



"Wonders of the South"

Adventures for the gem & mineral lover, student, professional or dealer. Fun, educational and professional. Discover, explore and shop .
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TRIP MAPS



TRIP FACTS

TOUR CODE TAGE

DURATION 7 Days / 6 Nights

GROUP SIZE 3

TRANSPORT

Sedan automobile w/ air-conditioning

ACTIVITIES

Mines exploration / warehouses visiting / EXPOSOL show and museum attendance / city tour / rockhounding

ACCOMMODATION

6 Nights Hotel

MEALS

6 Breakfasts / 7 Lunches / 6 Dinners

INCLUSIONS

Accommodation / meals as indicated / airport transfers / park fees / activities as indicated / transportation on tour / professional guide

EXCLUSIONS

International airfare / optional / single occupancy / others as per terms & conditions

ARRANGEMENTS

The tour price includes planning, handling, and operating charges.

COMMENTS

The amethyst mines in Brazil are considered the best in the world. Experience a journey of discovery through Brazil's diverse ecosystems.

Start of travels: May 02, 2009

End of travels: May 08, 2009

HIGHLIGHTS;

- Amethyst Park Museum
- EXPOSOL Gem & Mineral Show
- Porto Alegre city tour

Start Journey – Day 1

Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
May 02, 2009 10:00 (local time)

Day 1 – (May 02 – Saturday) : Arrival in Porto Alegre

Arriving Porto Alegre, you will be met at the airport "Salgado Filho". Start with a tour of the city of Porto Alegre. Drive to Soledade. Enroute visit to interesting geological outcrops and to a stone-cutting center in the city of Lajeado.

Overnight in Soledade. Lajeado, Rio Grade do Sul, Brazil
May 02, 2009 17:00 (local time)

Visit to companies in Lajeado and possibly going to Teutonia (nearby town) to visit I tabras (agate beads manufacturer).
Soledade, Rio Grade do Sul, Brazil
May 02, 2009 17:20 (local time)
Arrive to overnight in Soledade at Hotel ?gata.

Day 2

Salto do Jacui, Brazil
May 03, 2009 08:27 (local time)

Day 2 (May 03 – Sunday) : Drive to Salto do Jacui.

Full day guided visit and visit to two different types of agate mines: open pit and underground mine. Geodes, chalcedony and enhidro geodes, as well

as a variety of mineral specimens are featured. Overnight in Salto do Jacui.

Day 3

Soledade, Brazil
May 04, 2009 08:30 (local time)

Day 3 (May 04 - Monday) : Salto do Jacu?: visit to an agate deposit.

Drive to Soledade. Soledade: Visits to dealers and warehouses. Overnight in Soledade.

Day 4

Ametista do Sul, Brazil
May 05, 2009 08:30 (local time)

Day 4 (May 05 - Tuesday) : Soledade: visits to more dealers and warehouses. Afternoon: drive to Ametista do Sul. In Ametista do Sul, city-tour with a visit to the amethyst-covered church and square meditation pyramid. Overnight in Ametista do Sul.

Day 5

Ametista do Sul, Brazil
May 06, 2009 08:30 (local time)

Day 5 (May 06 - Wednesday) : Ametista do Sul: visit to the Amethyst Museum & Mine and to an active amethyst geode mine.

Drive back to Soledade Amethyst flower mine in Get?lio Vargas optional. Overnight in Soledade.

Day 6

Soledade, Brazil
May 07, 2009 10:00 (local time)

Day 6 (May 07 - Thursday) : Soledade: full day visit to the EXPOSOL Gem &

Mineral show in Soledade. Overnight in Soledade.

Day 7

Estrela, Brazil
May 08, 2009 08:00 (local time)

Day 7 (May 08 - Friday) : Drive back to Porto Alegre.

En route visit to a stone-cutting center in Estrela. Drive to airport, farewell and fly to S?o Paulo.

Porto Alegre, Brazil
May 08, 2009 18:13 (local time)
Arrive in Porto Alegre and trasfer to the airport or hotel. Farewell.

Other Useful Information

Transfer

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the tour vehicle. The transfer is included in the trip cost.

Visa Information

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the correct documentation for your holiday and onward travel. Brazil Geo Mine Tourism cannot accept responsibility for anyone who is refused entry to a country because they lack the correct documentation.

Visa Requirements for Brazil

Brazil – Yes
Polish require a valid passport and a visa valid for at least six months on entry. Visitors must hold return or onward tickets, and sufficient funds.

Vaccination Information

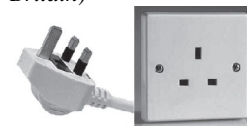
The requirements for vaccinations differ from country to country and they can change literally over night. We recommend that you contact your local travel clinic for all the details.

Electricity

Electrical current is 220 volts, 60Hz. Two-pin, round plugs are in use. Some accept two-pin flat blade.

Local Time

Local time is GMT +3 (*GMT refers to Greenwich Mean Time originating from Great Britain*)



Local Currency

Brazil
The official currency is the Brazilian Reais (R\$), which is divided into 100 cents. Foreign currency, like US dollars, Euros or Pounds Sterling, can be exchanged at banks and bureaux de change. Travellers cheques are not widely accepted. ATMs are available in São Paulo and Porto Alegre. Credit cards are only accepted at major hotels, shops and restaurants, usually only in the cities.

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