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## 1.- Useful information upon arrival

Porto Alegre, the capital of the Brazilian state of the Rio Grande do Sul, is located in the southern of the country. Its name means "joyful harbour". Its population is 1.509.939 inhabitants. With an area of almost 500 square kilometers, it has a diversified geography, with hills, lowlands and a large lake, the Guaíba.

### 1.1. General information

**Telephone country code:**

+55

**Time zone:**

BRT - Brasília Time (GMT-3) / BRST - Brasilia Summer Time (GMT-2)

**Emergency number:**

190 - Police

192 - Emergency medical services (SAMU)

**Time and date format:**

24-hour clock (00:00 to 23:59)

dd/mm/yyyy

### 1.2. Visa

The visa in Brazil is based on "reciprocal treatment", which means that is mandatory visa only for citizens of countries that obligate visa to Brazilians. For example: Canada, USA, Australia.

More detail in <http://www.portalconsular.mre.gov.br/estrangeiros/1qgrv-simples-ing-25.06.2015.pdf>.

### 1.3. Language and communication

The official language of Brazil is Portuguese, spoken by the entire population. English is not widely spoken except in some tourist areas, neither spanish. Some places like hotels may understand if you speak in English or Spanish. In case of take a bus or a taxi, it may be a good idea write down the address or station you want to go.

**Useful sentences in Portuguese:**

English	Portuguese
Hello.	Olá/Oi.
How are you?	Como está você?
I am fine, thanks.	Estou bem, obrigado.
What is your name	Qual seu nome?
My name is ...	Meu nome é ...
Good morning.	Bom dia.
Good evening.	Boa noite.
Good night.	Boa noite.
Please (when asking)	Por favor/por gentileza
Excuse me	Com licença

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How much?	Quanto custa?
Thank you.	Obrigado.
I am sorry.	Me desculpe.
Street	Rua
Shop/venue	Loja
Money/cash	Dinheiro
Bus stop	Ponto de ônibus
Subway	Metrô/trem
Lunch	Almoço
Breakfast	Café da manhã
Dinner	Jantar
What time is it?	Que horas são?

## Numbers:

English	Portuguese
0	Zero
1	Um
2	Dois
3	Três
4	Quatro
5	Cinco
6	Seis
7	Sete
8	Oito
9	Nove
10	Dez
50	Cinquenta
100	Cem
1000	Mil



## Non-verbal communication:

Gesture	Meaning
Thumbs up	It means "everything ok".
OK hand gesture	It can be considered obscene.
Wagging the extended index finger back and forth/clicking the tongue behind the teeth two or three times	It means "no".
Using the index finger to pull down one of the lower eyelids	It means "watch out".
Stroking the two biggest fingers with the thumb	It means "expensive".
Hush gesture	It is considered impolite.

## 1.4. Electricity

Brazil uses both 110 and 220 volts and the frequency is 60Hz. It uses the following types of socket: A, B, C, I, N (introduced in 2010, only newer buildings have it).

## 1.5. Smoking

In Brazil is forbidden to smoke in closed places (public or private) such as restaurants, stores, shopping malls, building lobbies, airports, etc.

## 1.6. Weather

Porto Alegre has a humid climate. The average annual temperature is 19°C.

- **Winter (June to September):** between -1°C e 19°C.
- **Summer (December to March):** between 20°C e 38°C.
- **Fall (April to June):** between 7°C e 25°C.
- **Spring (September to November):** between 10°C e 30°C.

## 2.- Airports and getting to the city

Porto Alegre has one airport, Salgado Filho (code: POA). Flights come from and go to cities such as São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Brasília, Curitiba, Florianópolis, Foz do Iguaçu, Montevideo, Córdoba, Rosario, Buenos Aires, Santiago de Chile, Lima, Panama City, Miami and Lisboa. It is served by all major Brazilian airlines (Azul, TAM, Gol/Varig, Webjet, Oceanair), regional ones (NHT and Trip) and international airlines TAP Portugal, COPA, TACA, American Airlines and Aerolineas Argentinas.

### Airport informations

**Phone:** +55 51 3358-2000

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/DzwBT>

### Taxi (indicated):

You will find two types of taxis by the airport: the white ones and the red ones. The red cabs are the usual cabs you find around the city. The white cabs service only the airport and they used to be more expensive. If you do not know your way around the city, it is more advised to take the white cabs.

- **To the venue:**
  - **Distance:** 5,8 km
  - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/IL2S4>
  - **Fare (red taxi):** R\$ 17,65 (between 8PM and 6AM: R\$ 21,41)
- **To the hostel:**
  - **Distance:** 15,1 km
  - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/Glyni>
  - **Fare (red taxi):** R\$ 30,27 (between 8PM and 6AM: R\$ 37,74)

### Train

There is an "airtrain" connecting the airport to the train station from 10AM to 4PM. Once in the station, you can buy the tickets and board the "Mercado" bound trains.

