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Mensagem de Welcome

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the IV International Seminar of ICON-S Brasil, held for the first time at the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ).

The International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) has established itself, over the past decade, as one of the most important spaces for academic dialogue on public law, constitutionalism, democracy and institutions, bringing together researchers from different disciplinary and national traditions.

The Brazilian Chapter of ICON-S has sought to contribute to this effort by promoting the exchange between national and international academic production and strengthening a plural, interdisciplinary community committed to critical reflection on the contemporary challenges of public law.

In this edition, we bring together participants from Brazil and abroad to debate central themes of contemporary constitutionalism, including democracy, constitutional adjudication, fundamental rights, social transformation, comparative law, digital technologies and the crisis of democratic institutions.

The seminar also reaffirms a commitment that has marked the trajectory of ICON-S Brasil: creating spaces for encounter between different generations of researchers, especially valuing the participation of students and young academics through the Working Groups.

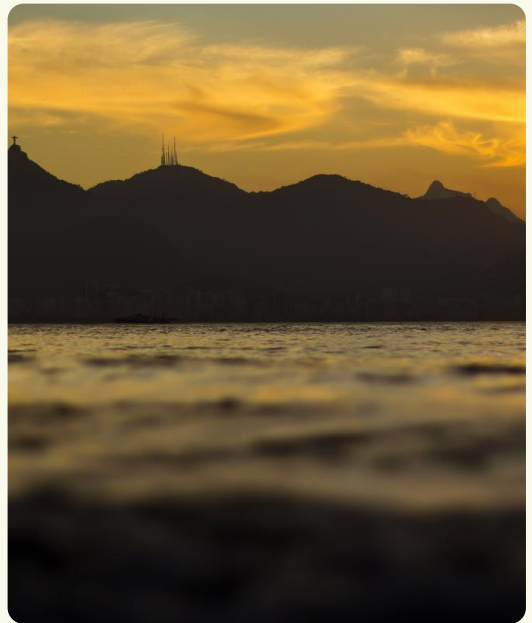
Holding this event at UERJ carries special meaning. An institution historically committed to academic excellence, social inclusion and the defence of the public university, UERJ offers a particularly fitting environment for reflecting on the challenges and possibilities of constitutionalism in societies marked by deep inequalities and constant transformations.

We thank the speakers, Working Group coordinators, paper authors, participants, partner institutions and support teams who made this event possible. We wish everyone an excellent seminar, full of productive debates, new academic partnerships and opportunities for mutual learning.

Juliana Cesario Alvim, Co-Director of ICON-S Brasil

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This guide was prepared by researchers from ICON-S Brasil — with a local perspective, carioca warmth and recommendations that go beyond the conventional tourist itinerary. Welcome to Rio de Janeiro.

ICON-S and the Brazilian Chapter

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PUBLIC LAW

ICON-S — International Society of Public Law — is one of the leading global academic organisations dedicated to public law. Founded in 2012, it brings together researchers from around the world for interdisciplinary debate on constitutional law, administrative law, international law and related fields. It counts more than 1,800 registered members from over 60 countries — academics, lawyers, judges, prosecutors, political scientists and jurists from all regions of the globe. Among its activities, it publishes the International Journal of Constitutional Law, the blog iconconnectblog.org and organises an annual global conference.

THE BRAZILIAN CHAPTER

The Brazilian Chapter of the International Society of Public Law (ICON-S Brasil), founded in 2018, is composed of its Advisory Board members and associate researchers. Currently, Juliana Cesario Alvim Gomes (UERJ / Central European University) and Juliano Zaiden Benvindo (UnB) lead the chapter, with Emilio Peluso Neder Meyer (UFMG) as Executive Secretary.

Since its founding, ICON-S Brasil has organised international conferences focused on researcher training and the strengthening of public law in a comparative perspective. Previous editions were held at the FGV-RJ Law School, the UFMG Faculty of Law and online during the pandemic.

