

Brasil aqui vamos nós! (Brazil here we come!)



The Sacramento Friendship Force Club is off to Brazil in 2012. This trip will be full of wonderful opportunities to learn about the culture, flora, fauna and history of the world's 5th largest country.

Twenty lucky FF members will be home-hosted by both the São Carlos and Itanhaém clubs. Following these two weeks an optional tour is planned to visit the colonial buildings and Baroque gems of Minas Gerais as well as the spectacular falls at *Foz do Iguaçu* (Iguaçu Falls). The optional tour ends in Rio de Janeiro, one of the world's most beautiful and vibrant cities. And for the adventurous, an extension to the magnificent Pantanal, the world's largest wetland providing for the greatest concentration of birds and animals in the Western Hemisphere.

São Carlos, pop. 350,000, is known as the capitol of technology in Brazil, with two major universities and technical schools. Our visit may include a bus tour of nearby cities, visits to coffee and sugar plantations, the Air Force Academy and the Aguas de São Pedros Springs.



Town in Minas Gerais



Blue Pantanal

Itanhaém, pop. 85,000, is the 2nd oldest town in Brazil, located on the coast. A boat trip on the river, a visit to the monastery and day trips to Santos City and São Vicente city are possibilities.

The optional tour visits Minas Gerais, which has some of the friendliest people in Brazil, the food is great, the natural setting is spectacular and it has an abundance of beautiful historical architecture.

The *Foz do Iguaçu* are wider than Victoria Falls and higher than Niagara. A total of 275 individual falls occupy an area 3 km. wide. We will end the tour with one night stop in Rio—including a Samba review, and a visit to Christ the Redeemer statue.

Itinerary

Tuesday, May 29, 2012	Leave for Brazil
Wednesday, May 30 through Tuesday June 5	Arrive in São Paulo, bus to São Carlos for 7 day home stay
Wednesday, June 6 through Tuesday, June 12	Bus to Itanhaém for 7 day home stay
Wednesday, June 13 through Thurs. June 14	Flight to <i>Foz do Iguaçu</i> for 2 nights to begin optional tour
Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 17	Flight to Bela Horizonte for Minas Gerais bus tour
Monday, June 18	Bus to Rio de Janeiro
Tuesday, June 19 (late) through Thursday, June 21	Leave for home or optional flight to the Pantanal



The river at Itanhaém.

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Costs

Fees for 2 week home stay	\$755USD
Optional tour and falls	tbd
Pantanal excursion	tbd
Brazilian Visa (you provide)	\$140
Airfare to São Paulo	tbd
(Fees for 1 week home stay	\$445)

