

### Advisory for traveling in Brazil

1. Indian passport holders require a valid visa to travel to Brazil with at least six month minimum validity of passport and return ticket.
2. Official and Diplomatic passport holders do not require visa to enter Brazil for a period upto 90 days.
3. Brazil is listed by the World Health Organization (WHO) as endemic for yellow fever. Yellow fever is a potentially fatal viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, which is preventable by vaccination. **It is strongly recommended to get vaccinated against yellow fever before travelling to Brazil.** While the Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate may not be asked by the Brazilian Authorities, **it is mandatory for re-entry into India.**
4. For travelers transiting through the International Airport of Sao Paulo (Guarulhos Airport) and having a connecting flight to a Brazilian city from the same Airport (Guarulhos), it is advisable to have a gap of a minimum of four hours between the two flights in order to clear immigration and customs and check-in for the onward flight.
5. In case the onward flight is from the domestic airport Congonhas, which is located in the city centre, please ensure that there is a minimum gap of six hours as transferring from one airport to another could take between two to three hours, depending on the traffic. The Guarulhos Airport is about 30 kms from the city centre and Sao Paulo being a major hub is known for heavy traffic, especially during peak office hours.
6. In case of loss of baggage, please contact/lodge a complaint with the concerned Airline and not with the Indian Mission/Post.
7. It is recommended to use authorized taxi service from airport, hotel, etc.
8. Please book your hotel accommodation in advance and reconfirm your hotel bookings before travelling to Brazil to avoid any inconvenience on arrival.
9. It is advisable to keep your original passport in safe custody (preferably in a locker in the hotel) and use the same for travel purposes only. While going out of the hotel, always carry a photocopy of your passport with you.
10. If your passport is lost, please contact the nearest Indian Mission – the Consulate General of India in Sao Paulo (in case it happens in the States of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Parana, Santa Catarina or Rio Grande do Sul) or the Embassy of India in Brasilia (if it happens in any other part of Brazil). Contact details are given below.
11. It is advisable to carry limited cash while going out. Please do not carry large amount of cash or credit cards or valuables, such as laptops, smart phones, visible gold jewelry, while travelling in Brazil, to avoid theft/mugging. It is recommended not to offer resistance in case of an armed robbery or mugging as this could lead to an escalation in violence.
12. For safety reasons, please avoid going to isolated areas and going out late at night. Try to obtain information beforehand about any possible transport related strikes/ demonstrations etc.

13. While dressing, it is advisable not to dress to look as a foreigner, to avoid uncalled for attention to oneself.

14. It is advised to use bottled water for drinking.

15. Public Emergency contact numbers:

Emergency Service	Dial
Police	190
Highway Federal Police	191
Medical Emergency	192
Fire Department	193
Traffic	154
Crime against women	180
Sao Paulo Tourist Police	(11) 3120 4447, (11) 3151 4167
Rio de Janeiro Tourist Police	(21) 2332 2924, (21) 2332 2511, (21) 2332 5112

16. For consular assistance, see contact details below:

**A. Travelers in the states of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Parana, Rio Grande de Sul and Santa Catarina may contact:**

Consulate General of India, São Paulo

Address: Av. Paulista 925, 7th Floor, CEP 01311-100, Sao Paulo, SP

**Visa Enquiries :**

Email : visa2.saopaulo@mea.gov.in,

Phone: 005511-32793785, 32793777 (only from 4 pm to 5 pm)

**Passport, OCI, Attestation Enquiries:**

Email: passport.saopaulo@mea.gov.in

Phone: 005511-32793771

**In cases of emergency on humanitarian grounds, please contact**

Mr. Arun Yadav, Consul(Cons)

Email: cons.saopaulo@mea.gov.in

Phone Numbers: +5511 32793771, +5511994518224

B. Travelers in rest of the states in Brazil may contact:

Embassy of India, Brasilia

Address : SES 805, Lote 24, Asa Sul, CEP 70452-901, Brasília-DF

Attache(Cons)

Mr. Manoj Kumar

Contact No.+55-61-3248-4006

Email : cons.brasilia@mea.gov.in

[NB : The above guidelines have been framed as an advisory keeping your utmost safety in mind during your stay in Brazil. Please observe them.]

### **Advisory for Indian Businessmen visiting Brazil**

There have been cases of Indian businessmen stranded / deported from Brazilian Airports, especially from Sao Paulo due to misinterpretation of multiple entry Business visa (VITEM-II) having duration of 30 or 90 days stay, with endorsement of '**first entry within one year from date of issue**' issued by Brazilian Missions. In view of the above, **all Indian businessmen are advised to check carefully the following** before commencing their journey:

All multiple entry Business visa (VITEM-II), duration of stay 30 or 90 days with endorsement of '**first entry within one year from date of issue**' implies that the visa is valid only for 30 or 90 days multiple entry from the date of first entry. **For the second journey, after the expiry of above duration of stay, visa is not valid.**

#### **For example:**

With a multiple entry Business visa (VITEM-II) issued on say 16 November 2015 and duration of stay is 30 days with endorsement of **first entry within one year from the date of issue**, and one undertakes first journey on 1st December 2015, he / she can visit Brazil multiple times from 1st December to 30 December, 2015 (30 days) only and this is not valid till 15 November, 2016.

With a multiple entry Business visa (VITEM-II) issued on say 16 November 2015 and duration of stay is 30 days with endorsement of **first entry within one year from the date of issue** and one undertakes first journey on 1st December 2015 and stays for 10 days, he / she can visit second or third time up to 30 December, 2015 only. After this, the visa expires.

If anyone undertakes subsequent journeys on the same visa after 30 or 90 days of first entry, this visa is not valid and he / she may face deportation as per Brazilian law. A fresh visa is required to be taken in such cases.