- **To downtown:**
  - Drop off in the last station (Mercado). The last station is in downtown Porto Alegre. The distance between this station and the downtown is 1,6 km. There are taxis near the station.
- **To near the venue:**
  - Drop off in the Farrapos station. The distance between this station and the venue is 2,1 km. There are taxis near the station.

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## Bus

- **To the venue:**
  - You can take the "T11" and ask to drop off in the "Sogipa" stop, by the Dom Pedro II street. The fair is R\$ 3,25. The time between airport and Sogipa is more or less one hour.
  - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/2QgCg>
- **To the hostel:**
  - Available buses in airport do not take you directly to downtown. You have to take two buses, which is not recommended if you do not know the city.

## 3.- Moving around in the city

### Bus

The bus fare is R\$ 3,25 and must be paid to the "cobrador" before crossing the turnstile located inside the bus. Fares may be paid either in cash or using a smartcard system named TRI.

However to get your TRI Card you need to be a Porto Alegre citizen since you need a proof of living in Porto Alegre in order to get your card.

The website <http://www.poatransporte.com.br/> can help with the transportation system. It shows the stops nearby the informed address and the bus routes.

The app Moovit can be useful too. It shows the route and the necessary transportation to get to a destination.



Image 1 - Bus

### Train/Metro

Trains serve only the metropolitan area. Locals can call it "trensurb" and services are limited, with only one line connecting downtown to some metropolitan cities (Canoas, Esteio, Sapucaia do Sul, São Leopoldo, and Novo Hamburgo). The fare is R\$1,70.

Stations Map:

[http://www.trensurb.gov.br/paginas/arquivos/201505071720290.mapa\\_linha\\_2015.jpg](http://www.trensurb.gov.br/paginas/arquivos/201505071720290.mapa_linha_2015.jpg)



Image 2 - Trensurb metro



## Taxi

The fare starts at R\$ 4,66 and then R\$ 2,33 every 1 kilometer (or R\$ 3,03 between 8PM and 6AM). The fare must be paid always in reais. Not all the taxis accept cards, so you have to ask the driver. There might be a very small surcharge for luggage.

The app "**Easy taxi**" can help to ride a cab. In this app you have to input your address and the form of payment, then a cab near will accept the job. You also can ask at the hostel to call a taxi for you.

## Phone:

Radio Taxi Cidade: +55 51 3223-1122 and +55 51 3223-3030

Radio Taxi Gaúcha: +55 51 3266-3636



*Image 3 - Red taxi*

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## 4.- Venue & Judge Hostel information

### 4.1. Location

#### **SOGIPA - Sociedade de Ginástica Porto Alegre 1867**

**Address:** R. Barão do Cotegipe, 400 - São João

Porto Alegre - RS/Brasil

90540-020

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/L79wB>

SOGIPA is slightly away from the downtown, so there are not many places to visit in the region. Closest metro station is "Farrapos".



