







# LEARN PORTUGUESE IN RIO DE JANEIRO



#### **INTRO**

Caminhos Language Centre is a Portuguese language school for foreigners located in Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro. We offer intensive Group Courses and Private Classes. In our school we provide a relaxed friendly international environment which helps our students to learn Brasilian Portuguese while having a great time in Rio!

What makes us special is that we have 100% FREE activities and have our own social project Mais Caminhos helping Brazilian children and teenagers in need.











TOP LOCATION IN IPANEMA





AND A GREAT SOCIAL VIBE







"Caminhos is the best place to study Portuguese in Rio! The teachers are amazing, the courses are well priced and there is so much to do at the school! I am happy my money has gone to a good cause supporting the kids of Mais Caminhos. I learnt Portuguese within a few months and I'm grateful to be a part of the Caminhos family!"



TANJA OLSEN, MORWAY, B1 & B2 COURSES

#### THE CAMINHOS PILLARS

In the recent years Caminhos has grown into a 3 pillar organization where we offer the following services: education, social work, environmental preservation and eco tourism.



# ECO FAZENDA

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- Portuguese courses
- Accommodation
- Activities & Events
- Student Visa services
- Consultancy

- Vocation training
- Bioconstruction
- Eco-tourism accommodation
- Organic food
- Renewable energy

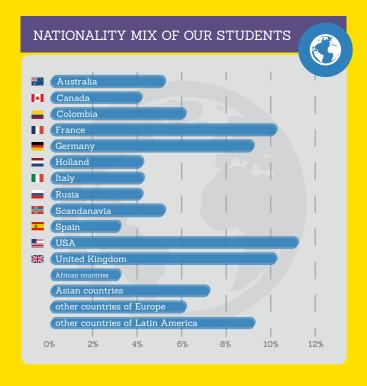


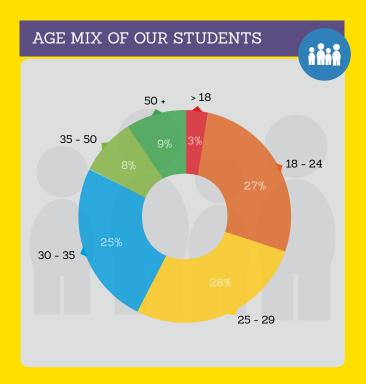
- On Site Education
- Exchange and Scholarships
- Family support



# TEAM

We pride ourselves on recruiting highly qualified native Brazilian teachers who are passionate about teaching Portuguese. Our teachers and staff are multilingual speaking Portuguese, English and Spanish. We are here to welcome you to Rio de Janeiro and to help you with everything you need during your stay.





#### ACCREDITATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS











"The course was full of debates and discussions which I liked because it allowed me to practice my grammar and vocabulary. My teacher was very friendly and taught us a lot about the Brazilian culture.

The atmosphere at the school was very relaxed. All of the students were encouraged to communicate in class and to give their opinions on different topics we were debating."





















## O TOP LOCATION IN IPANEMA

Caminhos Language Centre is located in Ipanema, one of the most popular and lively parts of Rio de Janeiro. The school is situated just four blocks away from the famous Ipanema beach and is just a few blocks from the main Metro station General Osório. We are in very close proximity to Ipanema's vibrant scene, including all kinds of cool cafes, bars and restaurants. (Starbucks is just around the corner). Our school is air-conditioned and we offer free coffee and WIFI so you can relax and recharge in our student lounge, enjoying our facilities while you wait for your class or free activities.





wifi



book swap



lounge



water



computer access



free coffee



tv & video









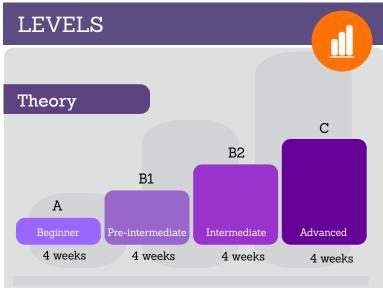






"I came to Rio to learn Portuguese and live with my girlfriend. I looked at all of the language schools in Rio and compared all of the courses and locations. Caminhos was the best option by far. The prices were awesome, my course was in the morning which suited me perfectly and the best thing for me was the location. I was able to go to the beach after class and spend time with my girlfriend in Ipanema. I would recommend this school, I really liked it!"







