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BRAZIL

Your Portuguese Language School

Salvador da Bahia



The City

WHY SALVADOR DA BAHIA?

Salvador is also known as Brazil's capital of happiness due to its countless popular outdoor parties, including its carnival festival on the street. The city has the most amazing carnival attractions in the World. As the first colonial capital of Brazil, the city is one of the oldest in the Americas.

LEARN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS MAGIC PLACE

Salvador is the largest city on the northeast coast of Brazil and the capital of the Northeastern Brazilian state of Bahia.

Salvador is the third most populous Brazilian city, after São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. The metropolitan area of the city, with 3.5 million people, however, it's the seventh most populous Brazilian urban agglomeration, and the third in Northeastern Brazil.

The city of Salvador is notable in Brazil for its cuisine, music, and architecture, and its metropolitan area is the wealthiest in Brazil's Northeast coast. The African influence in many cultural aspects of the city makes it the centre of Afro-Brazilian culture. This reflects a situation in which African-associated cultural practices are celebrated.

The Historic Centre of Salvador, frequently called the "Pelourinho", is renowned for its Portuguese colonial architecture with historical monuments dating from the 17th to the 19th centuries and was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1985.

Salvador is located in a small, roughly triangular peninsula that separates All Saints Bay from the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean.



Salvador

The School

Diálogo Brasil is one of the first schools of educational exchange in Brazil. Founded in 1989 in Salvador da Bahia, it is a reference in teaching and training of acculturation Portuguese for foreigners. Tailor made programs for private studies, companies, universities and institutions worldwide. That's over 26 years of experience and quality in teaching Portuguese and Brazilian culture.

The school is located on the 3rd most beautiful beach in the World, Porto da Barra, in the Barra neighborhood, elected in 2007 by the British Newspaper 'The Guardian.'



The Methodology

The strongest feature of the programs of Diálogo Brasil is a lot of conversational sessions in class, as well as the integration of cultural activities, following the principals of the Communicative Approach to Intercultural and Language teaching. Classes are taught in Portuguese and they are carefully prepared for each proficiency level. In a pleasant way, games, music, videos and other teaching methods are used to develop skills in listening and speaking, which prepare students to perform different tasks in real-life situations.

The school has developed teaching modules for all levels: “Falo Português I, II and III” . These modules cover the situations, grammatical structures and vocabulary necessary to a foreigner who is in Brazil.



Student Profile

The school welcomes people from all over the world, and most from United States, Europe and Latin America. The reasons for learning the Portuguese language in Brazil are very varied, including professional, commercial, cultural tourism, university programs and also personal motivations.



About the Teachers

All teachers are Brazilians with a degree in Literature and Foreign Languages Vernacular. They receive special training for 4 months at the school in didactic teaching Portuguese as a foreign language (PFOL). All of them speak English and some other languages such as German, French, Spanish and Italian. The school also promotes an annual faculty training program through workshops and seminars.



Objective of the course

The main objective of the courses is to successfully bring students to achieve good communication skills in Portuguese. This means that not only will be taught the grammar and vocabulary, but also listening, reading, writing and oral production, whether in formal or colloquial contexts. An introduction to the Brazilian way of life, customs and social mores, politics and culture is also an important part of the lessons. Programs recommended for those who want to start or need to enhance their learning of the Portuguese language, and is inserted in the Brazilian cultural context in order to purchase support for their inclusion in the local environment, minimizing potential cultural clashes. The courses proposes the development of different language skills (oral and written comprehension, oral and written production) through a communicative and dynamic approach that uses varied instructional stimuli (audiovisual, interactive activities, internet, etc). Classes are divided as follows: grammatical structures (25 %), understanding and writing (25 %), comprehension and oral production (30%) and technical vocabulary (20 %). This variety makes the most dynamic and fun classes as well as being an effective way to improve and enhance language skills.

Lessons are always conducted in Portuguese, although all teachers are proficient in English and other languages. Student performance is evaluated according to the observation in the classroom as they are able to produce and understand the target language, as well as their commitment to learning and lessons.



About the courses

BRAZIL WORKSHOP - Intensive Program in small group lessons - average 5-6 people:
maximum of participants: 09
Course Length: minimum of 1 week
Levels: Beginner / Basic / Intermediate / Advanced

Format of the course:

Classes from Monday to Friday, distributed as follows: 9:00 to 12:30
15:20 - Afternoon cultural activities are included in the program

COMBOS - group lessons in the morning plus 1 or 2 private lessons in the afternoon.

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Format of the course:

Classes from Monday to Friday, distributed as follows:

9:00 to 12:30 group lessons

12:30 p.m. to 13:30 p.m. - Lunch time

13:30 to 14:20 – **INTENSIVE 1 Program** (one private lesson)

13:30 to 15:10 – **INTENSIVE 2 Program** (two private lessons)

15:15 - Afternoon cultural activities are included in the programs

TOP PROGRAMS - Only private lessons

Course Length: minimum of 1 week

Levels: Beginner / Basic / Intermediate / Advanced

Format of the course:

Classes from Monday to Friday, distributed as follows:

9:00 to 10:40 – **TOP SPECIAL Program**

9:00 to 12:30 – **TOP SPEED Program**

9:00 to 10:40 – Lunch time – 13:30 to 15:10 - **TOP PLUS Program**

15:20 - Afternoon cultural activities are included in the program

Details:

- Days and times may vary according to the climate, external activities, trips to be arranged.
- Educational material provided by the school.
- Placement test done by the teacher upon arrival.
- Teachers trained in PLE (Portuguese Foreign Language).

