EVERY MONDAY



## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This Portuguese & Samba program enables you to combine a Portuguese course with the discovery of the world of Samba. You can broaden your Portuguese language skills while experiencing Samba first hand in an international setting. The intercultural exchange occurs through academics and through passion for dance.

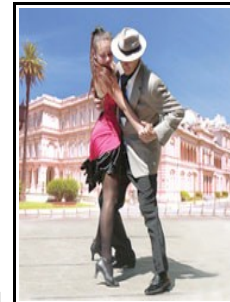
## **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

Maceio is the capital of the state of Alagoas, in northeastern Brazil, with a population of approximately 325,000 people. It is situated below low bluffs between the Atlantic Ocean and the Norte (or Mundaú) Lagoon. Formerly called Macayo, the city dates from 1815, when a small settlement there was made a villa. In 1839 it became capital of Alagoas and was given city status. Though much of the colonial buildings are gone, giving way to modern architecture, there still remains the Government Palace, the Metropolitan Cathedral, and the Church of Bom Jesús dos Mártires.

Maceio has an outdoor market of local crafts ranging from dresses and t-shirts to handmade jewelry and hammocks. Many unique gifts can be found to take back to loved ones. The city offers a number of bars and clubs, both on the beach and in the city, with live music or recorded Brazilian music playing. The cinema in Maceio has current Portuguese language films made in Brazil and abroad. The city also offers a wide range of annual events and the most famous are the street parties such as Maceio Fest (an out-of-season carnival in November) and, of course, the traditional Carnival in February.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in the Portuguese & Samba program in Maceio, students will gain experience in foreign dance programs and greatly improve foreign language abilities that allow students to be culturally sensitive and conversant. Students can experience personal growth and boost confidence both nationally and internationally, by combining travel, academics, and passion for dance into one incredible life-changing experience. This is a unique opportunity to gain cross-cultural experience that can be applied to many other areas in life.



## *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 1 week minimum-20 hours of class a week, groups of 2-5 students
- **Samba Classes:** 3 group Samba lessons, 1 private lesson per week
- **Placement Testing**
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay, Hotel, or Apartment
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\***  
\* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Arrival Transfer:** available upon request
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **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. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Portuguese. All of our teachers are native speakers with university educations and are very experienced teaching Portuguese to foreigners. Most have learned a second language themselves and understand the student's perspective.

The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. Our program is divided into 6 levels of study. The first 4 are concentrated on grammar, vocabulary, practical situations, and conversation. The next 2 levels, advanced and superior, focus mainly on conversation and advanced reading and writing topics.

### **SAMBA PROGRAM**

Maceio is the home of the most passionate and magical dance in the world: the Samba. You can go to a show in an elegant theater or restaurant or be lucky enough to see couples dancing tango in the streets; it is a central part of the culture of Maceio.

Dare to learn the Samba with talented instructors and practice at night in the city! You combine your Portuguese course with a Samba course, which includes 1 private and 3 group tango lessons per week. The program offers group and private lessons for rapid learning retention, so you can bring a little bit of Brazil back to your home country!

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **HOMESTAY**

Live with a Brazilian family to experience the day-to-day lifestyle and practice Portuguese with your host family. Families are carefully selected, ensuring a clean and comfortable home, a single, private bedroom and convenient location to the school. Double rooms may only be booked by two students traveling together.

Two meals daily (café da manha and jantar) are included in the homestay. Rice and beans are a dietary staple, as is fruit and meat. For lunch, there are many "self-service" restaurants with excellent food charged by the kilo.

### **HOTELS**

Ranging from budget to deluxe, Maceio's hotels are conveniently located within 20 minutes walking from the school, directly across from the ocean. Breakfast included in the price.

### **APARTMENTS**

Fully furnished apartments with one up to three bedrooms, convenient located, within walking distance from the school and across the beach. This option is available upon request and at additional cost.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of 1 week of classes, 4 Samba lessons, and 1 week of housing ranges from:

**\$806 → \$1,006\*\***

\*\*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 AND EXCURSIONS**

Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan city brimming with cultural attractions and offers a wide variety of activities. Activities range from the following:

- Outings to clubs
- Museum tours
- Overnight weekend excursions
- Visits to the beach
- Going to natural tidal pools
- Watch local soccer and other athletic events
- Go on boat rides
- Eating out and tasting local cuisine

\*Some may be at an additional cost.

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the PORTUGUESE & SAMBA PROGRAM in MACEIO, either follow the link below or call:

1-888-678-6211

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

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