

Accommodation at Wonderful City



Hi!

This is a short guide, for the exchange students of Escola Politécnica/UFRJ, on how and where to find and rent accommodation here in Rio de Janeiro, “the Wonderful City”! It was created by Interpoli, Student Association to support exchange students at Escola Politécnica UFRJ. We hope this helps you in your great journey in Brazil, but if you still need any help or have any kind of questions, don’t hesitate to ask us through interpoli@poli.ufrj.br.

Before that, have a look on the guide and gather information on Rio’s neighborhoods and tips to find your place to stay!

Recommended neighborhoods:

RIO DE JANEIRO

Zona Sul

- Botafogo
- Catete
- Copacabana
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- Ipanema
- Jardim Botânico
- Lagoa
- Laranjeiras
- Leblon
- Leme

BOTAFOGO



The neighborhood is well known for the famous image of Botafogo's Cove with the Sugar Loaf hill in the background. But Botafogo is much more than that and the large presence of private schools, clinics and hospitals makes the neighborhood one of the main poles of health and education in the city. In addition Botafogo has



countless cinemas, theaters, shopping malls, nightclubs, concert halls, museums, business centers and consulates, as well as several mansions from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

With a strategic location, Botafogo has wonderful views of the Guanabara Bay and Sugar Loaf. The neighborhood is especially busy during the day, for its countless companies, offices, schools and malls - stages of the genuinely Cariocas families who live there. The city's most cults cinemas are in the neighborhood, which in addition offers the most alternative nightlife options in the city.



CATETE



Catete was once a mansion of noble and wealthy merchants, and the Nova Friburgo Palace was built there, which was later converted into the seat of the Presidency of the Republic, a position it held for 63 years, until the transfer of the Capital to Brasilia, when Started to host the Museum of the Republic, a cultural complex with pleasant gardens.

Currently, Catete has strong commerce, but it remains a residential neighborhood with large condominiums mixed with villages and townhouses.



Catete was the political seat of the country when Rio was the capital of Brazil. Despite being very residential, with no restaurants or famous attractions, the neighborhood still has beautiful green areas like Guinle Park. It is worth strolling through the Condor Gallery and eating at the Syrian-Lebanese Rotisserie, which is always crowded for good reason. The glamor of the past is gone, but the neighborhood is right next to the center of Rio and is well connected to the rest of the city by the subway.



COPACABANA



From the luxury of Copacabana Palace to the decadence of nightclubs, Copa is for everyone. By day it is a very commercial neighborhood, well connected by bus and subway, which houses people from all over Brazil. Despite its remnant world fame of the past, its neighbors Ipanema and Leblon are more popular among the locals in terms of beach and leisure. Still, Copa is a neighborhood that has everything for those who want to enjoy Rio by day and night.

Neighborhood symbol of glamor and wealth between the 30's and 50's, Copacabana has given rise to many songs, books, paintings and photographs, becoming one of the most famous districts of the city of Rio de Janeiro.



Also known as Princesinha do Mar, the neighborhood is full of good restaurants, bars, cafes, shops, theaters, cinemas, hotels, cinemas and open air fairs. The trade is diverse, with elegant and expensive stores and others of more popular profile.



The wide stretch of sand stretching from Princesa Isabel Avenue to the Copacabana fort serves as a stage for major events such as national and international artist shows and championships for sand soccer and beach volleyball. The biggest party of all, the traditional fireworks of the New Year, which attracts thousands of people, can be contemplated by all of the sand or the boardwalk.

FLAMENGO



Flamengo is a noble residential neighborhood in the current Central Zone of Rio de Janeiro. It is a great neighborhood to live because of its proximity to the Center and also with Aterro do Flamengo, one of the most extensive and pleasant areas of leisure in the city. On the edge of the Guanabara Bay, Flamengo is famous for its landfill with tall palm trees, very green and space for hiking. It is a quieter neighborhood than Copacabana, but offers some of the most traditional bars in the city. Try to get acquainted with the beauties of Flamengo during the day and pay attention to the architecture of the beautiful buildings at the edge of the embankment, full of modernist references and art deco. Three subway stations or a few minutes by taxi will take you from anywhere to Rio.

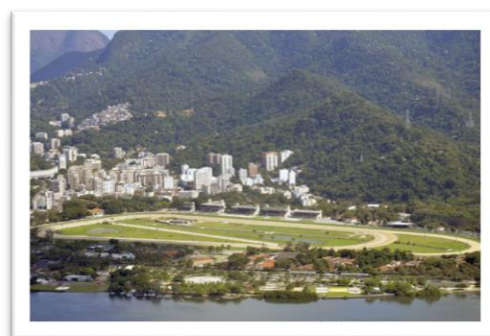


GÁVEA



Gávea, the district with the highest HDI in the state of Rio de Janeiro, offers a wide range of cultural activities such as the Rio de Janeiro Planetarium, the Maria Clara Machado Theater, the Botanical Garden, the Jockey Club, the Instituto Moreira Salles, Besides the theaters and cinemas of Shopping da Gávea.

