

# Brazil



	Programme price \$US*	Departure date	Return date	Application deadline	Departure Date	Return Date	Application Deadline
Semester 5/6 months	\$US3595	25-31 January	By 5 July	1 November.	25 July.	5-Jan	15 May.
Trimester	\$US2700	25-31 January	By 25 April	1 November.	25-31 July.	25-Oct	15 May.
Academic year (10/11 months)	US\$4100	25-31 January	By 5 January	1 November.	25-31 July.	5 July	15 May.

\*Prices are subject to change without notice due to rising airfares, fluctuations in exchange rates and contract renegotiation.

\*\*Airfares are charged separately.

\*\*\*There is about \$500 in additional visa, ID and translation expenses after acceptance in Brazil. ID card in Brazil is about US\$200.

\*\*\*\*School fees are paid but there may be up to \$1000 of school related expenses in a year.



## Short programmes

Our Brazilian affiliate offers a range of short programmes of 4, 6, 8 and 12 weeks staying with a Brazilian family at any time of the year. Days are unstructured but help can be given with finding language instruction and itineraries. Tell us what you would like and we will see what we can arrange.

## Longer exchanges

Students can go for one or two semesters starting approximately on the dates shown. No NZ schools teach Portuguese but you're expected to begin studying as soon as you apply. Existing knowledge of a second language is a great help.

## Placements

These are made before you leave and if you have applied at the correct time you should be in contact with your host family for at least a week before you leave. Many students are in contact for a month or more. Host families have to go through an interview and vetting process. Your personality and preferences are taken into account if at all possible, but the supply of generous and welcoming families is not bottomless and you must be prepared to adapt to the situation you are given.

Successful placements depend as much upon you as upon the family you're given. Some students stay with the same family for a whole year while others may have two or three families.

It is necessary to realise that although the Brazilian economy is now in good health, the Brazilian middle class is not as wealthy as the New Zealand middle class.

Placements are usually in the region around Goiania, a modern city southwest of the capital Brasilia. We do not place students in Sao Paulo or Rio de Janeiro as they are considered to be risky.

Flights are usually through Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo with an escorted change of flights between airports in Sao Paulo. Schedules frequently change at the last moment and students need to have a sense of adventure. Late applications may require a more complex flight arrangement and incur extra costs.

## Gap Year students

You can go when you are 18 and can turn 19 while on exchange, but you must apply while still enrolled at school in NZ. As a gap year student you are still expected to sign up to our affiliate's set of rules governing the exchange.

## Applications

These begin with the simple form in the initial application brochure. It requires basic details, a photo, the permission of your parents or guardians, a copy of your passport and \$50 to convince us that you're serious.

This is followed by a full application form in English which takes most people quite a while to complete. It is followed by an interview/chat at home with at least one of your parents/guardians present that takes about two and a half hours. Most people who get to this stage are able to go.

If the interview works well, we'll begin looking for a placement for you, booking flights, buying insurance and obtaining a visa. This can take three months so it is good to apply early.

## Vaccinations and visas

You may need a yellow fever vaccination either before you leave or on arrival.

Visas can be complicated to arrange and the bureaucracy is sometimes slow. Additional form-filling is required before you can be granted a visa.



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