



U.S. Visa: Your journey to the United States begins here

Thinking of applying for a tourist visa? Here are the **basics** that you should know.

- **The process is fast!** The time from application to interview only takes two or three business days and most applicants will spend less than one hour at the consulate.
- **Applying is simple.** The process begins online, and you can choose the date and time of your appointment. It's safe, secure, and easy.
- **Almost everything is done in Portuguese!** Application instructions, the DS-160 form, and interviews for tourist visas are available in Portuguese - only the DS-160 form must be completed in English (and our website has a translation tool that makes it easy).
- **Many applicants do not require an interview.** Applicants under the age of 16, over the age of 66, or whose previous U.S. visas of the same classification expired fewer than four years ago generally do not require interviews.
- **There's just one fee.** Each tourist visa application costs US\$160, including interview and passport delivery. You can pay by credit card or bank transfer.
- **Most applications are approved.** More than 96% of Brazilians receive the visa for which they have applied.

Did you know...?

- We are welcoming a record number of Brazilians to the United States. In fact, nearly 1.8 million Brazilians visited the United States in 2012.
- Non-immigrant visa issuances to Brazilians nearly quadrupled between 2006 and 2013, with the U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Brazil issuing more than 1 million visas in both 2012 and 2013. At the same time, visa interview wait times have dropped dramatically.
- We have increased staffing by doubling the number of diplomats performing consular work in Brazil between 2011 and 2013.
- We have improved facilities investing approximately \$40 million in 2012 on existing facilities, such as additional interview windows, expanded office space, and improved waiting areas.
- In the next few years, we will open new consulates in Belo Horizonte and Porto Alegre.

Ready to apply?

1. Visit <http://portuguese.brazil.usembassy.gov/pt/nonimmigrant-visas.html>
2. Complete the DS-160 form using the Portuguese translator tool
3. Schedule a visit to a Centro de Apoio ao Solicitante de Visto for fingerprints:
https://usvisa-info.com/pt-br/selfservice/ss_country_welcome
4. Schedule an interview in Brasilia, Recife, Rio de Janeiro or São Paulo.