With five parks and gardens, the Gávea has 482,939 square meters of green area, full of monkeys, bromeliads, jackals, hawks, palm hearts, squirrels and hummingbirds. 40% of the land is above the 100 quota, which gives them the status of permanent preservation areas.



IPANEMA

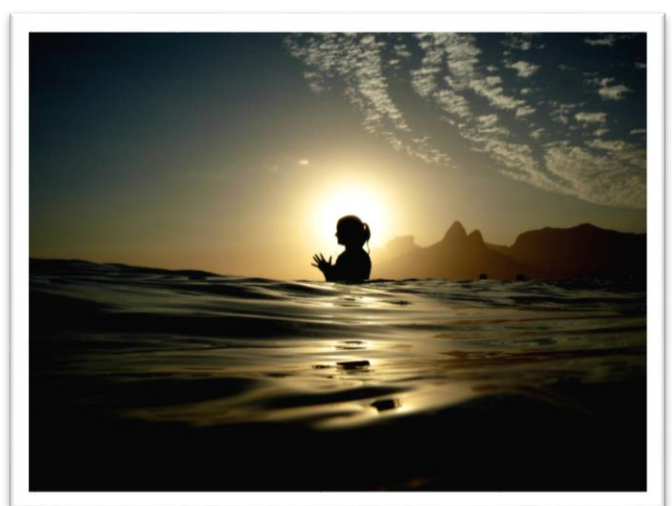


Separated from Copacabana by Arpoador, Ipanema is more sophisticated than its neighbor. Full of bossa and beautiful people, here one can find beach and party, day and night. The neighborhood is full of shops with the best of Rio fashion, great restaurants and bars to go after the beach. People from all over the city vie for Rio's coolest sands.

Ipanema is located in the South Zone of the city bordering the neighborhoods of Leblon, Lagoa and Copacabana. It is a sophisticated neighborhood and favorite place of many tourists who prefer to stay in the region for safety, proximity to the sea, intense nightlife and privileged location.



The main attraction of the neighborhood, the beach of Ipanema, is one of the darlings of the upper middle class in Rio. The place is frequented day and night by people going for walks, playing sports, chatting and drinking coconut water at the kiosks, pedaling along the bike path and, of course, enjoying the sensuality and beauty of those who frequent the place.





JARDIM BOTÂNICO

It is in this neighborhood that stands the wonderful Botanical Garden of Rio, with its huge imperial palms and royal victories. The Garden impresses with its rich flora and is one of the most beautiful green areas of the city. The area is between the Corcovado hill and the Lagoon, and has great bars and restaurants. With quiet streets and small buildings full of charm, here is the headquarters of Rede Globo and, consequently, many of the famous people who work there.



Of a very residential character, with calm streets and very green, the district Botanical Garden takes the same name of the famous park that, along with Park Lage forms a green belt that extends for great part of the region.



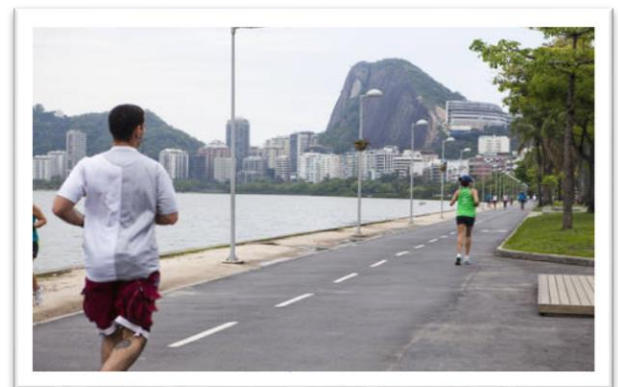
LAGOA



The most striking feature of the Lagoon is even difficult to define. The neighborhood is under the arms of Christ the Redeemer, at the foot of the Corcovado, and has Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon in its domain - as if the Atlantic was not enough there. Around these waters is a true open-air playground where active residents enjoy walking, biking and relaxing. Modern buildings and convenient kiosks speckled along the way complete this seemingly out-of-the-world setting.



The Lagoa is a high class neighborhood of the South Zone of the city of Rio de Janeiro and owes its name to Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas. The neighborhood has many parks and squares and is well wooded. The main ones are the Cantagalo Park, the Taboas Park, the Catacumba Park and the Skate Park.



