

5th ICTP-CAPES LATIN-AMERICAN STRING SCHOOL

Useful Information

1 General Information

São Paulo is a very big city and as any other big city in the world, it's very easy to get lost or to have trouble finding nice places to go. Even though it seems like a huge mess, you'll soon find yourself understanding how to manage it. Below you'll find some informations for you to have a nice time here.

The new building of IFT (weeks 1 and 3) is located near one of the main public transport terminal of city, the Barra Funda Terminal. It means that almost any place in the city can be reached easily from it, including hotel Intercity and the old location of IFT. The old IFT (2nd week) is near one of the most important avenues of the city, Avenida Paulista. Its neighborhood is called Bela Vista and the other side of Paulista Avenue is called Jardins. This avenue is the very business and cultural heart of São Paulo and that's why you may find so many interesting options for eating or hanging out. Another good option is Parque do Ibirapuera which is a 30 minute walk from Avenida Paulista and is the biggest park in the city. Until December 12, there will be a free art exhibit called "Bienal" in the Parque do Ibirapuera. There is also a modern art museum MASP on 1578 Avenida Paulista.

At the reception desk of the Hotel you'll find a nice map with some more indications of where to go.

2 TIPS

- International Calling: Hotel charges are certainly high for international calls, but you may buy cards in some newsstands located at Avenida Paulista or in Post Offices.

Another option to call from Brazil to abroad is to use a service offered by EMBRATEL (a Brazilian phone enterprise), called Call Home Direct. With Call Home Direct, the phone calls made here are charged in your own country, to the destination number or to

a phone card of the international operators. Just ring the Call Home Direct number via Embratel corresponding to the destination country. Access to service is free of charge through public, wireline and cellular phones. Here is a list of some country codes (if your country doesn't appear in the list, see

http://www.embratel.com.br/Embratel02/cda/portal/0,2997,RE_P_313,00.html

Here is a list of the countries present at the school:

- Argentina - 0800 890 5421 **or** 0800 890 5422 **or** 0800 890 5423 **or** 800 890 5424 **or** 0800 890 5411 **or** 0800 890 5432
 - Australia - 0800 890 6112 **or** 0800 890 6113 **or** 0800 890 6111
 - Chile - 0800 890 5612 **or** 0800 890 5611 **or** 0800 890 5621
 - Colombia - 0800 890 5711 **or** 0800 890 5723
 - Germany - 0800 890 4911
 - Italy - 0800 890 3911 **or** 0800 890 3912 **or** 0800 890 3913
 - Mexico - 0800 890 5211 **or** 0800 890 5222 **or** 0800 890 5221
 - Russia - 0800 890 0711 **or** 0800 890 0712 **or** 0800 890 0713
 - United Kingdom - 0800 890 4411
 - Uruguay - 0800 890 5981 **or** 0800 890 5983
 - USA - 0800 890 0012 **or** 0800 890 0011 **or** 0800 890 8000 **or** 0800 890 0288
 - Venezuela - 0800 890 5811.
- If you want to withdraw some money from your personal account abroad (via the CIRBUS network), you should go to the ATMs at Citybank, there's one at 1776 Avenida Paulista (the big blue building). Any other ATM will not work. You may withdraw money with your credit card from any normal ATM if it has a small Visa, Mastercard, etc logo. Many of them are located inside the banks and you may find a lot of them in Paulista Avenue.

The region near the hotel is relatively safe but just to minimize any risk please remember these simple safety tips:

- **Be careful crossing the street. In Brasil, cars ignore pedestrians.**

- Do not carry along your original passport, but have some identification card.
- Do not take along more cash than you need, use the safety box of your hotel.
- Avoid walking alone at night, avoid dark areas.
- Places like Praça da Sé, República, São Bento, Luz may be very dangerous at night, if you want to visit it, choose daytime and remember to be careful.
- In case of contact with criminals NEVER fight back, just give your wallet.
- It is always better to know your precise destination, how to go and how to come back, before leaving.
- In case of any trouble contact organizers of the school. You can call collect for free from any payphone by dialing 9090 before the number.
 - Nathan Berkovits (home): 3283-0649
 - Nathan Berkovits (work): 3393-7818
 - Nathan Berkovits (cellphone): 8231-3143
 - Horatiu Nastase (work): 3393-7813
 - Andrei Mikhailov (work): 3393-7898
 - Thiago Fleury (cellphone): 7620-2627
 - Renann Jusinskas (cellphone): 8024-0317

