

GET TO KNOW FOZ DO IGUAÇU - A NATURE DESTINATION THAT CREATES GREAT MEMORIES

Foz do Iguacu/Brazil is always a memorable destination as a vacation spot. Foz do Iguacu has a lush natural environment, the magnificent Iguassu Falls and attractions that satisfy all different types of tastes.

With a population of about 250,000, Foz do Iguacu is located in the southern part of Brazil, next to the border of Argentina and Paraguay. Its climate is subtropical where it has many hot months, short and rainy winters and an overall great climate all year round. It's a great place to live and visit. Arrive in Foz do Iguacu by plane at the international airport of Cataratas do Iguacu (IGU), that's located 12 kilometers (7,5 miles) from the center of town. The flight between Foz and Sao Paulo (GRU) or Rio de Janeiro (GIG) is a flight that's less than 2 hours. Visitors also can arrive in Foz do Iguacu through the airport of Puerto Iguazú/Argentina (IGR) that is located 35 kilometers (22 miles) from city center.



A destination to relax, for business, corporate events and a perfect place for a honeymoon. A place with a great varied of hotels, and venues for all types of different experiences. Be it for a small group or an event with thousands of participants. Foz do Iguacu has around 1,300 service industry businesses to help with events of completely different categories.

Foz do Iguacu is home to an unparalleled biodiversity like the National Park of Iguacu, where is located the Iguassu Waterfalls - listed as a natural heritage by UNESCO, is recognized as the largest waterfall in the world and as one of the New 7 Wonders of the World in 2011.

The Iguassu Falls extend through a 1.7 km semicircular canyon on the border between Brazil and Argentina. Depending on the flow of the Iguacu river, the number of falls varies from 150



to 300, and the height of the falls is from 40 meters (131ft) to 82 meters (269 ft). It has 19 big drops, 5 are on the Brazilian side and the "Devil's Throat" is the highest of the falls at 82 meters high (269ft). The best view for those who observe the scenery of the waterfalls is from the Brazilian side. Visiting the Argentinian side of the Falls is worth the trip for a totally different experience and a closer look at the falls.



In addition to visiting the waterfalls, inside the Iguazu National Park a must-see attraction is the Macuco Safari speedboat tour, which passes through rapids and ends with a bath in the waterfalls. For those who love an adrenaline rush, visitors can take the rafting course through the rapids, can do waterfall rappelling in Salto do Macuco and they have also the option to take a thrilling and beautiful helicopter flight over the Falls. For those who would like to get to know the fauna and flora of the National Park up close, bike rides, as well as bird watching tours are available with specialized tour guides.

Next to the National Park is Parque das Aves, which roughly translates to the Bird Park is an institution focused on the conservation of Brazilian birds. Visitors experience a deep connection with the Atlantic Forest and its different species, an immersion experience of the nurseries on a trail of about 2 km with more than 1,300 birds and different 300 species. In addition to the beautiful birds that delight visitors, the park is also home to alligators, anacondas, boa constrictors, butterflies and hummingbirds.

Another charming tour is the Marco das Três Fronteiras, on the border between Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina where the Iguazu and Paraná rivers meet. It is a perfect leisurely place to view the wonderful sunset. It has a Scenographic Village that was inspired by the Jesuit



Missions, where a cultural show of lights and water takes place, its square has an observation deck, kiosks with food, drinks and a restaurant with regional cuisine.

In this region it is also worth sailing the Kattamaram II and riding the Ferris Wheel Yup Star Foz, to see the region from a totally different perspective.

The Kattamaram II sails on the Paraná and Iguazu Rivers, with daily tours that include lunch or dinner, they last two hours and depart twice a day. The tour passes through the biggest architectural monuments of the destination, such as the bridges that unite Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina and the Itaipu Hydroelectric Power Plant, not to mention the beautiful landscapes and one of the most beautiful sunset scenarios.

The Ferris Wheel Yup Star Foz, reaches great heights and gives an incredible view of the landscape and of the Três Fronteiras. In the late afternoon the wonderful sunset over the Paraná and Iguazu rivers can be seen. The wheel is 88 meters high and has 36 air-conditioned cabins for 8 people.

Itaipu Dam is known as one of the largest hydroelectric plants in the world in terms of its energy production; it also enhances local tourism and is located on the border with Paraguay. Inside the *Turismo Itaipu* visitors can visit the Panoramic and Special visits, go to the Itaipu Ecomuseum, the Bela Vista Biological Refuge or even watch the Lighting of the Power Plant on Fridays and Saturdays.



In addition to the tourist attractions, Foz do Iguacu offers different experiences for all tastes. For those who prefer adventure, a great option is the double parachute jump that reaches 3 thousand meters of altitude and 200 km/h in terms of speed. The jumps are over the Itaipu Dam and offers a magnificent view of Itaipu Lake and panoramic view of the city.

For those who want to have a unique experience in entertainment, different activities are available. Such as activities in rivers, waterfalls and forests of the city. They are all adventure sports linked to nature. Aguaray Iguacu Expedition consists of short hiking trails, kayaking, canoeing and waterfall bathing on the Iguacu River. For those who want an experience with more intensity and adrenaline on the waters, there is wakeboarding of Wake Iguassu Cable Park, which has 3 obstacles in a 150-meter lane. The Secret Falls tours are trails for hiking lovers and bathing in the hidden waterfalls of the city's rivers, half-day or full-day tours that include lunch.

The city also offers integrated health and well-being for a unique experience, with Iguazú Wellness services. Where visitors can enjoy more than 20 different experiences, such as Ion Therapy, Forest Bathing, Yoga & Mindfulness, among amazing options.

For those who wish to learn about the influences of the different ethnic groups that coexist harmoniously in Foz, visitors have the option of visiting the cultural attractions with an emphasis on the different religious architecture, such as the Buddhist Temple, the Muslim Mosque and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral.

Foz do Iguacu is a place where visitors take delight in the various types of the typical national foods and drinks such as Gaucho-Style barbecue, *feijoada* and *caipirinha*. Arabic Food and the diverse International cuisine is also an option in the various restaurants and hotels. Visitors also have the option of getting to experience pub food in craft breweries or modern bars. For coffee lovers the numerous coffee shops around the city offers delicious Brazilian gourmet coffee with selected beans. Additionally, you can enjoy a super lively nightlife at the Rafain Churrascaria Show, with an artistic show of songs and dances typical of Brazil and Latin American countries. With samples of oriental cuisines such as Arab, Italian cuisines and the traditional "gaucho" barbecue with more than 15 types of barbeque meat.

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