In 2025, ICON-S Brasil and the Graduate Programmes of UERJ, UFMG and UnB organised the ICON-S Global Conference at UnB, bringing together more than 1,000 participants from 60 countries. This milestone consolidated Brazil as a significant hub in the international public law network.

The 4th edition, taking place at UERJ in 2026, deepens this process, strengthening graduate researcher training, national academic exchange and integration with international communities in the field.

The event is organised by ICON-S Brasil with the institutional support of the Graduate Law Programmes (PPGDs) of UERJ, UnB and UFMG, and of Ipê — Institute for Constitutional Research (UERJ), Constituições — Constitutionalism and Comparativism (UFMG) and CECC — Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies (UnB). The event is also supported by FAPERJ, CNPq and Insper.

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UERJ — State University of Rio de Janeiro



Address: R. São Francisco Xavier, 524 — Maracanã ·
Sessions on the 7th floor

UERJ is one of the most important public universities in Brazil. Its history began in 1950 with the creation of the Universidade do Distrito Federal (UDF). Name changes followed Brazil's political transformations: in 1958, it became the Universidade do Rio de Janeiro (URJ); in 1961, following the transfer of the capital to Brasília, it was renamed the Universidade do Estado da Guanabara (UEG); and in 1975 it received its current name.

The university was founded by merging four institutions: the Rio de Janeiro Faculty of Economics, the Rio de Janeiro Faculty of Law, the La-Fayette Institute Faculty of Philosophy and the Faculty of Medical Sciences. In 2003, it was a pioneer in adopting racial quotas for university entrance, inspiring Law nº 12.711/2012. Today it brings together more than 30,000 students across approximately 20 campuses throughout the state.

The main campus, in the Maracanã neighbourhood between Morro de Mangueira and the famous football stadium, was inaugurated in 1976 and is a landmark of Brazilian brutalist architecture. It was built on land previously occupied by the Favela do Esqueleto, whose forced removal in the 1960s remains an important part of the city's urban and social memory.

By subway: Maracanã Station (Line 2 — green, towards Pavuna) — direct exit to the UERJ gate. Hours: Mon–Sat 5am–midnight · Sun 7am–11pm · Fare: R\$7.00.

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UERJ Faculty of Law

The history of UERJ's Faculty of Law begins in 1935, when a group of 20 professors, led by Luiz Carpenter and Roberto Lyra, decided to found a new law school. These eminent scholars sought to teach at a Faculty of Law free from political constraints — plural, democratic and accessible to as many people as possible.

Much has happened since then — consolidation of the institution, two changes of premises including a historic mansion in the Catete neighbourhood, and finally integration of the standalone school into the Universidade do Distrito Federal (UDF) in 1951 — later renamed Universidade do Rio de Janeiro (1958); then, in 1961, with the transfer of the federal capital to Brasília and the creation of the State of Guanabara, it became the Universidade do Estado da Guanabara (UEG); and finally, with the merger of the states of Guanabara and Rio de Janeiro in 1975, it became the Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ).

Source: direito.uerj.br/historia

The IV International Seminar of ICON-S Brasil will take place on the 7th floor of the main building of the Maracanã campus.

Address: R. São Francisco Xavier, 524 — Maracanã. Maracanã subway station (Line 2, towards Pavuna) with direct exit to the campus gate.

Programme 2026

1ST DAY — 24 AUGUST 2026

09h00 – 09h20 • Institutional Opening and Welcome

Carlos Édson do Rêgo Monteiro (UERJ, Dean of the Faculty of Law)

Emilio Peluso Neder Meyer (UFMG)

Gisela Sampaio (UERJ, Coordenadora do PPGD/UERJ)

Gustavo Siqueira (UERJ / FAPERJ Law Area Coordinator)

Jane Reis (UERJ, Ipê)

Juliana Cesario Alvim (UERJ, Ipê / Central European University, Áustria)

Juliano Zaiden Benvindo (UnB)

09h30 – 11h00 • Painei 1 – Crisis of Liberal Constitutionalism and the Role of Courts in Comparative Perspective

