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Quick overview for your trip



Entry permit required for one travel destination



Destination:  **USA (Transit)**



Passport required for all travel destinations



No visa required



No forms and declarations required



No mandatory vaccinations required



No travel health insurance required



The overview serves as a first point of reference. Please also take note of the relevant details. Different regulations may apply depending on the type of business trip. If you have more than one transit taking place in a country not listed here, please check the regulations for the unlisted transit yourself.

Your travel itinerary

Entry from: France

Destination:

Sao Paulo, Brazil 

Entry information

Entry documents	Sufficient	Notes
Passport sufficient	✓ Yes	<i>A passport is sufficient for entry. The passport must have a remaining validity of 6 months at the start of the journey.</i>
Temporary passport sufficient	✓ Yes	<i>A temporary passport is sufficient for entry. The temporary passport must have a remaining validity of 6 months at the start of the journey.</i>
Identity card sufficient	! No	<i>An identity card is not sufficient for entry.</i>
Temporary identity card sufficient	! No	<i>A temporary ID is not sufficient for entry.</i>

Note: In any case, please also take note of the information under "Required entry forms and documents".

Identity documents must not be soiled or damaged and must have sufficient blank pages. Travellers should ensure that their passport is stamped correctly, otherwise they may encounter difficulties when leaving the country. Please also note that if your identity documents are reported stolen or lost, you may have problems crossing the border or even be refused entry.

The requirements for identity documents may vary depending on the carrier, so it is advisable to check with the operating carrier before travelling. For example, many cruise operators require travel documents to be valid for at least 6 months after the end of the journey.

Please note: Passports are mandatory for passengers travelling with NCL (Norwegian Cruise Line).

Entry requirements

✓ **Entry generally permitted: Yes**
Entry is generally permitted.

Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA:

Tourist and other non-essential travel to the border area with Venezuela is advised against.

[Federal Department of Foreign Affairs](#)

Additional information on entry

In some countries, border officials may require travellers to hand over social media usernames and passwords. In addition, the use of certain applications, apps or VPN services may be prohibited.

Required entry forms and documents

- ✓ **Visa required for stay: No**
No visa is required for the stay.
A visa is not required for stays of 90 days or less.
For visa-free entry, in addition to a valid return ticket, proof of sufficient financial means and, in the case of accommodation in a private residence, a notarised letter of invitation must be presented.
The information shown regarding the need for a business/business travel visa relates to the following travel purposes: customer or supplier visits, meetings, research trips, negotiations, visits to trade fairs and exhibitions, participation in professional conferences or seminars. Different regulations may apply for other activities, which can be obtained from a specialised visa service provider or the relevant diplomatic mission abroad.
- ✓ **Entry permit required for stay: No**
There are no known restrictions.
- ✓ **Forms and declarations required for stay: No**
As far as is known, no additional mandatory forms or travel declarations are currently required for entry.

Note for cruise travellers: It is possible for cruise lines to take over the completion and transmission of forms required for the trip for their guests.
Travellers are advised to enquire directly with the respective shipping company or travel agency whether such a service is available for the cruise booked and which specific documents this may include. Early clarification will ensure the timely and correct submission of all required documents.

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Extension of stay

For stays exceeding the approved period, the corresponding permit must be applied for at the Federal Police. However, the total stay may not exceed 180 days per year.
Travellers should ensure they do not exceed the permitted length of stay in the destination country in order to avoid possible sanctions such as fines, custody pending deportation or even entry bans.

Customs and immigration regulations

Local and foreign currencies

Local and foreign currency may be imported without limit. If the equivalent value exceeds USD 10,000 (or the equivalent in another currency), this must be declared on entry using an online form.

[Electronic Declaration of Travelers Goods \(e-DBV\)](#)

The possession and bringing in of counterfeit money is punishable by heavy fines.

