

Language and Culture Programs



- **What is included in the programs?**

- Placement interview
- Portuguese Languages classes
- Books, courseware, certificate of attendance of course
- Conversation meeting, movie sessions
- Cultural activities: Capoeira, percussion, dancing (Samba, Forró, Axé), cooking sessions
- Excursions and sightseeing, trips to another cities
- Yoga classes, water sports
- WiFi, free coffee and drinking water

- **First day**

Placement Interview at 8:40 am

Morning classes: from 9 am to 12:30

Coffee break: 10:40 – 10:50 am

Welcome Meeting: at 12:30

- Each class has 50 minutes.
- Maximal number of students per group - 7 *students*.
- In case there is only one student enrolled in a group, the program will be changed to private lessons.

- **Last day**

Certificate of attendance of course at the end of the program.

- **Student profile**

The age range usually varies between 20 and 50.

The school receives students from all over the world, mainly from the USA, Europe, South America and Asia.

- **Teachers**

Brazilian young professionals with bachelor degree in Portuguese as Foreign Language. They are extremely dedicated and well-trained.

They have given tuitions on an individual basis for professional purposes i.e. for medical, law, diplomats, flight attendants and business students, requiring specific vocabulary.

- **Volunteering and internship**

The school helps students to find voluntary work in NGO's that assist street children, the elderly, people with cancer, people living in skid-row areas and other people with special needs. These volunteers are supposed to teach or give different kinds of workshop or assistance.

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Brazil Workshop

Group classes in the morning, **Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 12:30 pm.**

Coffee break at 10:40 am

COMBO 1

Group classes in the morning, **Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 12:30 pm.**

1 private class in the afternoon, **from 1:30 pm to 2:20 pm.**

COMBO 2

Group classes in the morning, **Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 12:30 pm.**

2 private classes in the afternoon, **from 1:30 pm to 3:10 pm.**

COMBO 3

Group classes in the morning, **Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 12:30 pm.**

3 private classes in the afternoon, **from 1:30 pm to 4 pm.**

TOP 2, TOP 4 or TOP 6

Two, four or six private lessons per day, in the morning or afternoon.

Changing groups/ levels: It is possible to move to a different level. All group changes must be approved by the academic coordinator.

Methodology

The school has chosen the *Communicative Intercultural Method*: we teach in Portuguese only, keeping the use of your native language to a minimum during daily classes and during various field trips.

The school developed the teaching handouts for all levels: **Falo Português I, II and III**. Generally this books cover the situations and vocabulary that a foreigner encounters in Brazil. Each book is planned to be worked on during 4 weeks

Classes are focused on conversation, though there will also be writing (10%), reading (10%) and grammar (30%) requirements. Approximately 50% of class time is dedicated to speaking and understanding. Students also learn by listening to local music or by role-playing everyday situations. A variety of teaching methods are used to make lessons fun, besides being an effective way to improve and intensify language skills.

Contents

The most important objective of the language courses is to achieve the ability to successfully communicate in Brazilian Portuguese. That means that not only grammar and vocabulary, but also listening, reading, and writing skills as well as conversation in modern colloquial Portuguese are taught. An introduction to the Brazilian way of life, customs, politics and culture represents an important part of the classes. For a more comprehensive description, ask for the course syllabus.

Teaching method

Diálogo Brasil courses offer a great amount of conversational-training in class as well as the integration of cultural activities, following the principles of the Communicative Approach for language teaching. Lessons are taught in Portuguese and they are carefully prepared for each level. In an agreeable way, games, music, videos, and other kinds of teaching support are used to develop listening and conversation skills, which prepare students to perform different tasks in real life situations.

Performance evaluation

Students' performance is accessed according to how much they are able to produce in the target language as well as their commitment with the course, i.e., whether they attend classes on a regular basis; whether they do their homework assignments; etc.

Cultural Activities

The cultural activities are happening once a week, in the afternoon, after the language classes:
Capoeira and percussion classes

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Samba, Axé and Forró dancing

Gastronomy classes – typical Brazilian food, Caipirinha and desert included!

Conversation Meeting

Exchange project with Brazilians, TANDEM - It is an invaluable way to improve the language and learn more about Brazilian culture.

Yoga, surf, diving and SUP

Excursions:

- Panoramic Tour
- City Tour to the Historic Center – Pelourinho
- Bahian Folkloric Dance Show
- Candomblé Ceremony (an Afro-Brazilian cult)

Trips:

- Cachoeira and São Felix
- Praia do Forte and Projeto TAMAR
- National Park- Chapada Diamantina
- Island Morro de S. Paulo



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