

SCAPR General Assembly São Paulo, Brazil - 2019



The SCAPR General Assembly – 2019 will be held in the City of São Paulo, that is located in the State of São Paulo, from May 15th through May 16th 2019.

1. Venue

SCAPR General Assembly – 2019 will be held at Hotel Renaissance, which is located next to Paulista Avenue, which is one of the main avenues in the City of São Paulo and is located in its financial and cultural area.

2. Telefone

The country code for Brazil is 55. The city code for Sao Paulo is 11.

4. Passport & Visa

Citizens from certain countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter Brazil. Please, check at your nearest Brazilian Embassy or Consulate which requirements apply specifically to you, or go to link below for all the information regarding VISA to enter Brazil and please be also sure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months

<http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/images/qgrv/QGRV-simples-ing-Dec21.pdf>



5. Vaccination

Check if you will need any vaccination to enter Brazil. For your protection, vaccination is recommended for all travelers 9 months of age and older. Even though, São Paulo capital does not accuse many cases, but cases of Yellow Fever have been confirmed from the southern region of São Paulo state. If you are planning to visit other places in Brazil or Latin America it might be useful search for mandatory or suggested vaccines, mainly Yellow Fever, Typhoid fever and Hepatitis.



6. Touristic Information

The following link provides useful TIPS FOR THE TOURIST regarding these and other issues.

<http://www.visitbrasil.com/en/destinos/sao-paulo.html>



Please, if you need a Letter of Invitation for Visa application, please send an e-mail us and we will be happy to provide the document.

7. Insurance, Currency and Credit Card

Delegates are encouraged to purchase travel insurance before leaving their home country. Insurance plans typically cover accidental loss of belongings, medical costs, and other risks of international travels.



The Brazilian currency is Real (R\$). Currently, US\$1.00 is approximately R\$3.90. Foreign banknotes can be exchanged at most banks, exchange houses, airport and at Renaissance Hotel.

Credit cards: MasterCard and Visa are accepted at most places, but American Express and Diners Club may only be accepted at major hotels, shops and restaurants in the larger cities.



7. Time Zone

Brasília Time (BRT) is 3 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). This time zone is in use during standard time in: South America. This time zone is often called Brasília Time Zone.



9. Electricity

The standard electricity supply in the City of São Paulo is 110 volts AC. However, outlets for 110 and 220 volts are available at most hotels.

Moreover, 220 volts may be the standard in other Brazilian cities. Regarding power plugs and sockets, the standard has been changed to a new three-pin model, despite the fact you can still find the old models. Thus, adaptors may be useful.

8. Transfer from the Airport to Hotels

São Paulo has two main airports, Guarulhos and Congonhas, however all international flights arrive and depart from Guarulhos airport, which is located 30km northeast of the city-center. Guarulhos Airport is the largest in Brazil and one of the biggest in South America. Unlike airports in Europe and North America, it has a duty-free shop upon arrival before clearing customs, where you can purchase up to US\$500 of goods.

Arriving at São Paulo's international airport is straightforward. Still you may have to wait up to an average of half an hour to have your passport stamped by the federal police. Be sure to keep the stamped copy of your entrance/exit form for your return journey. International flights usually land in Terminal 3.

Once you have cleared customs you can change money or traveler's checks or use an ATM to obtain cash in Reais (R\$). You will find ATM and Currency exchange bureau at Renaissance Hotel as well.

The downtown Congonhas Airport is the base for the São Paulo-Rio shuttle service (45 minute flight), in addition to offering other domestic flights.

Contact details:

Guarulhos Airport (GRU) - Tel: +55 (11) 2445.2945

Congonhas Airport (CGH) - Tel: +55 (11) 5090.9000

Transportation options available Between the airports and the Congress Venue and Official hotels



Taxi will be the easiest way to get you to the hotel since they have special lanes to avoid the traffic jam that can be quite heavy in São Paulo, specially at rush hours. Also, they charge fixed prices, what will be around R\$ 200,00 (+-EUR 50,00).