Image 4 – SOGIPA

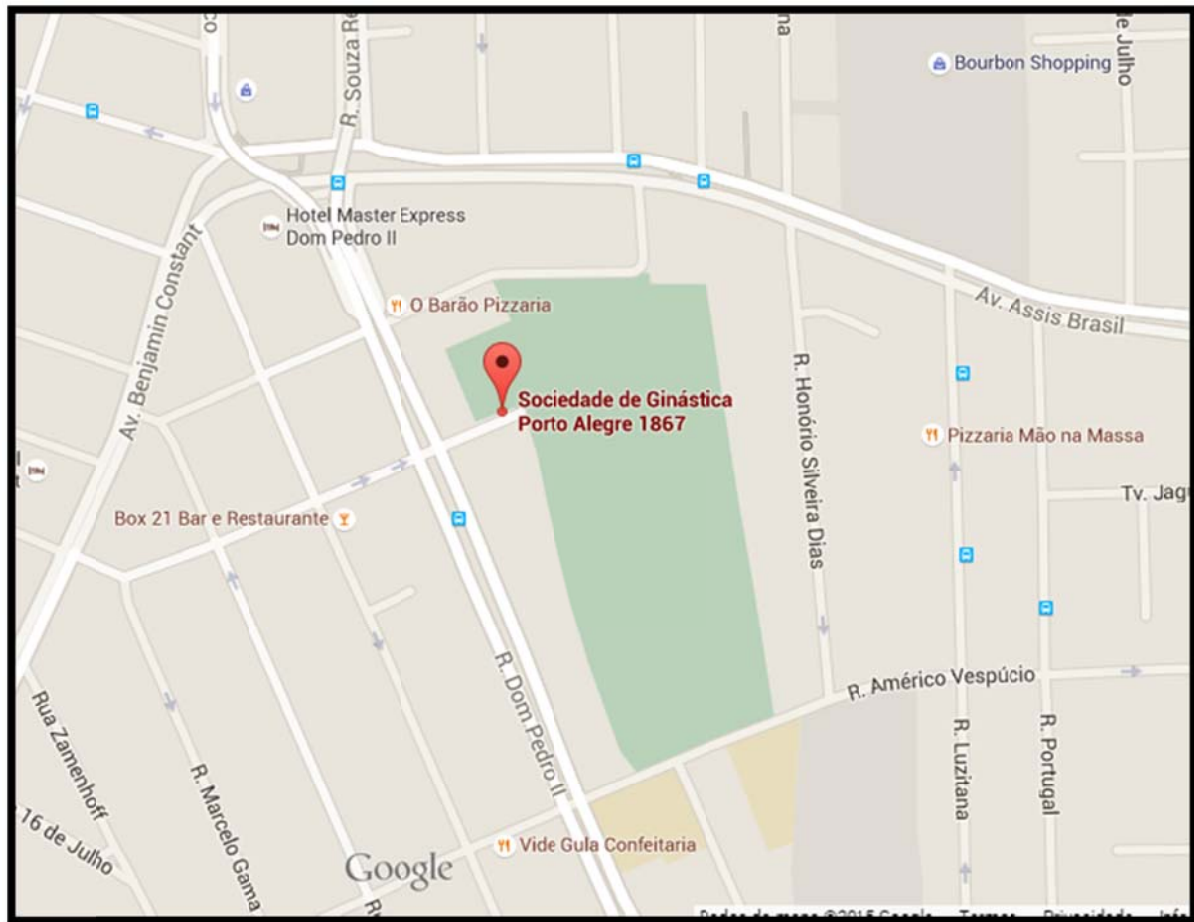


Image 5 - SOGIPA (map)

## 4.2. Judge hostel information

### Cidade Baixa Hostel

**Address:** R. Sarmento Leite 964,  
Centro Histórico, 90050-170  
Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul | Brasil

**Website:** <http://www.cidadebaixahostel.com.br/#!welcome/c114t>

**Phones:** [+55 51 3398.4648](tel:+555133984648) and [+55 51 8553.9770](tel:+555185539770)

**Whatsapp:** [+55 51 9189.0683](tel:+555191890683)

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/p0nnW>



*Image 6 - Cidade Baixa Hostel*

## 4.3. Going from Judge Hostel to the venue

### Taxi

- **Distance:** 6 km
- **Fare:** R\$ 19,36 (between 8PM and 6AM: R\$ 23,55)
- The best way would be to split a taxi with another 2/3 judges.

### Bus

- Walk to the "Praça Dom Feliciano" and take the bus "608" or "637" and ask the "cobrador" to stop in Av. Benjamin Constant near to Sogipa.
- **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/1USpH>



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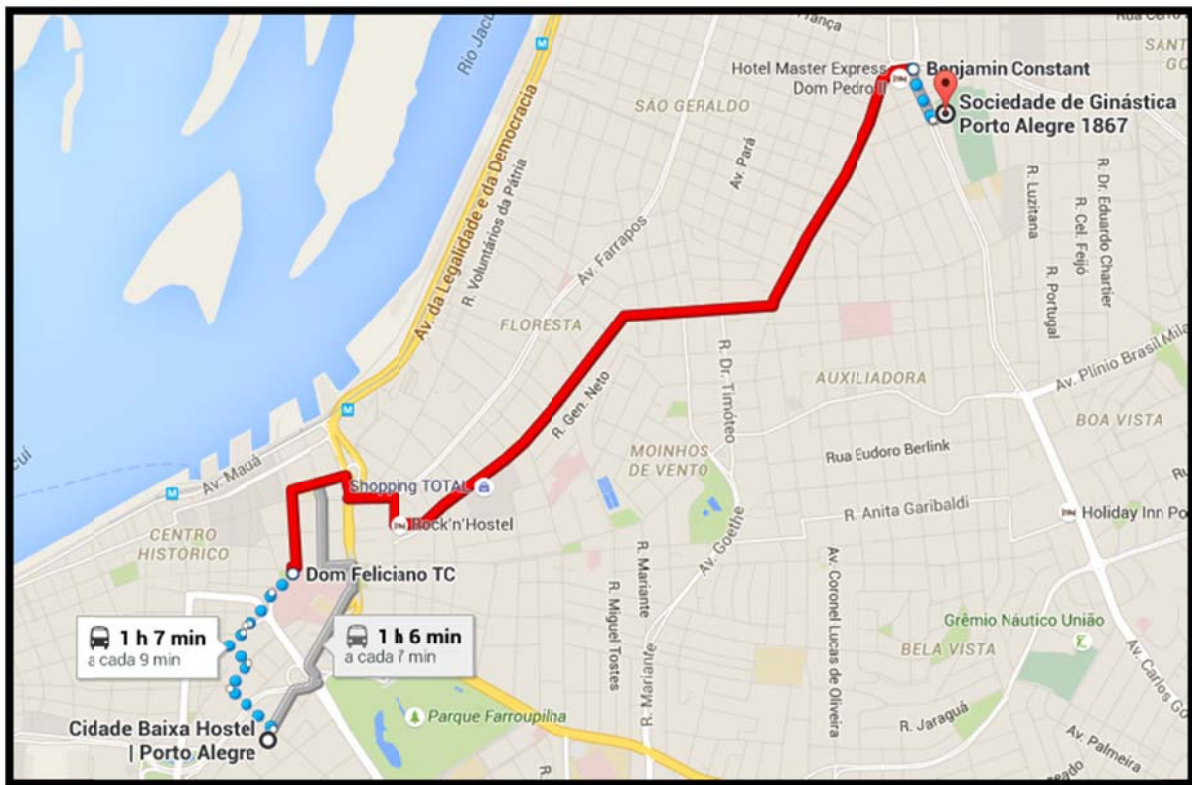


