

Brazil Travel Information October 17 - 26, 2011

Booking Your Flight

This trip is LAND ONLY to allow you the option of airlines and best fares as well as the opportunity for pre/post trips on an independent basis. Domestic and International air transportation are not included. Participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their transportation to and from the following destinations:

Arrival Date: October 17, 2011

Arrival Location: Salvador, Brazil (Deputado Luis Eduardo Magalhaes International Airport – SSA)

Departure Date: October 26, 2011

Departure Location: Salvador, Brazil (Deputado Luis Eduardo Magalhaes International Airport – SSA)

Supplemental Travel Insurance

Heifer strongly recommends that you purchase travel insurance as trips may be canceled or changed at any time. Various companies offer insurance that is available for trip cancellation, medical needs, luggage, etc. To purchase travel insurance, contact your insurance agent or travel agency. A reference list is below, though should not be seen as recommendations for any one specific agency.

www.travelguard.com

www.travelsafe.com

www.accessamerica.com

www.csatravelprotection.com

www.travelinsure.com

www.insuremytrip.com (this site compares various options)

Registering with U.S. Embassy/Consulate

Heifer Study Tour participants are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate. Registration is important as it will keep you updated on local travel security and allows the State Department to assist U.S. citizens during an emergency. U.S. citizens can register at <https://travelregistration.state.gov> or directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or consulate.

Travel information can be found at the U.S. State Department and Embassy websites:

Brazil - http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1072.html

Brazil Embassy - <http://www.brasilemb.org/>

Health and Vaccination Information

To ensure proper health preparations prior to your tour, meet with your health care provider. Information and medical/inoculation recommendations for travelers can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website - www.cdc.gov/travel. Be aware that some countries require documented proof of a current yellow fever vaccination upon entering the country.



Required Travel Documents

If your passport will expire within 6 months from the date of entry, you will need to renew your passport prior to leaving the country. If you have less than two blank pages left in your passport, you will need to apply for more pages. Country specific requirements are listed below.

Brazil

- A **passport and visa** are required for U.S. citizens traveling to Brazil for any purpose. Brazilian visas must be obtained before traveling from the Brazilian Embassy or consulate nearest to the traveler's place of residence or through a visa service provider (see below). There are no "airport visas" and immigration authorities will refuse entry to Brazil to anyone not possessing a valid visa. All Brazilian visas, regardless of the length of validity, must initially be used within 90 days of the issuance date or will no longer be valid. Immigration authorities will not allow entry into Brazil without a valid visa.
- Travelers under 18 years of age and their parents should carefully review the visa application requirements for the consular post at which they are applying. The adjudicating official may require a birth certificate and notarized travel authorization.
- Additionally, travelers who have recently visited certain countries, including most other Latin American countries (check Brazilian Embassy website), may be required to present an inoculation card indicating they had a yellow fever inoculation or they may not be allowed to board the plane or enter the country.
- Visit the Brazilian Embassy's website (<http://www.brasilemb.org>) for the most current visa information.

Options for Obtaining Your Tourist Visa

1. Send your visa applications and passport directly to the Brazilian Embassy.
2. Use a Visa Service (typically charges \$50 plus appropriate country visa charges). Heifer staff use the following service:

DMS Visa International
Dastagir Samee
2651 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 201
Washington, DC 20008
(202) 745-3815
(dsamee@dmsvisainternational.com)

ALWAYS SEND YOUR PASSPORT BY A CARRIER WITH A TRACKING SYSTEM.

Travel Address for Tourist Visa

Heifer International Brazil-Argentina
Rua da Graça, 164
Graça
Salvador - Bahia - Brasil
CEP - 40150-055
Phone: (71) 2104-5455

