

## **At the arrival**

A currency exchange kiosk is available right after the immigration, but the rates available are not the best. If you must, exchange only a small amount (e.g. US\$ 200), and prefer to use the Windsor Atlantica Hotel or other services available in its neighbourhood (on 21/11/2013, the hotel rate was R\$ 1.97 per US dolar).

Airport transfers will be available to you on the 18<sup>th</sup>, but if you miss them please purchase a taxi voucher with your credit card at the kiosks located right after the customs area. Never accept the transport services that are offered by intermediates and taxi drivers that circulate in area.

## **In the street**

Keep your passport and valuables in the safe deposit box of your room, and prefer a copy of the page with your photo, small amounts of local currency and a single credit card to walk around.

Please refrain from using mobile phones or cameras in the street, and do not wear expensive items or jewelry (designer purses, earrings, pendants, necklaces *et cetera*).

Avoid cash dispensers located in the streets, always prefer banks and ATMs located in shopping malls to obtain cash.

Be careful with the people that you meet in the street. Some are trained and are just looking for tourists. If attacked, do not resist.

Walking alone at night through narrow streets is not advisable. If you need directions, stay in the main street area, and prefer a police officer or a shop assistant to obtain information.

## **Taxis**

Taxis arranged by the hotel are safe, but more expensive to hire. Alternatively, if you do not speak Portuguese, ask a Brazilian colleague to book you a car at Chile Taxi (tel. 2518-4163) or Coopataxi (tel. 3288-4343). These are the companies that serve Petrobras' headquarters. They will charge you by the meter, starting at about R\$ 5, plus R\$ 2 per km, and will require you to supply a local number to return your call.

## **At the beach**

Do not leave your belongings unattended, and do not walk alone in the sand at night.

## **Night clubs**

Please avoid them, and prefer high street restaurants in lieu of bars.

## **Useful numbers**

Petrobras' Security +55-21-3224-3083 (24/7)

Petrobras' Emergency +55-21-3224-1090 (24/7)

Dr. Marcos Sugaya's mobile +55-21-9748-7996

## **For additional security information**

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/travel-advice-by-country/south-america/brazil1>

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs/conseils-par-pays/bresil-12219/>

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1072.html#safety](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1072.html#safety)

<http://travel.gc.ca/destinations/brazil>

<http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/Brazil>