Image 7 - Route hostel to SOGIPA by bus



## 5.- Hotels and hostels

Before book you hostel/hotel check the GP website ([gpportoalegre.com](http://gpportoalegre.com)) for discounts.

### Hostels

As the venue is away from downtown, we indicate some hostels near the center of the city. The following establishments are also near supermarkets, drugstores, pubs, parties and Porto Alegre hotspots.

#### Rock'n'Hostel

**Address:** Av. Alberto Bins, 954 - Centro Histórico  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90030-142

**Website:** <http://www.rocknhostel.com/>

**Phone:** +55 51 3557-3523

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/0IPfe>

**Distance from the venue:** 4,5 km.

**Shared dorm per night:** R\$ 35 (check their website for private rooms and other options).  
Breakfast, Wifi, 24 hour, two bathrooms, public computer.

**Differential:** price.

#### Porto Alegre Eco Hostel

**Address:** Rua Luiz Afonso, 276 - Cidade Baixa  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90050-310

**Website:** <http://www.portoalegreecohostel.com.br/>

**Phone:** +55 51 3019-2449

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/X8QWS>

**Distance from the venue:** 6,9 km.

**Shared dorm per night:** R\$ 35 (check their website for private rooms and other options).  
Breakfast, Wifi, 24 hour, five bathrooms, lockers, forbidden alcoholic drinks.

**Differential:** Swimming pool.

#### Solar63 Hostel

**Address:** Rua Octávio Corrêa 63  
Cidade Baixa  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90050-120

**Website:** <http://www.solar63hostel.com.br/>

**Phone:** +55 51 3092-0063

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/Lqfyf>

**Distance from the venue:** 6,2 km.

**Shared dorm per night:** R\$ 38 (check their website for private rooms and other options).

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Breakfast, Wifi, 24 hour, five bathrooms.

**Differential:** exclusive bedroom for women, bicycle rentals.

## **Casa Azul Hostel**

**Address:** R. Gen. Lima E Silva, 912 - Cidade Baixa

Porto Alegre - RS

90040-102

**Website:** <http://www.casaazulhostel.com.br/>

**Phone:** +55 51 3084-5050

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/2PGh8>

**Distance from the venue:** 7,1 km.

**Shared dorm per night:** R\$ 38 (check their website for private rooms and other options).

Breakfast, Wifi, 24 hour, lockers, 3 public computers.

**Differential:** exclusive bedroom for women, pub, snack bar.

## **Hotels near the venue**

### **Hotel Master Express Dom Pedro II**

**Address:** R. Dom Pedro II, 37 - São João

Porto Alegre - RS

90550-142

**Website:** <http://www.master-hoteis.com.br/hotel/porto-alegre/master-express-dom-pedro-ii>

**Phone:** +55 51 2123-7800

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/n4DKu>

**Distance from the venue:** 350 m.

Breakfast, business center, fitness center, laundry.

**Dorm:** R\$ 165.

### **Hotel Royal Palace Airport**

**Address:** Av. Maranhão, 1061 - Higienópolis

Porto Alegre - RS

90230-040

**Website:** <http://www.master-hoteis.com.br/hotel/porto-alegre/royal-palace-airport>

**Phone:** +55 51 3079-4700

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/EV2Uf>

**Distance from the venue:** 600 m.

Breakfast, business center, fitness center, laundry.

**Dorm:** R\$ 195.

### **Holiday Inn Porto Alegre**

**Address:** Av. Carlos Gomes, 565 - Auxiliadora

Porto Alegre - RS

90480-003

**Website:** <http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/porto-alegre/poabr/hoteldetail>

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**Phone:** +55 51 3378-2727

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/sCKJ5>

**Distance from the venue:** 2,7 km.

Breakfast, business center, fitness center.

