



Brazil





 Brazil (officially the Federative Republic of Brazil) is the largest country in both South **America and Latin** America. As the world's fifth-largest country by both area and population, it is the largest country to have Portuguese as an official language and the only one in the Americas.



Bounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the east, Brazil has a coastline of 7,491 kilometers. It borders all other South American countries except Ecuador and Chile and covers 47.3% of the continent's land area.



Language

- Portuguese official and most widely spoken language.
- Note: less common languages include Spanish (border areas and schools), German, Italian, Japanese, English and a large number of minor Amerindian languages.

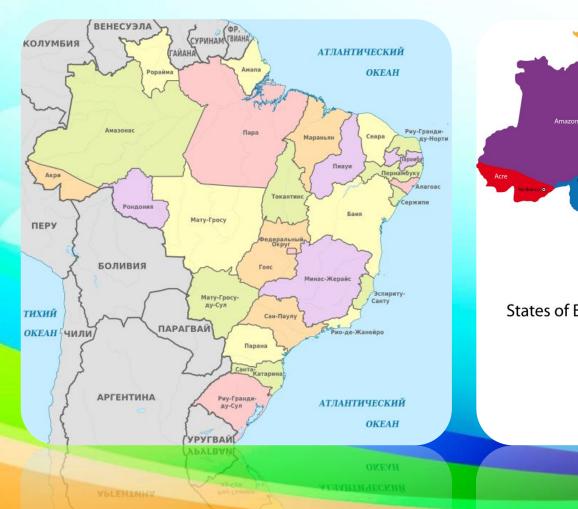




The president is both head of state and head of government of the Union and is elected for a four-year term. The current president is Michel Temer.



Brazil is a federation composed of 26 States, one Federal district (which contains the capital city, Brasília).





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The flag of Brazil is a blue disc depicting a starry sky
(which includes the Southern Cross) spanned by a
curved band inscribed with the national motto
"Ordem e Progresso" ("Order and Progress"), within a
gold rhombus, on a green field.



• Brazil's large territory comprises different ecosystems, such as the Amazon rainforest, recognized as having the greatest biological diversity in the world with the Atlantic Forest and the Cerrado, sustaining the greatest biodiversity. The rich wildlife of Brazil reflects the variety of natural habitats. Scientists estimate that the total number of plant and animal species in Brazil could approach four million.





Animals of Brazil



Brazilian forests



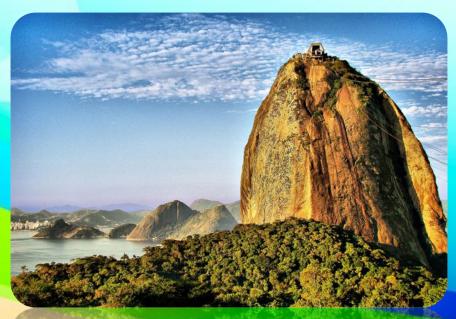






The most famous tourist attractions in Brazil.

Christ the Redeemer is the famous statue of Jesus Christ in Rio de Janeiro.





Sugarloaf Mountain

 The Amazon River is the second longest river in the world, just slightly shorter than the Nile, and the largest river by volume. The Amazon has over 3,000 recognized species of fish and new species are still being discovered. The Amazon Basin is covered by half of the planet's remaining rainforests. Although a tenth of the world's estimated 10 million living species live in the Amazon rainforest.





Rio Carnival

 There are carnival celebrations in every corner of Brazil, the best-known ones taking place in Recife. But the biggest and most famous carnival is the Carnival in Rio de Janeiro. The Rio Carnival attracts two million people per day on the streets and almost half a million foreigners during its 4 day celebration. The Carnival is all over the place, in the streets and squares, bars, the clubs, concluding Rio Samba spectacular Parade.





Pantanal



The Pantanal is the world's largest wetland, lying mostly in Western Brazil but extending into Bolivia and Paraguay as well. Famous for its wildlife, it is one of Brazil's major tourist attractions. Capybara and the Yacare Caiman are present in the millions. The Pantanal is also home to one of the largest Jaguar populations in the Americas.



Brazilian football

Football is the most popular sport in Brazil. The Brazil national football team has won the FIFA World Cup tournament five times and is the only team to succeed in qualifying for every World Cup competition ever held. Brazil has also won an Olympic Gold Medal, at the 2016 Summer Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro.

Pelé is the greatest footballer ever, led Brazil to three of those championships.