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Prohibited and restricted items

The import of food and drugs as well as the re-import of alcoholic beverages from Brazil is strictly prohibited. The same applies to electronic cigarettes and vaporisers (including

accessories) as well as foreign cigarette brands that are not available in Brazil itself.

Plants and animals can only be imported under strict conditions.

The import of weapons requires prior authorisation from the Brazilian Ministry of Defence.

Further information and permitted allowances for alcohol, tobacco products and other goods can be found on the following website:

[Customs regulations Brazil](#)

The import and export of protected animal and plant species and products thereof is strictly regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. An import or export therefore requires explicit authorisation in order to avoid confiscation and penalties. Further information can be obtained from the local customs authorities of the country of departure or destination.

[Text of the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species](#)

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Medication

The importation of certain medicines (including prescribed medicines) may be subject to conditions or prohibited altogether. This applies in particular to opiates, painkillers and psychotropic drugs. Lists of possibly prohibited substances are available on the website of the International Narcotics Control Board or from the respective local authorities. In principle, however, only the embassy, consulate and/or national customs office can provide reliable information on which rules and regulations currently apply in the destination country. Travellers taking medicines with them are generally advised to carry a multilingual medical certificate containing information on individual and daily dosages as well as the medical ingredients.

[Country Regulations for Travellers Carrying Medicines Containing Controlled Substances](#)

Additional information

Detailed information on import regulations can be found on this website.

[Brazilian Ministry of Economics](#)

Travellers are advised to inform themselves about the most recent customs/import regulations of their destination country at the competent mission abroad prior to departure.

Minors and dual citizens

Notes for dual citizens

Notes for dual citizenship

Travellers who have another nationality in addition to Brazilian must enter and leave the country with their valid Brazilian passport.

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Health

Vaccinations

**Required immunizations: No**

There are no known restrictions.

**Recommended vaccinations: Yes**

Travellers should ensure complete vaccination protection according to the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO):

[WHO vaccination recommendations](#)

In addition, the following vaccinations are recommended for the trip:

Covid-19

Hepatitis A

Yellow fever

**Vaccination in case of special exposure: Yes**

Dengue fever (especially mosquito bites)

Hepatitis B (especially sexual contact, needlestick injuries, invasive measures in health care)

Rabies (exposure risk: mainly injuries from infected animals)

Malaria prophylaxis

Chikungunya (mosquito bites)

Vaccinations listed under "Special Exposure" require that travellers are exposed to a corresponding risk of disease transmission. As vaccinations can be associated with potential side effects and represent a cost factor, a risk-benefit assessment is required depending on the travel profile (travel route, travel duration), planned leisure activities (including camping, hiking in forested areas) and occupational activities (especially in hospitals and in agriculture and forestry).

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Travel health insurance

**Compulsory health insurance: No**

It is generally advisable to take out travel health insurance that also covers repatriation, even if this is not mandatory in the country of destination. Invoices and medical documents issued in the course of treatment should be kept.

Additional information

No reliable information is currently available.

Exit information

Exit requirements

Local and foreign currencies

Local and foreign currency may be exported without limit. If the equivalent value exceeds USD 10,000 (or the equivalent in another currency), this must be declared before departure using the online form.

[Electronic Declaration of Travelers Goods \(e-DBV\)](#)

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Prohibited and restricted items

There are no known specific restrictions with regard to export-restricted or prohibited goods.

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[Text of the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species](#)




Additional information

There is no further information available regarding exit regulations.

Information regarding minors

No special provisions apply for minors.

More about the destination

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Worth knowing

Capital city	Brasília
Languages	Portuguese
Currency	Real (BRL)
Country calling code	+55
Tipping etiquette	<p><i>Restaurants and bars:</i> Tips (10%) are included in most bills, but not obligatory. Bills are usually paid by card, so tips in cash are uncommon.</p> <p><i>Hotels:</i> A small tip for staff (equivalent to about US\$1 to US\$2) is customary.</p> <p><i>Taxis:</i> In metered taxis, the final amount is rounded up to the next even number, partly to avoid small change transactions.</p> <p><i>Tour guides:</i> Tips on city tours or boat trips are customary.</p>

Medical care

Access and quality
In large cities and tourist resorts, medical care can be expected to be similar to the EU standard.