**Dorm:** R\$ 250 (two beds).

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## 6.- Tourist spots

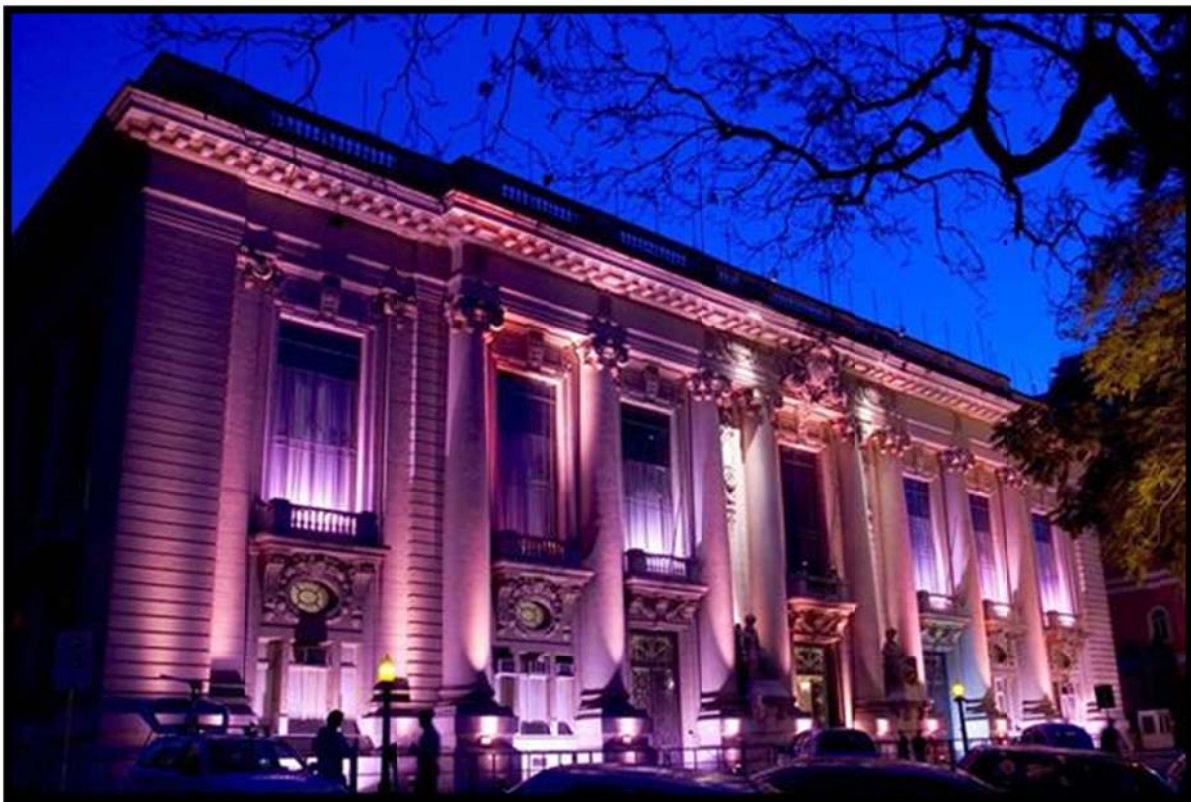
### Palácio Piratini

The Palácio Piratini (national monument), built in 1909 and decorated in Louis XVI style, is the seat of the state government of Rio Grande do Sul. The mural paintings in the palace were the work of Aldo Locatelli, an Italian immigrant.

**Address:** Praça Marechal Deodoro, s/n - Centro Histórico  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90010-282

**Phone:** +55 51 3210-4100

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/iWeNw>



*Image 8 - Palácio Piratini*

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## Market Hall

On Praça 15 de Novembro is the public Market Hall (Mercado), where foodstuffs, imported articles, a great range of the maté teas characteristic of the region and craft products from the region are offered for sale.

**Address:** Galeria Mercado Público - Centro Histórico

Porto Alegre - RS

90020-070

**Phone:** +55 51 3289-4801

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/exscV>



*Image 9 - Market hall*



## Rua dos Andradas

Parallel to Avenida Duque de Caxias on the north is Rua das Andradas, better known under its old name of Rua da Praia. It is one of the most traditional and old street in the city.

- **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/Mgac0>

## PUCRS Science and Technology Museum

Its scientific collections include a large selection of fossils, specimens representative of our biodiversity, and pieces from archaeological excavations, which are the object of research of Master's and PhD students from various parts of the world.

**Address:** Av. Ipiranga, 6681 - Praia de Belas  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90619-900

**Website:** <http://www.pucrs.br/mct/>

**Phone:** +55 51 3320-3521

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/e1vpt>

## Teatro São Pedro

The neo-Baroque Teatro São Pedro (1850; national monument) is one of the finest buildings in Porto Alegre.