## COURSES AND METHODOLOGY

Our methodology is based on the Communicative approach which means we encourage our students to speak, interact, read, write and listen to stimulate their learning. Our teachers are native Brazilian and highly qualified University graduates.

#### **GROUP COURSES**

We offer a range of Group Courses and Private Classes. The different levels of our Group Courses ensure you can learn at a level to suit your needs. Our levels are A - Beginners, B1 - Pre-Intermediate, B2 - Intermediate & C- Advanced. All Group Courses run 5 days a week, Monday to Friday, for 4 hours per day.

#### **PRIVATE CLASSES**

Private classes are tailored to each student enabling them to work at their own pace. Our private classes are tailored to suit individual needs, enabling you to decide when, where and how your course is offered. We can also assist students wanting to learn Portuguese at their work or at their home.



"The course taught very practical information for day to day living. The classes were small and the teachers only spoke Portuguese. They encouraged students to converse in Portuguese and used different methods to teach like showing videos or constructing games for students to play to encourage us to speak. The teachers were well trained and made learning fun! I have taken other intensive language courses but have never felt like it was taught in such a natural way!"

LAUREN QUINN, USA, B1, B2 & C COURSES

#### **COURSES OVERVIEW - Portuguese courses**



Caminhos intensive and conversation classes	20 hours	Portuguese A / B1 / B2 / C

Hours p. week

Camin	hos	Priv	rate

Caminhos Intensive

Private Classes	Customised	Tailored courses
Celpe Bras	Customised	Preparation for Brazilian National Recognized Portuguese exam
Rio Immersion	Customised	Learn while exploring Rio de Janeiro with private teacher guide

Description

### **TEACHERS**

Our teachers are highly qualified, native Brazilian teachers who are passionate about teaching Portuguese. Our Teacher Equipe are multilingual and fluent in Portuguese, English and Spanish. In class all conversation will be in Portuguese where you are encouraged to speak and interact only in Portuguese. Our Teacher Equipe often participate in Caminhos free activities and encourage you to speak and practise Portuguese out of class.





## COURSE



We pride ourselves on having strong and unique course material. Our course books (A, B1, B2, C) have been designed and developed by our Teacher team. We also use the industry acknowledged and accredited Gramática Ativa' series. The combination of our own created materials together with accredited Gramática Ativa' offer point of difference and excellence above others language schools.











CAMINHOS STUDENT CARD,
ALLOWING DISCOUNTS TO
SIGHTS AND TOURS IN RIO







CERTIFICATE ON COMPLETION OF YOUR COURSE







GROUP OR PRIVATE CLASSES



ORIENTATION



100% FREE ACTIVITIES 5 DAYS A WEEK



INVITATIONS TO ATTEND

CAMINHOS EVENTS



COMPUTER ACCESS



OUR FRIENDLY CAMINHOS TEAM AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU AT ANY TIMFI



SUPPORT HOUR





#### **FREE ACTIVITIES**

Caminhos Language Centre offers 100% FREE activities and a great social vibe. We pride ourselves on offering the most fun and interesting after-class activities to our students at no cost. This is a great way to meet new people enabling new friendships to blossom while exploring the wonderful city of Rio de Janeiro and improving your Portuguese. Our free weekly activities include Beach Volleyball, Cinema Brasileiro, Samba Classes, Football, Capoeira, Tours and Hikes to the most popular tourist sites in Rio.







Every Monday we offer a one hour 'Orientation' to all of our students. We show students around our school, explain all of the facilities and are available to assist with any questions.



In addition to the Free Weekly Activities, Caminhos also organises larger events and activities such as Portuguese Speed Dating, Caipi-Sexta, various football matches, visits to samba schools and tours to Ilha Grande, Paraty and Buzios.







