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Program: USAC in Florianopolis

Term: Summer 2018 – Session I

**Travel to Florianopolis, Brazil:**

May 22, 2018 Cincinnati (CVG) to Miami (MIA) 6:08pm to 8:45pm

Miami (MIA) to Rio de Janeiro (GIG) 10:40pm to 8:05am

May 23, 2018 Rio de Janeiro (GIG) to Florianopolis (FLN) 12:45pm to 2:15pm

**Program Calendar from USAC Website:**

Program Dates

May 22, 2018 Departure from the US on optional group flight

May 23 Arrival in Florianópolis (all students)

NOTE: **Florianopolis is not listed in the DOS advisory as a place to not travel**

**Move into housing**

NOTE: **USAC will pick me up from the airport and take me to housing**

May 24 Mandatory orientation (begins at 9 am)

Campus tour

May 25 Courses begin

May 26 Tour of Santa Catarina Island

NOTE: **Santa Catarina Island is not listed in the DOS advisory as a place to not travel**

June 1 - 3 Optional trip to São Paulo

NOTE: **I will be attending the optional tour to Sao Paulo. Sao Paulo is identified in the DOS advisory. Sao Paulo is identified due to the favela areas. Although I am unsure of the exact itinerary in Sao Paulo at this time, I will listen to all instructions provided by USAC to ensure that I remain in areas that are safe and a part of our tour. When we have free time, I will check with the hotel staff before departing to our destination to ensure our route is away from the favela areas.**

June 9 Field trip—Costa da Lagoa

NOTE: **Costa da Lagoa is not listed in the DOS advisory as place to not travel**

June 21 Courses end

Final examinations

June 22 Program end date | Move out of housing

Open return Students establish their own date of return

**Return to Cincinnati:**

June 22, 2018 Florianopolis (FLN) to Sao Paulo (GRU) 6:20pm to 7:45pm

Sao Paulo (GRU) to Miami (MIA) 11:25pm to 6:50am

June 23, 2018 Miami (MIA) to Cincinnati (CVG) 8:35am to 11:09am

**Additional Travel outside of Program – June 15-17**

June 15 Florianopolis (FLN) to Rio de Janeiro (GIG) 7:05pm to 8:35pm

June 17 Rio de Janeiro (GIG) to Florianopolis (FLN) 5:00pm to 6:35pm

**Travel to and from airport:** Once I land in Rio de Janeiro, I have booked an airport transfer to the hotel. On Sunday, I have booked a transfer back to the airport from the hotel at 2:00pm. Check-out is at 12:00pm, but they have agreed to hold onto my luggage until I need to go to the airport.

**Hotel information:**

Mama Shelter Rio de Janeiro

Rua Paschoal Carlos Magno, 5

Santa Teresa, Rio de Janeiro

20240-290

Phone: +55 21 3980 0300

**Itinerary of activities in Rio de Janeiro**

June 15th Explore the neighborhood where the hotel is located in Santa Teresa

June 16th Morning: Visit Museu Internacional de Arte Naif do Brasil

Afternoon: Half day tour to Christ the Redeemer Statue and Corcovado Mountain

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Rio-de-Janeiro/Corcovado-Mountain-and-Christ-Redeemer-Statue-Half-Day-Tour/d712-2484_05>

Evening: go to the Lapa and Centro neighborhood districts for dinner and samba dancing

June 17th Morning: visit Copacabana Beach

Afternoon: if time allows before airport transfer, take the cable car to the top of Pao de Acucar

Except for the half-day tour which includes transportation, I will mainly rely on taxis and buses to transport me around the city. <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/brazil/rio-de-janeiro/practical-information/transport/getting-around/a/nar/aabc4933-e421-4093-8848-d10319ae4860/363153>

**Travel Advisory Notes:**

Rio de Janeiro is listed in the DOS Travel Advisory for the ‘Favela’ neighborhoods. Although these neighborhoods are dispersed throughout the city, I will avoid entering them. The main neighborhood in Rio de Janeiro that I will avoid is Recife. The DOS advisory makes it clear that US government employees are not permitted to go here.

This article provides understanding of the ‘Favela’ neighborhoods in Rio: <https://theculturetrip.com/south-america/brazil/articles/a-guide-and-history-to-rio-de-janeiros-favelas/>

**General Precautions for entire stay in Brazil:**

* Before I depart for Brazil, I will be enrolling in the STEP program.
* I will remain in groups of at least 2-3 people at all times. I plan to travel with a group to Rio de Janeiro. I will not be travelling alone.
* I will save the local equivalents of 911 in my phone. I will have phone and data access the entire time I am in Brazil. The local numbers are 190 for police, 192 for ambulance, and 193 for fire.