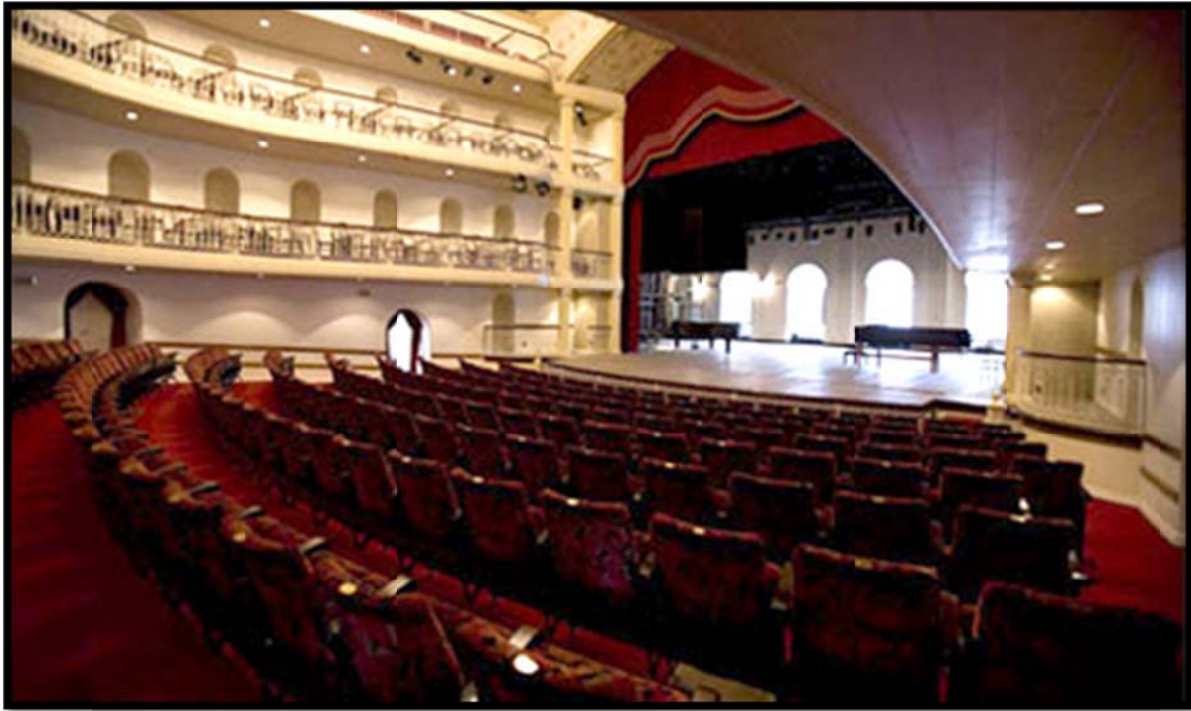
**Address:** Praça Mal. Deodoro, S/N - Centro Histórico  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90010-300

**Website:** <http://www.teatrosaopedro.com.br/>

**Phone:** +55 51 3227-5100

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/nyGZe>





*Image 10 - Teatro São Pedro*

## **MARGS**

The Museum of Art of Rio Grande do Sul, on Praça da Alfândega, has a specialist library, a picture gallery and collections of sculpture, tapestries and ceramics.

**Address:** Praça da Alfândega, s/n - Centro  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90010-191

**Website:** <http://www.margs.rs.gov.br/>

**Phone:** +55 51 3227-2311

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/qZHha>

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## **Mário Quintana Cultural Center**

At the end of Rua da Praia, at its intersection with Rua Araújo Ribeira, is the Mário Quintana Cultural Center. Housed in the old Majestic Hotel - one of the city's best-known hotels, a pioneering example of modern architecture with its concrete walls and eclectic façade - it has halls for dramatic performances, a video club, a record library, a library and reading room and exhibition, conference and teaching rooms.

**Address:** R. dos Andradas, 736 - Centro Histórico  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90020-003

**Website:** <http://ccmq.com.br/>

**Phone:** +55 51 3221-7147

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/cnNJS>

## **Museu Júlio de Castilhos**

The Museu Júlio de Castilhos (Historical Museum) has collections of fossils and Indian craft products, but its main interest centers on the life and work of Júlio de Castilhos and Borges de Medeiros.

**Address:** R. Duque de Caxias, 1205 - Centro Histórico  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90010-281

**Website:** <http://museujuliodecastilhos.blogspot.com.br/>

**Phone:** +55 51 3221-3959

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/2ACfl>

## **Linha turismo**

Linha Turismo is a tourist bus line that rides through 11 neighbourhoods and shows the main attractions of the city (parks, trees, statues, hospitals, churches, etc), with audio guides in three languages.

