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HOUSING

Since Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV) does not have on-campus residences, the Law School International Office has prepared the following orientation guideline in order to help students find a place to stay.



HOTELS AND APARTMENTS

Hotels typically offer more amenities and privacy and are recommended to students who prefer more luxurious lodging or who may have guests. We can point out a number of hotels in which students usually stay at and that are safe and close to FGV. These hotels include private bathroom and cleaning service. Laundry service is typically available. In hotels and serviced apartments (known as “apart-hotel” in Brazil), meals are generally not included, with the exception of breakfast in some locations. Serviced apartments also include a small kitchen and living area.

The supply of privately let accommodation (apartments and houses) is quite varied in Rio de Janeiro. These types of accommodations are more suitable to students who prefer to spend some time alone, to study in quiet places and those who can afford more expensive housing. Please find below some links that will help you find a place to stay: (all websites are in Portuguese)

- ▶ www.zap.com.br/imoveis/busca-de-imoveis-simples.aspx
- ▶ www.rioferias.com
- ▶ www.easyquarto.com.br/www.rioapartments.com (also available in English version)
- ▶ www.rentinrio.com
- ▶ www._atsinriodejaneiro.com/acomodacao-locacao-apartamentos.htm
- ▶ www.riobookings.com/en



HOTELS

This is a great option for those who are more independent and would like to do their own cooking or wish to have a free schedule. By staying in hostels, you will need to be more self-sufficient life in Rio while still enjoying the benefits of interacting with locals. Low cost accommodation, private rooms, shared bathroom and no meals included.

Hostels are also available with shared rooms. As one of the world's top tourist destinations, Rio de Janeiro boasts a large range of hostels and B&B's.

There are a couple of hostels, within walking distance from FGV, which are quite popular with out-of-town students:

- ▶ www.albergueculturacarioca.com.br
- ▶ www.brothershostel.com.br/index_intro.php?lg=pt

Other places are also very popular among students but demand public transportation to reach FGV:

- ▶ www.riohostelipanema.com/rat.html
- ▶ www.bedandbreakfastleblon.com.br
- ▶ www.brazucashotel.com/br/home.html
- ▶ www.lagoaguesthouse.com/tarifas%20e%20reservas.html
- ▶ www.leblonspot.com/pacotes/index_en

To check other types of short-stay accommodation, please visit the links below:

- ▶ www.hostelworld.com
- ▶ www.camaecafe.com.br
- ▶ www.alberguedajuventude.com.br/index.html
- ▶ www.cidademaravilhosahotel.com.br

TRANSPORTATION

The ideal scenario is to have a thorough notion of the city transportation alternatives before your arrival, so you can feel safe and comfortable exploring the city. It should be easy to find transportation, since Rio de Janeiro offers a number of public and private options. However, you should look for pictures of the legal transports available at the city before you arrive.

These include regular city buses, executive buses (Frescão), subway (Metrô Rio), taxis, vans, trains, a tram and even a ferry service (to Niteroi and other touristic islands, such as Paquetá).



GOING BY TAXI

Rio de Janeiro has a very extensive taxi fleet that includes the famous yellow cabs with one blue stripe, which can be hailed in the streets, as well as a series of special taxis operated by licensed companies that can be found at the airports, in front of rental apartment buildings or booked by phone.

The yellow taxis operate with a taximeter and can be hailed on the street or you can phone Radio Taxis. The flag, or “bandeira” in Portuguese, indicates the tariff and usually reads '1'. However, on Sunday nights and holidays the tariff will be 'bandeira 2', which indicates a price hike of about 20%. Taxis are fairly priced, although some drivers might quote excessive fixed prices for foreigners to reach tourist sights.

You should check that the taximeter is reset and indicates the correct tariff. The minimum fare is currently R\$ 4,80 ('bandeira 1') and R\$ 6,30 ('bandeira 2'). Tourists are strongly advised to only use taxis that have an official identification sticker on the window. Cabs in Rio de Janeiro are a very popular choice, even amongst locals. Definitely use them to go home from far away places and late at night.

Popular companies:

- ▶ JB Taxi (2178-4000/2501-3026)
- ▶ Ouro Taxi (2106-7777/3483-7777)
- ▶ Urca Taxi (3501-0700)
- ▶ Taxi Pontual (2520-7696)
- ▶ Lagoa Taxi (2291-9734)
- ▶ CoopaTaxi (3288-4343)
- ▶ Carioca Taxi (9188-6622)

Special Taxis (either blue, red or white) operate from the airports and some specific locations.