Diego Werneck Argüelhes (Insper) · Jane Reis (UERJ) · Luís Roberto Barroso (UERJ / STF) · Renata Uitz (Royal Holloway, University of London; CEU Democracy Institute, Hungria)

Mod: Breno Baía (UFPA)

11h30 – 13h00 • Painei 2 – Rethinking Comparative Law: Traditions, Critique, and Plural Perspectives

Christine Schwöbel-Patel (University of Warwick, Reino Unido) · Daniel Bonilla Maldonado (Universidad de los Andes, Colômbia) ·

Emilio Peluso Neder Meyer (UFMG) · Gustavo Tepedino (UERJ)

Mod: Ana Paula de Barcellos (UERJ)

13h00 – 14h30 · Lunch break

14h30 – 16h30 • Working Groups

16h30 – 18h00 • Special Session — "Constituição, Democracia e República: o futuro"

Gisele Cittadino (PUC-RJ) · Vera Karam de Chueiri (UFPR)

Mod: Juliano Zaiden Benvindo (UnB)

2ND DAY — 25 AUGUST 2026

09h00 – 10h30 • Painei 3 – Subject of Rights, Identity, and Otherness in Contemporary Constitutionalism

Juliana Cesario Alvim (UERJ / CEU) · Kendall Thomas (Columbia Law School) · Melina Fachin (UFPR) · Thula Pires (PUC-RJ)

Mod: Marcos Queiroz (IDP)

10h45 – 12h15 • Painei 4 – Digital Sovereignties and Democratic Crisis

Clara Iglesias Keller (Weizenbaum Institute / WZB Berlin Social Science Center) · Nina Santos (Secretaria de Políticas Digitais) ·

Rafael Zanatta (Data Privacy Brasil) · Rodrigo Brandão Viveiros Pessanha (UERJ)

Mod: Estefânia Barboza (UFPR)

13h00 – 14h30 · Lunch break

14h30 – 16h30 • Working Groups

16h30 – 18h00 • Dialogues on the STF: Institution, Politics and Democracy

Felipe Recondo (Recondo e os Onze / Sem Precedentes) · José Arthur Castilho de Macedo (STF) · Patricia Perrone (UERJ) ·

Thomaz Pereira (Sem Precedentes)

Mod: Wallace Corbo (UERJ)

18h00 • Closing

ORGANISATION AND SUPPORT



Instituto de Pesquisas
Constitucionais UERJ



Rio de Janeiro — Geographic Overview

Rio de Janeiro combines golden beaches, Atlantic Forest hills and vibrant urban life. A colonial, imperial and republican capital, it carries extraordinary historical layers — offering every visitor a unique experience of cultural, gastronomic and scenic diversity.


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INHABITANTS

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TIME ZONE

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VOLTAGE

Tijuca / Maracanã

UERJ venue. Northern Zone with traditional bars and restaurants. Maracanã Station (L2), direct access to campus.

Historic City Centre

Lapa, Glória, Port Zone, Santos Dumont. Museums, CCBB, Lilia, nightlife. Direct Line 2.

South Zone

Botafogo, Flamengo, Catete, Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon. Hotels, restaurants and beaches. Line 1 with transfer at Estácio to UERJ.

Gávea / Lagoa / Cosme Velho

Restaurants, culture, Botanical Garden and access to Christ the Redeemer. Bohemian Baixo Gávea area.

Copacabana e Ipanema

Subway Siqueira Campos / General Osório (L1). 30–50 min from UERJ.

Tijuca Forest

The world's largest urban forest, minutes from UERJ. Trails, waterfalls and native wildlife.

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Getting to Rio and to UERJ

AIRPORTS

Santos Dumont (SDU)

City centre · Domestic flights

Uber to UERJ: ~R\$30–45. The VLT light rail (Lines 1 and 3) departs from the airport door and reaches the city centre in ~18 min, with subway connection.

Galeão (GIG)

Ilha do Governador · International and domestic

Uber/99: ~R\$40–50 to UERJ (use the designated pick-up area). Real Auto Ônibus bus (lines 2018/2101) to the South Zone: ~R\$22.

