

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ALL TYPES OF VISAS FOR BRAZIL

Click on the last item for specific instructions on each of the several types of visas.

1. **U.S. citizens traveling to Brazil are required to obtain a visa prior to entering Brazil.** This requirement is in reciprocity to the U.S. government demand that all Brazilian citizens hold a visa in order to enter the United States.
2. **Citizens of countries that do not demand visas from Brazilian nationals usually do not need visas to enter Brazil** (most European and South American countries fall in this category). If you intend to enter Brazil with a non-U.S. passport, check [here](#) to verify if you need a tourist or business visa.
3. **The type of visa and its terms of validity are decided by the Consulate, at its own and sole discretion.** As a basic rule, both the type and the duration of a visa are results of an analysis made by the Consulate of the documentation presented by the applicant in support of his/her declared activities in Brazil.
4. **All visa applications must be submitted in person**, by the applicant, **or by a duly authorized third party** (for example: a family member, friend, co-worker, travel agency, visa service). Please note that **this Consulate does NOT accept visas applications sent by mail.**
5. Notwithstanding the previous instruction, the **applicant's passport may be returned by mail if** the applicant or his/her representative leaves a **self-addressed pre-paid envelope from the U.S. Postal Service (Express Mail only)** at the moment the application is delivered at the Consulate.

The Consulate does not receive and it will not send envelopes transported by FedEx, UPS, DHL and other private carriers.

6. Applicants who cannot come to the Consulate may wish to pay a private [visa service/visa agency](#) to help them process their visa applications. The Consulate has no commercial ties with any visa service/visa agency/travel agency and the Consulate's employees are not allowed to recommend any of these companies in particular.

If you wish to have a third party service your visa, we recommend contacting Zierer Visa Service (zvs.com) by calling them at (866) 788-1100. Additional fees will apply.

7. **The visa section is open to receive applications and return passports between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, from Monday through Friday** on a first come first served basis. All U.S. national [holidays](#) are observed, as well Brazil's Independence Day, on September 7.
8. **After all documentation is received by the Consulate, visa applications take a minimum period of 14-21 business days to be processed.** Longer periods may apply.
9. **All fees must be paid with U.S. Postal Service money orders** made to *Brazilian Consulate*. Checks and credit cards are not accepted. The Consulate has no provision for charging expedite services and therefore it does not charge rush fees.
10. **Visa holders must enter Brazil within 90 (ninety) days of the date the visa was issued.** It is the applicant's responsibility to make travel arrangements accordingly.

Once expired, the 90-day period may not be renewed and if the foreigner has not yet entered Brazil, a new visa and payment of all fees are required.

11. **It is in the best interest of any foreign national to enter Brazil with a visa that allows for the legal performance of his/her intended activity in the country.**

12. Please click on the link below that best matches the purpose of your trip to Brazil for specific visa instructions:

Tourist Visa Requirements:

1. **A valid passport** - original – with the expiration date at least six months after the intended date of arrival in Brazil.
2. **One [Visa Application Form](https://scedv.serpro.gov.br/)** per applicant, completely filled out, dated and signed by the passport holder or his/her parents/guardians. The application form is found at <https://scedv.serpro.gov.br/>.
3. **One photograph**, passport size, color, front view, no head cover, taken within the last six months. Snapshots, copies and computer photos will *not* be accepted.
4. **A copy of the round trip or multi-country ticket/itinerary** (do *not* send the original) or a statement from a travel agency, addressed to the Brazilian Consulate, or an e-ticket confirmation. In all cases, the name of the passenger, the confirmed itinerary, airline/cruise company, flight number/vessel name and dates of arrival in and departure from Brazil must be clearly displayed.
5. U.S. citizens must pay a non-refundable **\$130.00 reciprocity fee** - The U.S. government charges Brazilian citizens who apply for a U.S. visa a minimum of 2 mandatory fees (a "processing fee" of \$ 131.00, plus an "interview fee" of about \$ 21.00). **Cash, personal checks and credit cards are not accepted.**
6. Regardless of nationality, a \$20.00 processing fee will be charged if the application is not presented in person by the passport holder.
7. **All consular fees must be paid in U. S. Postal Service money order** made to the Consulate General of Brazil. **Cash, personal checks and credit cards are not accepted.**
8. An **[International Immunization Certificate](http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2007/9789241580397_11_eng.pdf)** against yellow fever is required from any traveler who, within 90 days prior to entering Brazil, has been to any of the countries listed by the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) as a country with risk of yellow fever transmission - check the list in the **[W.H.O. website](http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2007/9789241580397_11_eng.pdf)** at: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2007/9789241580397_11_eng.pdf
. Immunization against yellow fever is advisable if the applicant's destination in Brazil includes any of the following States: Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Goiás, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima, and Tocantins.