**Address:** Travessa do Carmo, 84 - Cidade Baixa  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90050-210  
**Phone:** +55 51 3289-6744

## 7.- Recommendations to visit

### Farroupilha Park

Also known as Redenção. An attraction in the Farroupilha Park is the Brique da Redenção, a flea market held here every Sunday morning at which a wide range of old and second-hand objects can be bought or exchanged. In the park, you can also rent a bike and enjoy the lake with the paddleboats.

**Address:** Av. João Pessoa, S/N - Cidade Baixa  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90010-150

**Phone:** +55 51 3289-8304

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/5xzMY>



*Image 11 - Redenção*

### Monumento aos Açorianos

It is a 17m high monument in the memory of the people from the island of Azores.

**Address:** Av. Borges de Medeiros, 340 - Centro Histórico  
Porto Alegre - RS

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/i9qsm>

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## Santuário Mãe de Deus

A beautiful church in great location, with nice views of Porto Alegre and nearby cities landscapes. Built in 1992, it has a modern architecture and engineering.

**Address:** Belém Velho

Porto Alegre - RS

**Phone:** +55 51 3318-4627

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/OQliC>

## Usina do Gasômetro

It is a old powerplant built in 1928 which was refurbished recently and now hosts movie theaters and art expositions. During the sunset, lots of people get together in front of the Usina to watch the sun diving into Rio Guaíba (Guaiba river).

**Address:** Av. Pres. João Goularte, 551 - Centro

Porto Alegre - RS

90010-120

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/aav0S>



*Image 12 - Usina do Gasômetro*



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## Maurício Sirotsky Sobrinho Park

Also known as Harmonia Park, home of the yearly Acampamento Farroupilha (Farroupilha Camp), a three-week long regionalist event to celebrate the Farroupilha revolution and display the gaúcho culture.

**Address:** Praia de Belas

Porto Alegre - RS

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/AWOSJ>



*Image 13 - Harmonia Park*



## 8.- Food and beverages

### SushiSeninha

SushiSeninha is a japonesse restaurant in the Market Hall. Near to the hostels.

**Address:** Largo Jornalista Glênio Peres, Loja 47 e 45 - Centro Histórico  
Market Hall  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90020-070

**Phone:** +55 51 3084-9555 and +55 51 9986-6644

**Website:** <http://sushiseninha.com.br/>

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/xfGxO>

**Trip Advisor:** <http://goo.gl/lvFrxi>

### Koh Pee Pee

Koh Pee Pee is a famous Thai restaurant.

**Address:** Rua Schiller, 83 - Moinhos de Vento  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90430-150

**Phone:** +55 51 3333-5150

**Website:** [http://www.kohpeepee.com.br/koh\\_pee\\_pee\\_restaurante\\_tailandes/index.php](http://www.kohpeepee.com.br/koh_pee_pee_restaurante_tailandes/index.php)

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/S8R4q>

**Trip Advisor:** <http://goo.gl/7kc9qn>



Image 14 - Koh Pee Pee

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## Churrascaria Giovanaz

Simple restaurant that serves a great “Gaúcho” barbecue. Near to the hostels.

**Address:** Avenida Venancio Aires, 10 - Cidade Baixa  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90040-190

**Phone:** +55 51 3227-4217

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/LcvTi>

**Trip Advisor:** <http://goo.gl/NeaANs>

## Cavanhas

Simple cafeteria, it serves varied drinks, burgers and several pizzas. Near to the hostels.

**Address:** R. Gen. Lima e Silva, 274 - Cidade Baixa  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90050-100

**Phone:** +55 51 3226-0743

**Website:** <http://www.cavanhas.com.br/>

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/ZfW3D>

**Trip Advisor:** <http://goo.gl/1GRguV>



Image 15 - Cavanhas

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## Don Basílio

Brazilian self-service restaurant near to the venue.

**Address:** Av. Ceará, 1311 - Navegantes  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90240-510  
**Phone:** +55 51 3273-0580  
**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/kkbDg>  
**Trip Advisor:** <http://goo.gl/mQCPMz>

## O Barão Pizzaria

Pizzeria near the venue.

**Address:** Rua Dom Pedro II, 134 - São João  
Porto Alegre - RS  
90550-140  
**Phone:** +55 51 3387-1000  
**Website:** <http://www.obarao.com.br/>  
**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/n7joR>

## Bourbon Shopping Mall

Another great place to eat near the venue is the "Bourbon Shopping" Mall, which have a variety of restaurants.

**Address:** Av. Assis Brasil, 164 - São João  
Porto Alegre - RS  
91010-000  
**Phone:** +55 51 3027-2155  
**Website:** <http://www.bourbonshopping.com.br/site/index.jsp>  
**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/20Zh2>

## 9.- Useful tips

### **Following tips for safety in Porto Alegre:**

At any time, avoid poor areas (you can see a map here:

<https://portoimagem.wordpress.com/2011/12/29/mapa-com-a-localizacao-das-vilas-favelas-de-porto-alegre/poafavela/>) and watch out for pickpockets within the Historic Centre, particularly on rua dos Andradas (also known as rua da Praia) and near the bus station — watch your backpack, pockets and wristwatch.