During the afternoons and evenings – practice Portuguese using fun & intercultural approach (Brazilian cooking classes, Samba dancing, “Capoeira” Classes, Lectures, Social activities and excursions)

About Accommodation:

The school offers homestay, a student residence, simple or tourist class hotels. All of them are at a walking distance to the school and to the beach.

The experience of living with a Brazilian family solidifies the understanding of the Brazilian way of life and the socio-cultural integration. The school has a network of partner families, with extensive experience in receiving foreigners, all located nearby school in Praia da Barra, one of the best locations for living in Salvador from Bahia.





The City and the recreational Activities.

Panoramic Tour

Starting at the lighthouse - Farol da Barra, passing through many touristy points of the city. Students will see the big sculptures of the African saints- Orixás on the Tororó Lake, going to the down town – Cidade Baixa, passing through the beautiful Bonfim Church, the Modelo Market and the Mont-Serrat view.



Dique do Tororó

Carnaval

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Carnaval of Bahia

Historic Center – Pelourinho

On this trip students will get to know the beautiful historic centre “Pelourinho”. Its more than 450 years of history will be detailed explained by the guide. Students will see also the São Francisco church and the famous elevator(72 meters high) that brings every day more than 20 000 people from the Upper City to the Lower City.



Pelourinho

Visit to Museums

The importance of Salvador's museums has drawn the interest of experts from Brazil and abroad. There we can find valuable pieces of religious art, ornamental items from the old manors and also objects that belonged to the old families and public figures of the state. You will see the Arte Sacra and Abelardo Rodrigues museums - they both have the biggest sacra art collection in the country – as well as the Museu de Arte da Bahia.



Museu de Arte da Bahia

Culture market Modelo and museum St. Marcelo Fort

Situated at the commercial hub, this market shows off the more popular aspects of the local culture. Well-known for its color and for the charismatic salesmanship of its vendors, the market offers a wide variety of goods. While not exactly fancy, these products are considered to be truly Dominican. In front of the Market, there is the St. Marcelo's Fort. Students will take a boat and go to the Fort, visit the museum and know more about the history of the city.



Mercado Modelo

Visit to Cachoeira and São Felix

Cachoeira and São Felix are two small historical towns with around 100 km far from the capital. Students will visit museums, churches, a cigar manufactory, the famous bridge Don Pedro 2nd and a typical Brazilian market.



Cachoeira City

Along the beaches

Starting at Diálogo School early in the morning and passing by all the beaches of the city until Itapuã. The bus takes the way to Guarajuba Beach and after that to Praia do Forte, 70 km far from Salvador. There the group will see the D`Ávila Castle and visit the sea turtle project, TAMAR. After lunch, the group is free to do whatever they want: lie on the beach, go for a walk, and visit the shops in the small and nice village. At 5 PM the bus heads to Salvador.



Praia do Forte

Brazilian Folkloric Dance Show

It is an authentic folkloric show where the manifestation of the Afro-Brazilian culture will be shown. Candomblé, Maculelê, Puxada de Rede, Dança do Caboclo and Samba de roda are included in the show. It happens at Teatro Miguel Santana, in Pelourinho.



Balé Folclórico



Cultural Activities

Capoeira

Theoretical and practical classes about Capoeira de Angola and Regional. In these classes the participant will also learn how to play a Berimbau, a Pandeiro and how to sing the Capoeira songs. Students should wear comfortable clothes, preferably shorts.



Samba and Brazilian Dance Classes

No matter if it is Samba, Lambada, Axé or another Afro-Bahian rhythm – the body moves in perfect harmony with the music.



Gastronomy classes

Cooking classes are a lot of fun! Students choose their favorite dish, and then with assistance from the teacher, they learn to prepare it. After that, they eat and drink, tasting a great variety of delicious, exotic new flavors! At the end of class, everybody participates in a gorgeous banquet. Some delicious and typical dishes: feijoada, moqueca de peixe, bobó de camarão, vatapá, abará, camarão na moranga, xinxim de galinha, carne do Sol, pirão de mandioca.



Bike Tours

Once a month, on Saturday the school organizes a bike tour on the natural lake and park Pituauçu.



Volunteering Program

Diálogo Brasil has created a successful volunteer program that combines true immersion with deep personal rewards. Volunteering in Brazil, as in any other part of the world, is not an easy task, but you will gain a big life experience and emotional returns with the work you will do there. It is about facing adversity and viewing obstacles as proof of your ability to deal with real problems. Environmental projects, social service and educational projects are among the possibilities. You are invited to know this multicultural nation of creative, vibrant and warm people influenced by African, Native American and European.



Surf Classes at Busca Vida Beach

Programs for one or two days, on weekends. It begins with basic security rules, history, introduction and equipment, and will be ministered by a professional team of surfers trained to offer the best and most precise information for your evolution in the sport. You will spend the whole day at the surfing camp.

