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GRAND PRIX PORTO ALEGRE

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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 region 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. 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\$ 3,19.

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
- **Website:** <https://www.cotacao.com.br/>

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CambioNet

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

Website: <http://www.cambionet.com/site/index.php>

Agências Moinhos Shopping

Address: Rua Olavo Barreto Viana, 36

Bairro Moinhos de Vento

Porto Alegre / RS

Phones: +55 51 3395-1796

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 3239-6787

1.2. 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

1.3. Visa

Brazil maintains a fully reciprocal visa policy, which means that visa is mandatory only for citizens of countries that obligate visa to Brazilians. In case of mandatory visa, visitors must obtain a visa in one of the Brazilian diplomatic missions. Brazilian visa will never be granted in Brazilian territory, therefore they must necessarily be obtained through the Embassies, General Consulates, Consulates and Vice consulates of Brazil abroad. To apply for a visa, foreigners must submit the visa application form, a valid travel document, proof of payment of consular fees and other specific documents for the type of visa requested.

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Link to apply for a Brazilian visa: <https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.br/sci/pages/web/pacomPasesWebInicial.jsf>

There are 90 countries among the exempt countries, some of them are Argentina, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Ecuador, etc. To find out if you need a visa to travel to Brazil:

<http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/images/qgrv/QGRV-simples-ing-08-12-16.pdf>

1.4. 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, and neither is Spanish. Some places like hotels may understand if you speak English or Spanish. In case of taking a bus or a taxi, it may be a good idea to write down the address or station you wish 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
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?

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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.

Magic related sentences:

English	Portuguese
Judge	Juíz (male), juíza (female)
Player	Jogador (male), jogadora (female)
Match	Partida
Game	Jogo
Time is up	O tempo acabou
Play five additional turns	Joguem cinco turnos extras
You may begin	Vocês podem começar
Please sign the results slip	Assinem o resultado

Main stage	Palco principal
Side events área	Área dos side events/eventos paralelos.
I need you to play faster	Preciso que você jogue mais rápido
Who's the active player?	Quem é o jogador ativo?
Are we on extra turns?	Estamos nos turnos extras?

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

Smoking is forbidden 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

There is one airport in Porto Alegre, 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, Avianca, GOL, LATAM), regional ones (NHT and Trip) and international airlines TAP Portugal, COPA, TACA, and Aerolineas Argentinas.

Hand luggage

The hand luggage can not exceed 23 x 40 x 55 cm. The weight should not exceed 5kg. Except for children under two years, each passenger can carry the following as hand luggage: a purse or briefcase that can be placed under the seat, a blanket, an umbrella, reading material, a small camera or laptop. The following objects are not allowed in hand luggage: any kind of drink, shampoos, fragrances, lotions, liquid cosmetics, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant (aerosol, liquid or cream, matches and lighters whose fuel is gas type torch. See more here:

<http://www.aeroportoportoalegre.net/en/luggage>

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 downtown:**
 - **Distance:** 8,4 km
 - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/7DUR6Fs7dJt>
 - **Fare (red taxi):** R\$ 27,74 (between 8PM and 6AM: R\$ 34,24)
- **To the venue:**
 - **Distance:** 10,7 km
 - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/ARCtVt9xYzN2>
 - **Fare (red taxi):** R\$ 34,71 (between 8PM and 6AM: R\$ 43,29)

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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:**
 - The venue is not near the stations.

Bus

- **To the venue:**
 - The bus options require walking to the stops and last more than 1 hour. In general, for this route two buses are needed. One of the options is to walk to Sertorio avenue, take the bus 727, drop off after 33 stops.
 - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/FMpCxYz7E7t>
- **To downtown:**
 - Take the bus 705 and drop off after 48 stops, in Voluntários da Pátria.
 - **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/fX3QDo7CWZr>

Uber

- **To downtown:**
 - a. **Distance:** 8,4 km
 - b. **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/7DUR6Fs7dJt>
 - c. **Fare:** R\$ 17,09
- **To the venue:**
 - d. **Distance:** 10,7 km
 - e. **Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/ARCtVt9xYzN2>
 - f. **Fare:** R\$ 18,81

3. Moving around in the city



Bus

The bus fare is R\$ 3,75 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.