#### WEEK SCHEDULE FREE ACTIVITIES

"I heard about Caminhos Language School through the Alliance Francaise. I really wanted to live in Rio for a while and learn Portuguese. I had heard about how good the teachers were at Caminhos. All of the activities were free and there were a few things on every day. My favourite was the Beach Volleyball on Mondays, the Futeball match on Thursdays and their famous 'Shitty Tour'around Rio. I feel really lucky I joined Caminhos. I met a lot of new and interesting people and I was able to explore Rio with all of my new friends."



ALEXAMDER LABAT, FRANCE, B1, B2 & C COURSES



#### ACCOMMODATION

Caminhos can assist in finding the best accommodation option for you. We offer Homestay (living with a Brazilian family) as well as organising hotels, hostels and private apartments. Homestays are a great way to experience the Brazilian culture and practise your Portuguese, whilst apartments and hotels are ideal options for students who appreciate more privacy.









#### ACCOMODATION



	Stars *	practice
Homestay		
Suburb	**	High
Beach	***	High
Apartment		
Shared	***	Low
Private	****	Low
Hostel		
Dorm Room	**	Medium
Private Room	****	Low
Hotel		
Standard	****	Low

<sup>\*</sup> stars are given by following criteria: location, room, private room, shared living space and extras



## AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Our team are happy to welcome you at the airport or bus station, and can personally bring you safely to your accommodation. "I decided to come to Rio and knew I wanted to study at Caminhos. It was the first school I found in Rio which had everything I needed and was in a good safe place. The staff at Caminhos also helped me find accommodation during my stay. Initially I was going to do a Homestay but then I decided I wanted to stay in a shared apartment. The process was quick and easy. I was given a few choices to look at in my preferred suburbs. I really felt like they understood about my safety, my budget, and they were very honest with their opinion on where I should live and the distance to the school. I was really happy with the shared apartment they found me in Copacabana. It was perfect for me and only 10 minutes walking distance to the school."



EMRE UYAR, TURKEY, B1 & B2 COURSE



#### **VISA SUPPORT**

Caminhos Language Centre is a certified language school which can provide you with the necessary notarised documents needed to obtain a Student Visa. Caminhos Language Centre offers 6 or 12 month Student Visa packages and can tailor a program suited to your needs. Please enquire directly for more information about obtaining a Student Visa with Caminhos.



We offer competitive packages for groups and can organise everything from language classes, transfers, accommodation, activities, and group tours. We are also able to design courses to cater to the specfic academic needs of your group. Caminhos Language Centre has received several groups including universities, NGOs and international companies and created complete programs tailored specifically to each group.













SASCHA BERCOVITCH, USA, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
FLAS FELLOWSHIP STUDENT







"I traveled to Brazil for total cultural immersion. My University offered a program where we could travel to Rio and study at Caminhos as part of my degree. We had a group of 10 students and our teacher Monica also came with us. Caminhos organised everything for us - we had a host who picked us up from the airport and she brought us to our Homestay families. Our teacher Leonardo was really good and the course was well structured. We had a few 'guest speakers'who gave talks on different topics about Rio and Brazil. Caminhos also organised some tours and excursions for us and these were really fun. I really liked the school - the staff were nice and made my experience wonderful!"

KATIE JAME, USA, UMIVERSITY OF DELAWARE



# FLAS, FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Caminhos has many international students from the Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Program and other Fellowship programs and grants. We have taught students from all over the world including the University of Harvard, Chicago and Michigan with FLAS/Fellowship grants. We are able to design a program to meet your needs.



## CamiNh6s

'Mais Caminhos' is our social program offering educational and cultural activities for underprivileged local Brazilian children and teenagers. Our philosophy is to support motivated underprivileged children and to offer them tools that can help change their lives. We have three programs in Mais Caminhos:

- . Onsite Education
- . Exchange & Scholarships
- . Family Support

## VOLUNTEER WITH CAMINHOS

Caminhos offers a number of volunteer positions spread over the 3 pilars of the organisation:















o happy to have had the opportunity to volunteer ais Caminhos Onsite Education program for 6 months. In the program I got to help children from nearby avelas learn and grow. I was involved with English lessons we used was 'Positive Discipline' and really helped the nildren learn about cooperation, respect and self-control It was amazing to see the children realize their abilities and Caminhos Language School is an amazing school which donates all profit to helping these kids in need.'







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