

BRAZIL

STARTER

FRIED PLANTAINS

AIOLI VERDE

IN ADDITION TO COFFEE, BRAZIL'S EXPORTS INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, IRON ORE, SOYBEANS, FOOTWEAR, MOTOR VEHICLES, CONCENTRATED ORANGE JUICE, BEEF, AND TROPICAL HARDWOODS. MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, OIL, AND ELECTRONICS ARE MAJOR IMPORTS. MOST TRADE IS WITH CHINA, THE UNITED STATES, ARGENTINA, AND GERMANY.

CAPITAL:

BRASÍLIA

ENTREE

CHURRASCO STEAK SKEWERS

COCONUT VANILLA RICE, ROASTED GARLIC ORANGE SAUCE, CHIMICHURRI

BRAZIL COVERS NEARLY HALF OF SOUTH AMERICA AND IS THE CONTINENT'S LARGEST NATION. IT EXTENDS 2,965 MI (4,772 KM) NORTH-SOUTH, 2,691 MI (4,331 KM) EAST-WEST, AND BORDERS EVERY NATION ON THE CONTINENT EXCEPT CHILE AND ECUADOR. BRAZIL IS THE ONLY LATIN AMERICAN NATION THAT DERIVES ITS LANGUAGE AND CULTURE FROM PORTUGAL.

SIDE

FEIJOADA

SLOW SIMMERED BLACK BEANS, BRAZILIAN SPICES, BRAISED PORK

BUSINESS ATTIRE IN BRAZIL TENDS TO BE CONSERVATIVE FOR BOTH SEXES, ALTHOUGH LIGHTER-WEIGHT FABRICS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO ACCOMMODATE WARM TEMPERATURES. FOR MEN, THIS MEANS DARK SUITS. FOR WOMEN, A DRESS OR JACKET AND SKIRT IS APPROPRIATE. AVOID EXTRAVAGANT DISPLAYS OF WEALTH IN YOUR JEWELRY SELECTIONS, WHICH ALSO CAN MAKE YOU A TARGET FOR THIEVES WHEN YOU'RE COMING AND GOING TO PLACES OF BUSINESS.

DESSERT

DULCE DE LECHE CAKE

STRAWBERRY CREAM

DROPPING IN WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT IS CONSIDERED BAD FORM IN BRAZIL. BRAZILIAN ETIQUETTE EXPERT SANDRA BRANCO RECOMMENDS THAT IMPORTANT MEETINGS BE NOT ONLY SCHEDULED AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE BUT ALSO CONFIRMED TWO DAYS' PRIOR AS A MATTER OF COURTESY. SHE FURTHER ADVISES SETTING APPOINTMENTS BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND NOON AND BETWEEN 3 AND 5 P.M. LUNCHEs TEND TO BE LENGTHY TO ACCOMMODATE LESS FORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF BUSINESS.