ESTIMATED UBER FARES TO UERJ

Botafogo / Flamengo → R\$20–35

Catete / Glória → R\$18–30

Centro / Santos Dumont → R\$15–25

Copacabana → R\$30–45

Ipanema / Leblon → R\$35–55

Approximate values, subject to variation

BUS

- 247 — R. São Francisco Xavier, in front of UERJ
- 363 — Zona Norte circuit
- 457 — via Laranjeiras to UERJ
- 711 — South Zone to Zona Norte via UERJ

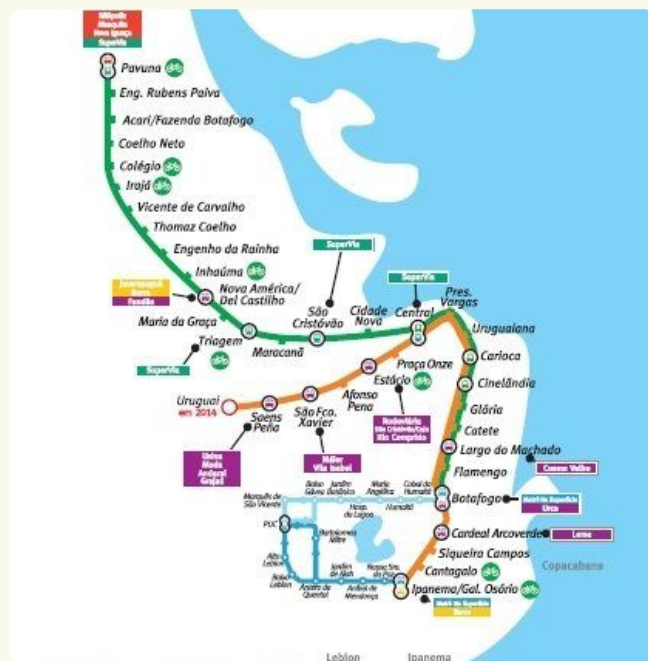
Note: card-only payment from 30 June

From 30 June 2026, Rio buses no longer accept cash. You must use the Riocard card or the Jaé system. Check timetables on Moovit before boarding.

How to use Riocard and Jaé

Riocard: purchase at subway stations or via the RioCard Mais app. Jaé: municipal ticketing system accepted on buses, BRT and VLT — allows payment with the physical Jaé card, via the Jaé app (QR Code), by PIX or by contactless credit/debit card (NFC). More information at riocard.com.br and jae.rio.

RIO SUBWAY MAP



Line 2 — Green · Maracanã Station

Exit via Av. Radial Oeste → UERJ gate.

Line 1 — Orange · Transfer at Estácio

Da South Zone e do Centro → Estácio → L2 sentido Pavuna → Maracanã.

Hours: Mon–Sat 5am–midnight · Sun 7am–11pm · Fare: R\$7.00 · Payment by credit/debit card or Riocard.

Where to Stay

Windsor Martinique

Hotel · Copacabana

R. Sá Ferreira, 30 — Copacabana · @windsorhoteis

3-star hotel, one and a half blocks from the beach, ~750m from General Osório subway. Rooftop pool, breakfast included.

→ Metrô General Osório (L1)

JOE&JOE Rio de Janeiro

Hostel · Cosme Velho

Beco do Boticário, 26 — Cosme Velho · @joeandjoe

Accor group hostel. Shared and private rooms, pools, lively atmosphere. Next to the Corcovado train station.

→ ~25 min by Uber to UERJ

ibis Botafogo

Hotel · Botafogo

R. Paulino Fernandes, 39 — Botafogo · @ibisbotafogo

Reliable option in the heart of Botafogo. A few minutes' walk from the subway.

→ Metrô Botafogo (L1)

ibis budget Botafogo

Econômico · Botafogo

Praça Joia Valansi, 24 — Botafogo

The most budget-friendly option in the chain, 450m from Botafogo subway. Breakfast optional.