Payment is by pre-paid vouchers available for purchase at kiosks or with the driver. This type of transportation is recommended for those who travel for the first time to Rio and arrive at the international airport (GIG). Radio taxis are safe and reliable but 30% more expensive than yellow taxis.

Providers include:

- ▶ Transcoopass Phone: (21) 2209 1555 / 2209 1565
- ▶ Coopertramo Phone: (21) 2209 9292
- ▶ Cootramo Phone: (21) 3976 9944

Note that Brazilians generally do not tip taxi drivers, although rounding the total fare up to the nearest Real is appreciated.

You can check the usual price of a ride on the following website by entering one location point address and other destination point address (taxi fares calculator):

www.tarifadetaxi.com/rio-de-janeiro.





GOING BY BUS / EXECUTIVE BUS (FRESCÃO) / VAN

Regular city buses in Rio de Janeiro are a very inexpensive form of travel and cost about R\$3.00 per ride. They come in both non air-conditioned (R\$3.00) and air-conditioned versions (R\$3.00 - R\$7.00).

However, buses that travel to more remote destinations or with more comfortable and upscale service may have a different fee of R\$10.00 (see executive buses below). During the day, it is a good transportation option if you know the routes and you are in a safe area of the city. However, they may not be the best option late at night. Services operate 24 hours and are relatively safe – incidences of crime are rare, although travelers must exercise caution during rush hour and at night (pickpockets). Tickets are available for purchase from the conductor, who sits next to the turnstile at the front of the bus, or you can buy a transportation card from specific RioCard kiosks all over the city. Again, you should use regular buses at day-time and do not carry jewelry or expensive wear.

Executive Bus is a type of local bus called “Frescão”, which means in Portuguese “very fresh” and commonly used by locals. This type of bus runs through the city to popular places such as Centro, Botafogo, Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon, Barra, and Niterói. It is more upscale/comfortable and is always air-conditioned. It costs around R\$10.00 or R\$ 12.00 and usually has a different look but with the same visual identity as regular buses.

Do not confuse executive buses with vans. Vans are a private service and they look like mini buses, serving the population and specially the hardworking class. They are nowadays a legal type of transportation and cost about the same as a regular bus.



GOING BY METRO (SUBWAY)

You can easily reach FGV by metro, since Botafogo and Flamengo stations are very close to our building. You can access the back entrance – 5-minute walk from Flamengo station – or the main entrance – 15-minute walk from Botafogo station.

The subway system was founded in 1979 with five stations operating on one line, but it now includes thirty-two stations and two separate lines and serves nearly half a million passengers per day. As a consequence, it can be very stressful and tiring to take the subway during rush hours. The system currently consists of two lines: Line 1, which serves the city's downtown business center, tourist areas in the city's South Zone and several neighborhoods in the North Zone; Line 2, which serves working-class residential neighborhoods extending toward the north.

The price of a ticket is no more than R\$4.55. This fare also includes a one-way ticket to any bus stop from “Metrô na Superfície”, which is a bus integrated to Metrô Rio.

Please find below the stations listed for Line 1 and Line 2 of Metrô Rio Subway System:

Line 1 (Center and South Zones)

Uruguai, Saens Peña, São Francisco Xavier, Afonso Penna, Estácio, Praça Onze, Celso Figueiredo, Presidente Vargas, Uruguaiana, Carioca, Cinelândia, Glória, Catete, Largo do Machado, Flamengo, Botafogo, Cardial Arco Verde, Siqueira Campos, Cantagalo e Ipanema.

Line 2 (North Zone)

Pavuna, Eng. Rubens Paiva, Acari Fazenda Botafogo, Coelho Neto, Colégio, Irajá, V. de Carvalho, Thomaz Coelho, Eng. da Rainha, Inhaúma, Del Castilho, Maria da Graça, Triagem, Maracanã, São Cristóvão, Estácio.

Although the subway system in Rio de Janeiro does not cover the entire city, it is considered to be an excellent service by locals. Metrô Rio has been very helpful in reducing traffic jams and reaching destinations downtown (Centro) or in North Zone (Zona Norte, e.g. Maracanã Stadium) in a really short time, in a safe way and at a low cost.

For a full review on Metrô Rio's system, please visit the website below:
www.metrorio.com.br/index.htm



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Rio also has: (1) other local services, such as: the ferry boat (Barca) Rio-Niterói; the hybrid buses from line 120 (Centro-Copacabana); and (2) trains (Super Via trens urbanos) available in suburb locations [Ramal Deodoro, Ramal Santa Cruz, Ramal Japeri, Ramal Paracambi, Ramal Belford Roxo, Ramal Saracuruna, Ramal Vila Inhomirim and Ramal Guapimirim].