LARANJEIRAS



The residential neighborhood of Laranjeiras is also the seat of the government of Rio, in the Guanabara Palace. Here is also the Fluminense stadium, a traditional Rio team. It is a quiet neighborhood, in the shadow of Corcovado and from where also the cable car goes to Cristo Redentor. It is a good option for those who have a smaller budget but still want to stay in the South Zone. The neighborhood has no bohemian tradition, but Mercadinho São José boils at night with its bar. It is also easy to go to Santa Teresa or Cosme Velho.



Laranjeiras is a noble neighborhood of the South Zone of Rio de Janeiro middle class and upper middle class with high class condominiums. It is one of the oldest neighborhoods of the city, begun in the 17th century, with the construction of farms in the valley around the Rio Carioca, which descended from Corcovado, in the current Silvestre. Therefore, the neighborhood was also formerly called the "Vale do Carioca". Located in the neighborhood are the Guanabara Palace, headquarters of the state government, Laranjeiras Palace, Guinle Park and Fluminense Football Club.



LEBLON



Named after a famous French entrepreneur in the region in the old, Leblon has its "je ne sais quoi" there. Filled with natural beauties, the beaches here are the perfect setting to relax in style, close to the modern Ipanema, which is just next door. Even though it is quieter than neighboring neighborhoods, Leblon is known for its elegant restaurants and nightclubs that stay open until the morning. Designer boutiques and sunny mansions add to the neat look of the piece.



Leblon is located in the South Zone of the city bordering the neighborhoods of Gávea, Vidigal, Lagoa and Ipanema. It is one of the most charming districts of the city, and also one of the most expensive to live in. The infrastructure and the trade are excellent.

The main attraction of the neighborhood, the beach of Leblon is separated from the beach of Ipanema by the channel of the Garden of Allah. If it were not for the channel the two beaches would seem to be one only since the strip of sand is continuous. The place is frequented day and night by tourists and the upper middle class who go to the place to sunbathe, to walk, to practice sports, to pedal by the bike path and to fraternize in the great bars of the region.



LEME



Next to the frenetic Copacabana is the quiet Leme. The streets are narrow and leafy, with traditional restaurants and bars on the promenade facing the sea, in a much quieter climate than the neighboring neighborhoods. If you want to stay next to Copa or Ipanema, but in a quieter and more accessible neighborhood, this is your place!



RELEVANT INFORMATIONS AND LINKS FOR RENTALS

Some definitions of real estate may be different in Brazil:

Flat: apartment built in condominium with administrative hotel. It is an apartment like any other with living room, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, but has a system of comfort, safety and comfort of a hotel at your disposal. Ideal for people who do not have the time for the routine of a home.

LOFT: property without walls with mezzanine, in other words, all the rooms of the house are in a single space with double foyer. Downstairs are kitchen, living room and living and dining, all together without partitions and a toilet. In the mezzanine the suite with guarded body with vision of the whole room. This type of property has very tall windows that light up the whole environment.

Kitinete: It is a tiny apartment that can vary from 20 to 40 m² of private area. With living room and bedroom at the same time, kitchen with service area and bathroom. The kitchen is separated by a balcony. Nowadays the kitchenettes apartments are being dubbed Studio, so if you see in some advertisement kitchenette or Studio, it's the same thing. Kitinete also applies to single-storey houses, where it is usually a very

JK: apartment of room and social bath. It has a separate bathroom with door, but the kitchen and service area are together and there are no walls separating them from the living room, only one counter with benches, ie: living room, bedroom, kitchen and service area are all together in the same piece (Without walls)

Apartment: apartment with a living room, bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and service area integrated into the kitchen, separate or open.

In shared properties:

- Single room: inside apartment or house (republic) where other people live in the house.
- Vacancy: Rent only the vacancy. The room is shared with other people.

It is important to check if the apartment is furnished or immobile.

Furnished: There are furniture in the apartment that can be used.

Immobile: the apartment is empty, therefore, it becomes necessary the purchase of furniture.

Relevant Geral links:

airbnb.com.br

tripadvisor.com.br

olx.com.br

zap.com.br

Redirecting sites:

zapimoveis.com.br/Rio-de-Janeiro

imovelweb.com.br/AluguelRJ

Sites for renting rooms (specifically):

easyquarto.com.br

achequarto.com.br/

grankasa.com.br/

Redirecting sites for rooms:

rj.olx.com.br/rio-de-janeiro-e-regiao/imoveis/aluguel/aluguel-de-quartos

Facebook Groups for renting rooms:

- Aluguel de Quartos Rio: facebook.com/groups/784764318262227/
- Repúblicas do Rio de Janeiro: facebook.com/groups/128816460552779/
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