3 MEALS

If you are receiving support from the school, you will receive tickets for meals offered at the hotel and at the restaurant/canteen inside the Barra Funda campus. The tickets include one beverage and all you can eat. The hotel tickets can be used for lunch and dinner, and the Barra Funda tickets can be used for lunch at the restaurant. At the hotel, you will also have breakfast. If for any reason you don't want to have the meals at the hotel or at the campus, that's OK but please return to the organizers the unused tickets because the workshop will only pay for the meals that you had. The workshop will NOT pay for meals taken in another place. Below there is a list of nearby restaurants:

IFT at Barra Funda:

- Barra Grill
R. Thomas Edison, 217, located at the back of the school, but outside the campus.
- There are many other restaurants in the region, most of them located around IFT, less than 3 or 4 blocks away from the school. Some are listed on the map
<http://www.ift.unesp.br/LASS2010/map.pdf> .

In the old IFT:

- Terra Nova: Al. Rio Claro 20, Right in front of IFT (open weekdays for lunch, pay fixed price per kilo)
- Portal: R. Itapeva 227, Going down Pamplona Street and turning right in the corner (open weekdays for lunch, pay fixed price per kilo)
- Bassano Grill: R. Pamplona 793, (weekdays and Sunday afternoon, slightly more expensive but pay fixed price per kilo). Going up Pamplona Street, one block after Paulista Avenue.
- Pizzaria San Pietro: one block up from IFT at the corner of Pamplona Street and Ribeirão Preto Street (open for lunch and dinner).

4 Instructions on going from hotel to Barra Funda

There will be bus transportation between the hotel on Rua Pamplona and the institute in Barra Funda during the first week (December 3,4,5,6,7,8) and the third week (December 16,17,18,19,20). On these days, the bus will leave the hotel at 9:15 and will leave Barra Funda at 19:15. During the first week (December 3,4,5,6,7,8), there will be space on the bus only for participants that are staying at the hotel.

Alternative transportation is by metro which is a 35 minute trip. A metro/train map is in the folder and is on the webpage <http://www.metro.sp.gov.br/redes/teredes.shtml> Try to avoid the metro during the hours of 7:30-9:00 and 17:30-19:30. To take metro from the hotel, walk three blocks up Rua Pamplona to Avenida Paulista. Enter the metro station Trianon-Masp at Avenida Paulista, and buy at least one ticket for 2.65 reais at the booth "bilheteria". Take the metro in the direction of the station Sacoma (or Vila Prudente) and get off at the second stop which is Paraiso. Switch at Paraiso to the Blue line in the direction of Tucuruvi and get off at the fourth stop which is Se. Switch at Se to the Red line in the direction of Palmeiras-Barra Funda and get off at the last stop which is Palmeiras-Barra Funda.

To reach the institute from this metro stop, follow the the signs to the exit which is called Av. Marquis de Sao Vicente. After passing through the turnstiles, turn left and walk until the end of the station. At the end of the station, descend the steps and you will see a large white and blue building immediately across the street in front of you. The white and blue building is the Instituto de Artes, and next to it is a large white and green building which is the Instituto de Fisica Teorica. Enter in the gate between the two buildings, and the auditorium is on the fourth floor of the white and green building.

To return to the hotel, reverse the procedure. Take the Red line at Palmeiras-Barra Funda in the direction of Corinthians-Itaquera and get off at the fifth stop which is Se. Switch at Se to the Blue line in the direction of Jabaquara and get off at the fourth stop which is Paraiso. Switch at Paraiso to the Green line and get off at the second stop which is Trianon-Masp.

5 Computer facilities

PCs with an Internet connection will be available in a computer lab on the third floor of the IFT in Barra Funda. They can be used for checking e-mail, looking up the arXiv, etc. However, it will not be possible to print from them. The IFT in Barra-Funda also has four wireless networks named IFT1A, IFT2A, IFT3A and IFT4A. The password required for connecting to them will be given at the school. Laptops without Windows may have problems connecting to the network on all the floors of the institute. However, all laptops should be able to connect to the wireless network in the main auditorium.

The old institute in Rua Pamplona has no Internet connection. But the hotel has free broadband internet with one ethernet cable in all rooms. The hotel also has a free wireless network in all the common areas.