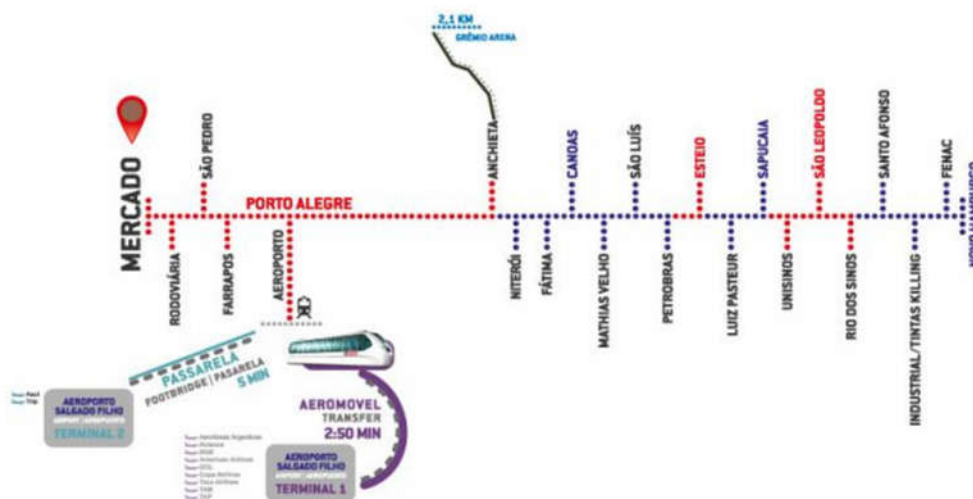
The app Moovit can be useful too. It shows the route and the necessary transportation to get to a destination.



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:





Taxi

The fare starts at R\$ 5,18 and then R\$ 2,59 every 1 kilometer (or R\$ 3,36 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

Uber

Although it is a good option to taxis, Uber is not regulamented in Porto Alegre. Their service has been of high quality, however there has been some conflict between the public taxis and them. If you decide to use them, always seat someone in the front seat.

4. Venue

Centro de Eventos FIERGS

Address: Av. Assis Brasil, 8787

Porto Alegre - RS/Brasil

91140-001

Google Map:

<https://goo.gl/maps/TCciF848FPk>

FIERGS is slightly away from the downtown, so there are not many places to visit in the region.



5. Hotels and hostels

Before book you hostel/hotel check the GP website (<http://gpmagicbrasil.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.

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: 14,2 km.

Shared dorm per night: R\$ 42 (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/Lqfyr>

Distance from the venue: 13,9 km.

Shared dorm per night: R\$ 45 (check their website for private rooms and other options).

Breakfast, Wifi, 24 hour, five bathrooms.

Differential: exclusive bedroom for women, bicycle rentals.

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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: 13,9 km.

Shared dorm per night: R\$ 42 (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 Ibis Porto Alegre – Assis Brasil

Address: Av. Assis Brasil, 9300 – Sarandi
Porto Alegre - RS
91114-000

Website: <http://www.accorhotels.com/pt/hotel-9087-ibis-porto-alegre-assis-brasil/index.shtml>

Phone: +55 51 4009-4888

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/xdA4kdk6B5L2>

Distance from the venue: 700 m.

Dorm: R\$ 135 (approximately).

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>



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>

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>

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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>

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>

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>

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 an 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 (Guaíba river).

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Address: Av. Pres. João Goularte, 551 - Centro
Porto Alegre - RS
90010-120

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



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>

8. Food and beverages

SushiSeninha

SushiSeninha is a japanese 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/lvFrXl>

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

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

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

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>

Restaurante Garoupa

Restaurant near to the venue.

Address: Av. Assis Brasil, 8685 - Sarandi,

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Porto Alegre - RS

91140-001

Phone: +55 51 3907-9300

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/BKz2TapvCUM2>

Trip Advisor: <https://goo.gl/efpf68>

Subway

Fast-food near to the venue.

Address: Av. Assis Brasil, s/n - Sarandi,

Porto Alegre - RS

91140-000

Phone: +55 51 3348-6582

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/6Zm2iLmhoJv>

Maxxi Atacado (supermarket)

Market near the venue.

Address: Av. Assis Brasil, 8285 - Sarandi,

Porto Alegre - RS

91140-001

Phone: +55 51 2104-3110

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/prEmUwowWrT2>

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://nerdz.etc.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: R. Sarmento Leite, 641 - Centro

Porto Alegre - RS

90050-170

Phone: +55 51 3026-0370

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/pb1LDG41Vt72>

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>