→ Metrô Botafogo (L1)

ibis Glória

Hotel · Centro

Av. Mal. Câmara, 280 — Centro

Close to Santos Dumont Airport and Lapa. Access to Cinelândia subway.

→ Metrô Cinelândia (L1)

Riale Imperial Flamengo

Hotel · Catete

R. do Catete, 186 — Catete

Well rated, a few metres from Catete subway. Quiet residential area. Breakfast included and pool.

→ Metrô Catete (L1)

Botafogo e South Zone

BOTAFOGO

Chanchada Bar

R. Gen. Polidoro, 164 B — Botafogo · @chanchada.bar

Creative Brazilian cuisine, pavement tables, excellent cocktails.

The Slow Bakery

R. General Polidoro, 25 — Botafogo · @theslowbakery

Rio's finest artisan bakery. Natural fermentation breads, impeccable croissants.

Brota

R. Conde de Irajá, 98 — Botafogo · @brota.restaurante

Vegetarian and vegan restaurant by chef Roberta Ciasca. Michelin Bib Gourmand 2024/25/26.

Domenica Pizzeria Artesanal

R. Capistrano de Abreu, 45 — Botafogo

Artisan dough, rustic atmosphere. The Carbonara pizza is a must.

Ferro e Farinha

R. Arnaldo Quintela, 23 — Botafogo · @ferroefarinha

One of Rio's most beloved pizzas. Natural fermentation dough, wood-fired oven.

Galeto Sat's

R. Real Grandeza, 212 — Botafogo · @galetosats

A Rio institution since 1962. Cultural Heritage of Rio. Grilled chicken, legendary garlic bread.

Quartinho Bar

R. Arnaldo Quintela, 124 — Botafogo · @quartinhobar

Creative craft cocktails and refined bar food.

FLAMENGO AND LAPA

Café Lamas

Marquês de Abrantes, 18 — Flamengo · @cafelamas

Brazil's oldest continuously operating restaurant — since 1874. Carioca Cultural Heritage.

Mimo Café

R. Sen. Vergueiro, 93 — Flamengo · @mimocafe.flamengo

Neighbourhood specialty coffee shop, single-origin beans, welcoming atmosphere.

Jurema

R. Morais e Vale, 47 — Lapa · @jurema.lapa

Bar and restaurant with the soul of a traditional boteco in the heart of Lapa. Honest prices.

City Centre, Santa Teresa, Gávea e Ipanema

HISTORIC CITY CENTRE

Lília

CCBB (R. Primeiro de Março, 66) · R. do Senado, 45 — Centro

Creative Brazilian cuisine at two locations in the City Centre. The CCBB branch combines a cultural visit with an exceptional lunch.

Labuta Bar

Av. Gomes Freire, 256 — Centro · @labutabar

Brazilian grill in the historic city centre, same group as Lília.

Xian

Av. Almirante Sílvia de Noronha, 365 — Centro · @xianrio

Rooftop with stunning views of Guanabara Bay and Christ the Redeemer.

Coffee Five

R. da Quitanda, 86 — Centro · @coffeefive

One of Rio's finest specialty coffees. The city's best chocolate cake with dulce de leche.

SANTA TERESA

Aprazível

R. Aprazível, 62 — Santa Teresa · @aprazivel

Michelin-listed in Santa Teresa. Panoramic view, creative Brazilian cuisine. Book in advance.

IPANEMA, LEBLON E LEME

Noa

R. Garcia d'Ávila, 135 — Ipanema · @noa.ipanema

Michelin Guide 2025. Contemporary Mediterranean.

Zazá Bistrô Tropical

R. Joana Angélica, 40 — Ipanema · @zazabistro

26 years of tropical bistro in a listed mansion. Great vegan options.

Rudä

R. Garcia d'Ávila, 118 — Ipanema · @ruda.restaurante

Contemporary Brazilian cuisine, chef's menu with single-origin ingredients.