Please click on see the video link below to watch a typical ride on the Rio Subway and regular city buses.

www.geobeats.com/videoclips/brazil/rio-de-janeiro/public-transportation



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Aeroporto Internacional do Rio de Janeiro -
Antônio Carlos Jobim (GIG/SBGL)

Taxi fare from GIG to FGV Praia de Botafogo (regular taxis/cabs):

Bandeira 1: R\$ 44.00 / Bandeira 2: R\$ 52.50

Taxi fare from GIG to FGV Praia de Botafogo (special taxis/cabs):
Botafogo (pre-paid) R\$ 114.00.

Tariff Table (special taxis/cabs) available at the website: goo.gl/USDn0H

Tariff Table of the Companies:

COOTRAMO, TRANSCOOPASS, TRANSCOOTUR, ROYALCOOP, COOPERTRAMO e COOPATUR. EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION SMTR N.º 2.083, 22 MARCH, 2011

The Frescão bus that rides from the Rio International Airport to Barra costs R\$ 12.00. However, it is only available during the week. These buses also run more frequently during the rush hours in the morning and evening. They are very safe, practical and can take you to most places in Rio, including both airports (national and international).

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www.diretorio.fgv.br/localizacao

Praia de Botafogo, 190 - Botafogo - Rio de Janeiro - RJ - Brazil, 22250-040

LIVING COSTS

According to Mercer's 2011 Cost of Living Survey, Rio is the 12th most expensive city in the world. However, if you are on a low or limited budget, you can plan your expenses in advance to make sure you have the necessary money to stay in Rio for a semester.

Students should have in mind the costs of accommodation and daily living expenses as well as of transportation and migration fees (passport and visa fares in your country).

For more information, please check:
www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/prices_by_city.jsp.

Planning your budget will depend on the selected type of accommodation and your own spending habits. We provide below a monthly average cost for accommodation and living expenses.

RENTAL:

Rental / monthly average – R\$ 1,650 (apartments) or R\$ 1,100 (hostel).

POPULAR NEIGHBORHOODS

Ipanema: R\$ 2,640 (apartments) or R\$ 1,980 (hostel).

Botafogo: R\$ 1,430 (apartments) or R\$ 1,100 (hostel).

Flamengo: R\$ 1,430 (apartments) or R\$ 1,100 (hostel).

Copacabana: R\$ 1,650 (apartments) or R\$ 1,320 (hostel).

Lagoa: R\$ 2,200 (apartments) or R\$ 1,650 (hostel).

Leblon: R\$ 2,750 (apartments) or R\$ 1,980 (hostel).

Please note that students renting apartments usually share costs with 2 or 3 people. It is also common to stay with friends or to find accommodation and tips with FGV students, which can lower these costs once in Rio.



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation / monthly average – R\$ 120 (Displacement to and from FGV) | Bus – R\$109 | Metrô Rio (Subway) – R\$136

Students who choose to stay in Botafogo or Flamengo usually do not have transportation costs with respect to displacement from their residences to FGV. Also, a few of our students usually get rides from their friends.

LEISURE

monthly average – R\$ 450



This item is the most flexible in the student's budgets. It will mainly depend on your own spending and leisure habits. A few programs can be enjoyed for free, such as going to the beach or to a party at a friend's house. Going to the cinema or other cultural programs should not be very expensive. On the other hand, going out at night will be quite expensive depending on the neighborhood you choose to go.

FOOD

Food / monthly average for 3 meals a day – R\$ 1,500 (restaurants) or R\$ 900 (Market).



Please note that food costs will vary depending on taste and dietary needs, but will account for a significant part of your budget. Most students prefer to have lunch at FGV, where we have a small restaurant with cheap fixed prices called Express (R\$ 12.70 a meal) and also offer self-service (R\$ 38.90/kg). This way, they are able to reduce their food costs to R\$400/ monthly.

LIVING COSTS FOR A SEMESTER - SIX MONTHS

RENTAL – R\$ 9,000 (apartment) or R\$ 6,000 (hostel)

TRANSPORTATION – R\$ 600 or R\$ 744 (bus or subway)

LEISURE – R\$ 2,700

FOOD – R\$ 9,000 (restaurants) or R\$ 5,400 (market)

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