



## BRAZIL 2023 MEETINGS

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### TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT

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Transfers from the airport and back again are provided. You do not need to book your own transfer. We will arrange the details of this and will let you know the detail closer to the time. This will include where to meet the transfer service, and any other people who will be travelling to the venue with you.

### CLIMATE IN SÃO PAULO

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The average temperature in São Paulo in March is 20-28°C. It will be the end of the rainy season. Since it is at the end of the rainy season we strongly recommend you bring mosquito repellent.

The venue is located in the outskirts of the city (about an hour's drive from São Paulo airport) in a wooded area.

### WHAT TO WEAR

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Our gathering times will be casual attire. Shorts, jeans, pants, t-shirts, dresses are all suitable attire, whatever is comfortable. There is no need for suits, ties, or any formal wear.

### TIME

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The time in São Paulo is GMT - 3.

## **ELECTRONICS**

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The voltage in São Paulo is 220, however the socket is different. The sockets at the venue require three prongs as shown in the image. These are called Type N. You will want to bring an adapter.



## **LANGUAGE**

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English language is not widely spoken. If you want to impress a few of the locals, learn a few of the Portuguese words and expressions such as:

- Bom dia (good morning)
- Boa noite (good evening)
- Obrigada (thank you – if you are female)
- Obrigado (thank you – if you are male)
- Legal (cool)

## **CASH / CARDS**

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Most places will accept credit and debit cards (Visa and Mastercard). American Express is not as widely accepted. If you would like to convert to local money (REAL) you can retrieve funds out of regular ATM machines or in Cambio. To exchange funds into dollars, you will be charged fees to local funds and then a second time to convert to dollars. If you have made arrangements to pay a portion of your costs in cash we recommend you do the exchange in your local country into dollars.

## **MEDICAL**

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If you have any pre-existing medical conditions we would ask you to notify us, particularly any food or environmental allergies. There is First Aid available on the premises, but any significant health concerns will require a visit to a local doctor. Please make sure that you have a printed copy of your insurance contact details and policy number.

If you are on medication, you need to bring a copy of your prescriptions with you. It is also a good idea to carry a supply of your prescriptions in both your carry-on and checked baggage in case either is lost.

## **HOTEL AMENITIES**

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The venue provides liquid soap, shampoo, conditioner and lotion. There are also three hair dryers that can be borrowed and returned to the front desk after use. Please note that toilet paper needs to go in the waste basket, and not in the toilet.

## **INTERNET**

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There will be internet throughout the venue where we are staying and meeting. Please be aware that it may be slower during free time when people are trying to get online.

## **CULTURAL GREETINGS**

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As you are probably aware, Brazilians are very relational and love to personal touch when they connect with you. Many may want to hug you when they greet you, especially those who you begin to relate to more than once or twice. They have been more sensitive since COVID, but you will find some who will still want to greet you with hugs every time they reconnect with you. If you wish to keep the distance, be sure to stretch out your hand for a hand shake or wear a mask. This will be a sign that you are being more cautious and would rather refrain from the extra loving touches.

## **WHEN OUTSIDE THE VENUE**

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### **Make copies of your documents**

Carrying a proof of identity is required in Brazil and even though you may never be asked to show it, in the rare cases you do, you will be expected to have it. Rather than carry your passport, driving license or any other form of identity on your person, just carry clear, clean photocopies of your identity, ensuring it is photo ID.

### **Purses / bags**

A bag that crosses over your body is the best kind. Avoid carrying around larger, expensive handbags or bags with an open pocket which is easy for pick-pocketing. Don't leave your bag unattended.

Avoid hanging your bags over the back of chairs as it is easy for a person to grab your things and quickly run away. Keep your belongings close to your body or on the chair next to you.

### **Cell phones**

Avoid your cell phone being visible when walking outdoors. Do not keep your cell phone in your back pocket or in a side pocket of your bag where it is easy to grab.

### **Street crossing**

Double check EVEN if there is green man telling you are allowed to cross. It's common for cars to start speeding up from far away when the light has turned yellow and go through as it turns red.

If you have any questions on any of the above, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

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