Babbo Osteria

R. Barão da Torre, 632 — Ipanema · @babbo.osteria

Sophisticated Italian osteria. The gnocchi with mushrooms and truffles is unmissable.

S. Bistrô

Av. Atlântica, 994 — Leme · @sbistro_leme

French-Brazilian bistro facing the Leme beachfront promenade.

GÁVEA

Braseiro da Gávea

Praça Santos Dumont, 116 — Gávea · @braseirodagavea

An icon of Baixo Gávea. Picanha, grilled chicken, Tuscan sausage. No reservations — arrive early.

Near UERJ

Tijuca, Maracanã and São Cristóvão

Adegão Português

Campo de São Cristóvão, 212 · @adegaoportugues

Carioca Cultural Heritage 2025. Since 1964. Historic cod dishes (Zé do Pipo, Gomes de Sá), Natas do Céu. ~10 min by Uber from UERJ.

Aconchego Carioca

R. Barão de Iguatemi, 379 — Praça da Bandeira · @aconchegocarioca

Carioca cuisine with northeastern influence, chef Kátia Barbosa. Oxtail with watercress, feijoada croquettes. ~5 min by Uber.

Casa do Sardo

R. São Cristóvão, 405 · @casadosardo

Sardinian cuisine. Seafood, handmade pasta, live Italian music.

Fiorino Ristorante

Av. Heitor Beltrão, 126 — Tijuca · @fiorinoristorante

Classic Italian in Tijuca since 1920. Fresh handmade pasta, wood-fired oven. Note: cash only.

BARS IN TIJUCA AND MARACANÃ

Bar do Momo

R. Gen. Espírito Santo Cardoso, 50 — Tijuca

Over 50 years of history. The city's finest rice croquette.

Bar Madrid

R. Almirante Gavião, 11 — Tijuca · @barmadrid

Tapas and the city's best passion fruit caipirinha. Informal Spanish atmosphere.

Bode Cheiroso

R. Gen. Canabarro, 218 — Maracanã

80 years of history. Pork crackling, varied daily specials.

Baródromo

R. Dona Zulmira, 41 — Maracanã · @barodromo

Carnival-themed bar. Drinks named after samba themes, feijoada on Saturdays.

Praça Varnhagen

Praça Varnhagen — Tijuca

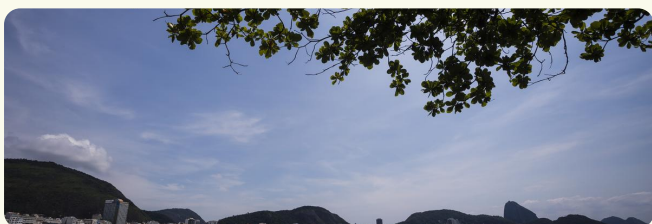
Traditional botequins at a classic Tijuca corner. Genuine neighbourhood atmosphere, minutes from UERJ.

Classic Sightseeing



Cristo Redentor

One of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Accessible by train from Cosme Velho or by van through the Tijuca National Park. Book in advance.



Copacabana Fort

Historic fortress at the tip of Copacabana. Privileged view of the seafront, Army Museum and Café do Forte.

Beaches — Copacabana and Ipanema

Subway Cardeal Arcoverde/Siqueira Campos (Copa) or General Osório (Ipanema).



Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon

Artificial lagoon surrounded by hills and the Botanical Garden. Perfect for walking, cycling or sitting at a kiosk at sunset.

Flamengo Park

The city's largest urban park, on the shores of Guanabara Bay. Landscape design by Burle Marx. Combine with the Feira da Glória market (Sunday mornings).



Tijuca Forest

The world's largest urban forest, minutes from UERJ. Trails, waterfalls and native wildlife. Entrance via Estrada da Cascatinha.

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Cultural Outings, Samba and Nightlife

CULTURAL OUTINGS



CCBB — Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil

R. Primeiro de Março, 66 — Centro

World-class exhibitions, theatre, cinema. Admission frequently free. Houses a branch of Lilia restaurant.