Private healthcare facilities generally offer more extensive facilities than public ones, but treatment costs are usually higher there.

Cost of treatment

In state medical facilities, treatment costs are free of charge, although there may be longer waiting times for treatment.

In private facilities, the payment guarantee can also be indicated by providing proof of active health insurance.

Medication

It is strongly recommended that you carry your own first-aid kit containing both regularly required medication and medicines for typical travel ailments.

Additional information

The Air Doctor platform provides an overview of local specialists and general practitioners with the option of booking appointments directly.

[Air Doctor](#)

Money

- ✓ **Cash withdrawal with credit card possible: Yes**
Cash can be withdrawn from ATMs using conventional credit cards.
- ✓ **Cash withdrawal with debit cards possible: Yes**
Cash can be withdrawn from ATMs using foreign debit cards.
- ✓ **Credit card payment: Yes**
Payments with conventional credit cards are widely accepted.

Mobile payment methods

Mobile payment methods are becoming more and more common for daily use.

International providers include Apple Pay, Google Pay, Samsung Pay and PayPal.

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Additional information

When using credit cards in shops or at ATMs, card data can be tapped via manipulated readers (skimming). In the event of card loss or theft, as well as suspected cases of fraud or misuse, travellers should carry their bank's contact details with them (service number, app/online access) so that security measures, such as card blocking, can be initiated as quickly as possible.

Travellers are advised to contact their financial institution before travelling abroad to find out about possible restrictions on payments/cash withdrawals and alternative money supply options in their destination country.

American Express credit cards are often rarely if ever accepted outside the USA.

Infrastructure

Socket adapter: Yes

- ! To be on the safe side, travellers should carry a plug adapter with them, as there are several types of socket outlets in the destination country or the type of socket outlet that is common in the country of origin is not to be expected.

[Plugs and socket outlet types](#)

Internet and mobile services

When travelling, the intensive use of mobile devices (navigation and search for accommodation or restaurants, communication with family/friends) often results in considerable data consumption. However, the use of domestic tariffs for international roaming can be associated with extremely high costs under certain circumstances. Local SIM cards (for unlocked devices) or eSIM services (for compatible devices) therefore often prove to be much more cost-effective alternatives to domestic tariffs.

Travellers should note that even in countries with good network availability, continuous coverage in rural or remote areas cannot always be guaranteed. The GSM Association provides detailed information on network coverage in the selected destination country on its website.

[GSM Association](#)

Traffic

Speed limit in town

The maximum speeds listed below apply unless otherwise indicated by appropriate signs.

The speed limit in built-up areas is 60 km/h.

A maximum speed limit of 30 km/h applies within inhabited neighbourhoods.

A maximum speed of 40 km/h applies on roads leading to speed ways.

Speed limit out of town

In non-urban areas, the speed limit is 60 km/h.

Speed limit expressway

A speed limit of 80 km/h applies on expressways.

Speed limit freeway

On motorways with only one lane at a time, the speed limit is 100 km/h.

Alcohol limit

A blood alcohol limit of 0.0 applies in the country.

Additional information

Right-hand traffic applies in Brazil.

Local criminal laws

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An identity document must always be carried. Penalties may be imposed if travellers are unable to present a valid identity document during checks.

Photographs of children and young people in swimwear on Brazilian beaches should be avoided. Photographing these groups of people has led to official action in the past.

Smoking cigarettes in public places is prohibited and punishable by law. Travellers are encouraged to go to designated areas where smoking is not prohibited. Electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices and their accessories have been banned in Brazil since May 2024.

