

Arrival

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

Airport transfers will be available on the 18th, but if you miss them please purchase a taxi voucher with your credit card at the kiosks located right after the customs area (R\$ 105). Never accept the transport services that are offered to you by intermediates and drivers that circulate in passenger area, even in uniform.

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, such as designer purses, earrings, pendants, necklaces and so on.

Avoid 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. Alternatively, if you do not speak Portuguese, ask a Brazilian colleague to call Chile Taxi (tel. 2518-4163) or Coopataxi (tel. 3288-4343), which are the companies that serve Petrobras' headquarters. They will charge you by the meter, starting at about R\$ 5, plus R\$ 2 per km, but 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

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<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.gc.ca/destinations/brazil>

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