Theatro Municipal

Praça Floriano — Centro

Architectural gem inspired by the Paris Opéra Garnier. Opera, ballet, concerts. Guided tours: R\$20.



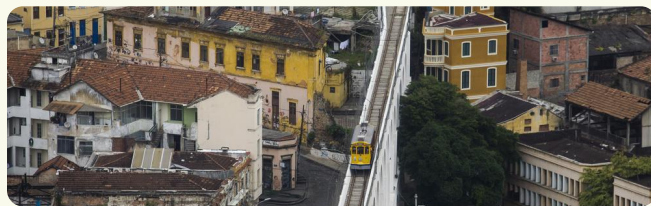
Port Zone — MAR, Museum of Tomorrow and Pequena África

Praça Mauá — Centro · Ter–Dom: 10h–18h

MAR and the Museum of Tomorrow on the waterfront. Nearby: Pedra do Sal, Cais do Valongo (UNESCO).

Santa Teresa

Bohemian neighbourhood with cobblestone streets, studios and galleries. Historic tram, city heritage. Combine with dinner at Aprazível.



SAMBA AND NIGHTLIFE

Pedra do Sal — Roda de Samba

R. Argemiro Bulcão, 38 — Saúde · Mon and Fri from 6pm · Free admission

The birthplace of carioca samba. Acoustic roda de samba outdoors on the historic stones.

Samba do Trabalhador — Moacyr Luz

Clube Renascença, Andaraí · Mon from 5pm · ~R\$30

Brings together a thousand people every Monday around the roots samba of Moacyr Luz.

Rio Scenarium · Carioca da Gema

Lapa

Two classics of Lapa. Scenarium has three floors of antiques and live samba; Carioca da Gema is intimate and traditional.

@fala.paulinhaa

The best Instagram account for what's on in Rio every week: samba, parties, bars and cultural events.

LGBTQIA+ SPACES

Bar Dellas · Mãe Joana · Calma Bar

Dellas: Gamboa · Mãe Joana: Botafogo · Calma: Botafogo

@bar_dellas · @maejoana.rj · @calma.tocalma

Buteco Treme Treme · Brejo Bar

Treme Treme: Botafogo · Brejo: Flamengo

@butecotremetreme · @brejobarrj

Practical Information and Useful Links

CURRENCY AND PAYMENT

Card and PIX are accepted at most establishments. Avoid using contactless payment with street vendors or informal sellers. Electrical voltage in Rio: 110V (unlike Brasília, which is 220V).

CLIMATE IN AUGUST

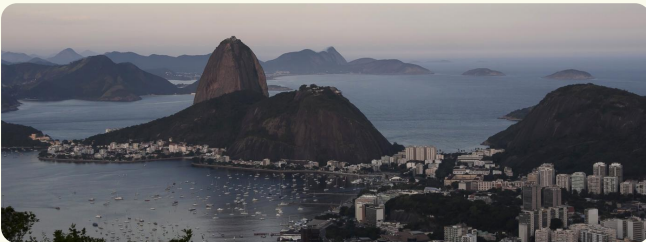
August is the best time to visit Rio — dry and mild weather, between 20°C and 28°C, low chance of rain and blue skies.

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USEFUL LINKS

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 linkedin.com/company/105683776
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Metrô Rio

metrorio.com.br

Line 2 (green) — Maracanã Station, towards Pavuna.

Moovit

Android and iOS app

Public transport route planner.

VLT Carioca

mobilidade.grupoccr.com.br/vltrio

Lines 1 and 3 from Santos Dumont Airport to the city centre.

Riocard e Jaé

riocard.com.br · jae.rio

Riocard: purchase at subway stations or via the RioCard Mais app. Jaé: municipal ticketing system — accepts physical Jaé card, Jaé app (QR Code), PIX or contactless credit/debit card (NFC).

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Book in advance. Train departs from Cosme Velho.

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Welcome to Rio de Janeiro.

See you in August, at UERJ. • ICON-S Brasil • 24 and 25 August 2026

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