### **After the sunset, you should stay away from:**

- Marinha park
- Harmonia park
- Farropilha park (also know as Redenção)
- Praça Conde de Porto Alegre
- Conceição tunnel and under Conceição viaduct
- the surroundings of the Police Palace (Palácio da Polícia) police station, at avenida Ipiranga and avenida João Pessoa
- The red light district on rua Voluntários da Pátria

**Because not many Brazilians report crime to authorities, it is recommended that you check this crime map:**

<http://www.ondeluirobado.com.br/porto-alegre/RS>. Note that poor areas seem empty (thus, safer) due to fewer Internet users.

### **Taxi**

Taxi drivers are known for trying to scam tourists with the fare, they try to drive around to get a higher fare. It's better if you get an estimate before leaving, you can use this site:

<http://www.tarifadetaxi.com/porto-alegre>.

## 10.- Local Game Stores

### 10.1. Jambô/Nerdz

**Website:** <https://lojajambo.com.br/>

**Store:**

**Address:** R. Sarmento Leite, 627 - Centro

Porto Alegre - RS

90050-170

**Phone:** +55 51 3028-1426

**Google Maps:** <https://goo.gl/maps/qTAsY>

**Games Room:**

**Address:** Rua Coronel Genuino, 209 - Centro

Porto Alegre - RS

90010-350

**Phone:** +55 51 3026-0370

**Google Maps:** <https://goo.gl/maps/i54cG>

### 10.1. Ilusões Industriais

**Website:** <http://www.lojailusoes.com.br/>

**Address:** Rua Riachuelo, 1334, Loja 4 - Centro

Porto Alegre - RS

90040-373

**Phone:** +55 51 3212-7657

**Google Maps:** <https://goo.gl/maps/Llipo>



## 11.- Currency exchange

The local currency is the real (R\$). One real is equal to one hundred centavos.

### Available coin values:

- 1 centavo
- 5 centavos
- 10 centavos
- 25 centavos
- 50 centavos
- 1 real

### Available banknotes values:

- 2 reais
- 5 reais
- 10 reais
- 20 reais
- 50 reais
- 100 reais

US dollars and other currencies are not commercially used. International credit cards are accept, Mastercard and Visa in almost every place.

The current conversion of US Dollars to Brazilian Real is USD 1 to R\$ 3,4.

Exchange only the amount you plan to spend, since is impossible or expensive exchange back (depending the currency exchange house). It's possible find people exchanging money on the streets, though they might at times offer you a better price than currency exchange houses, avoid making transactions with these people, since this is exchanging in the black market (there's a risk of getting scammed).

Following some currency exchange houses:

### Cotação

- **Address:** Airport Salgado Filho (POA)
- Second floor, passenger terminal one
- **Phone:** +55 51 4002-1010

### CambioNet

Exchanges the major currencies. Limit: R\$ 1000. Only accept banknotes.

### Agências Moinhos Shopping

**Address:** Rua Olavo Barreto Viana, 36

Bairro Moinhos de Vento

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**Phones:** +55 51 3395-1796 and +55 51 3024-7718

**Agência Shopping Iguatemi**

**Address:** Av. João Wallig, 1800

Bairro Passo D'areia

Porto Alegre / RS

**Phone:** +55 51 3086-4012

**Agência Praia de Belas Shopping**

**Address:** Av. Praia de Belas, 1181

Bairro Praia de Belas

Porto Alegre / RS

**Phone:** +55 51 3239-6788

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## Appendix: Reference Map and Useful Links

- **Illustrated map:** <http://www.photomundi.com.br/photomundi/flash/mapa14.htm>
  - **Additional information about Porto Alegre:** [http://wikitravel.org/en/Porto\\_Alegre](http://wikitravel.org/en/Porto_Alegre)
  - **Map of hostels/hotels listed in this guide:** <https://goo.gl/30luix>
  - **Map of tourist spots and recommendations to visit:** <https://goo.gl/LypJDu>
  - **Visa information:** <http://www.portalconsular.mre.gov.br/estrangeiros/1qgrv-simples-ing-25.06.2015.pdf>
  - **POA Transporte:** <http://www.poatransporte.com.br/>
  - **Metro stations map:** [http://www.trensurb.gov.br/paginas/arquivos/201505071720290.mapa\\_linha\\_2015.jpg](http://www.trensurb.gov.br/paginas/arquivos/201505071720290.mapa_linha_2015.jpg)
  - **Estimated taxi fare:** <http://www.tarifadetaxi.com/porto-alegre>
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