There is a strict ban on nudity when bathing and sunbathing in public areas. This applies in particular to the exposure of the upper body for women, and in general to the visibility of intimate areas for both sexes. Violations are punishable by law. Changing clothes on the beach or in other public places can also be penalised. Collecting and damaging protected animal and plant species is strictly prohibited and will be penalised accordingly.

Drug law offences (including drug possession/trafficking/consumption) are punishable and may incur very severe penalties. Long prison sentences can be expected.

Visiting indigenous protected areas without authorisation is illegal. The possession of weapons is punishable by law and/or only permitted with authorisation.

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On-site representatives

Diplomatic missions

Under the following link you will find information on your diplomatic mission abroad:

[EmbassyPages](#)

Embassies and foreign missions offer a wide range of services, although these may vary depending on the country and the specific situation.

Important tasks of embassies and consulates:

Protection and support of nationals: they provide assistance in emergencies such as lost passports, accidents or natural disasters. The embassy can also offer support in cases of arrest or imprisonment abroad.

Visas and entry information: Embassies are often responsible for issuing visas and provide information on entry requirements, which may vary depending on the country of destination and origin.

Travel documents: If a passport is lost or stolen, the embassy can issue replacement documents to allow travellers to return home.

Emergency assistance: In crisis situations (such as political unrest or natural disasters), embassies and consulates provide evacuation assistance and safety advice.

Citizen services: Embassies offer services such as the legalisation of documents, the registration of births abroad or assistance with legal matters.

What embassies and consulates cannot provide:

Legal advice and legal representation: embassies cannot offer legal advice or provide legal representation in court. However, they can provide lists of local lawyers.

Financial assistance: As a rule, embassies cannot provide financial assistance or cover travel and accommodation costs, except in very specific emergencies.

Interference in the judiciary of a host country: Embassies cannot interfere with the host country's judicial system or influence its decisions.

Assistance for persons with dual citizenship: The right to consular assistance in the destination country can often not be guaranteed in this case, i.e. in emergencies

(e.g. imprisonment) embassies or diplomatic missions abroad may only be able to provide limited assistance or none at all.

Issuing work permits: The issuing of work permits and residence permits is not the responsibility of the embassies, but is regulated by the authorities of the host country.

Practical tips for travellers:

Embassy contact details: Make a note of the contact details of your home country's embassy in the country you are travelling to before you leave. This information can be very valuable in an emergency.

Copies of important documents: Make copies of your passport, visa and other important documents. Keep these separate from the originals.

Informed travelling: Before travelling, find out about the political, social and economic conditions in the host country and observe travel warnings and instructions. Use crisis early warning systems from experienced service providers such as A3M Global Monitoring.

National tourism board

[Brazil Tourist Information](#)

Transit:

USA (MIA) 

Required entry forms and documents



Visa required for transit: No

There are no known restrictions.



Entry permit required for transit: Yes

For transit through the USA, registration via the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA) is required.

Caution: Travellers who in the past (after 1 March 2011) have visited one of the following countries are excluded from the Visa Waiver Program / ESTA registration process and must apply for a visa at the competent US mission abroad: Cuba, North Korea, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen. This also applies to travel to Cuba *after* 12 January 2021.

[Electronic System for Travel Authorization \(ESTA\)](#)



Passport required for transit: Yes

The passport must be valid for the duration of the stay. It must be a biometric passport.

Please note: Since 20 January 2025, a new order requires the indication of the gender "male" or "female" on ESTA applications when entering the USA, based on the gender entry at birth. Travellers with the gender entry "X" or a different current gender entry should contact the relevant US diplomatic mission before travelling and enquire about the entry requirements that apply to them.

Persons in transit should note that the destination country may require a different minimum validity of travel documents than the transit airport.

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Please note: Entry requirements may change at short notice or individual exceptions may occur. Only the responsible diplomatic mission abroad can therefore make legally binding statements or provide information beyond the information listed here.

For more detailed information and queries, please contact your travel sales office:

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