TAXI GUARUCOOP - GUARULHOS AIRPORT (+ 55 11 2440.7070)

A taxi co-operative that has the monopoly on cabs leaving Guarulhos International Airport. The queue is just outside the exit of the arrival terminal. You can pre-pay for the taxi at a booth in a room left of the exit, by credit card (AMEX, VISA, MASTER). The amount is fixed. Average fare from the International Airport to the congress venue and hotels is U\$ 40,00 (up to 3 people). 24hours service.

RADIO TAXI - CONGONHAS AIRPORT (+ 55 11 3146.4000)

A taxi co-operative that works on cabs leaving Congonhas Domestic Airport. The queue is just outside the exit of the arrival terminal. The average fare from the Airport to the congress venue and hotels is US 20,00 (up to 3 people). Service from 5AM to 11PM



The bus to Paulista Avenue costs around BRL 50 (+-EUR 10) and you can pay it to the bus driver. The trip will take around 80 minutes to Paulista Av. and has a final stop at 450 Carlos do Pinhal Street, what is 1,5 km far from Renaissance Hotel (2224 Alameda Santos street). It means you will need a taxi and it will have plenty of them over there.



Nevertheless, taxi or bus, it is a pretty safe journey where you can already get to know a bit of the city.

There is also a train/subway to Paulist av. And City center, however there are many connections and it will be less comfortable with luggage.



9. Transport System in São Paulo

The taxi's cars are always white and they can take special lines and speed up your trip. Credit Cards are often accepted, but is always nice asking the driver in advance. Several apps can be used to order a taxi in São Paulo and the pay it with cash or credit card. You can download them for Iphone or Android systems.



Some of these apps can provide both services, Regular Taxi or App's Cars. Be in mind that regular taxes are allowed to take special lanes.

Subway / Metro

Costing BRL\$ 4,30 (single fare) and working from 4:40am to 12am (mon-Fri) and until 1am (Sat), the main stations can receive more than half million people daily. Along Paulista Avenue there are 4 stations: Paraíso, Brigadeiro, Trianon-Masp, Consolação.



A nice hint is downloading a map of São Paulo Metro on your smartphone. It can easy your way when out-and-about.





10. Climate and Weather

The congress will be held during autumn. Historically the average lowest and highest temperatures have been 20°C and 30°C. However, the climate in São Paulo can drop quickly, so it always useful have a jacket (and an umbrella) with you.



11. Shopping Hours

It is recommended that you do your shopping at malls. The malls are open from Mondays through Saturdays from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. On Sundays, hours are from 2:00pm to 8:00pm.



12. Gratuity Tips

10% of the total bill is considered a reasonable tip for good service. We recommend that you check the bill thoroughly because many restaurants include the tip ("taxa de serviço") at the end of the bill and there is no need to double-tip.

13. Safety Tips – important

São Paulo city, especially where the event will be held, does not present high crimes rates. Most tourists have a good experience when arriving in Brazil, but, especially in the big cities, you must be careful. See below our tips about safety during your trip



- At the event, wear your badge all times. Remove your badge when away from the event areas.
- Whenever you need to open your wallet in public, avoid exposing big cash notes.
- Do not place your wallet or your phone in the back pockets of your pants, especially in places that are very busy and full.
- Do not be careless, even at low risks areas. Be alert if walking out, day and night.
- Besides the taxis, it is safe to take an UBER at any time of the day and night in São Paulo.
- Lock all valuable items in a safety deposit box in your hotel.
- Carry little cash with you. Credit cards are widely accepted.
- Take maximum care with your laptop: Avoid carrying it in public places; if you need, try to use common luggage and not the typical "laptop cases". Keep it with you at all times, don't place it on the floor or on luggage carts in airports or hotels. Do not leave luggage or laptops unattended.

Feel free to e-mail us in case of any specific questions and concerns.



14. Cultural Tips

São Paulo is a city that pulses art, culture and has a variety of options to offer during the day and night – parks, shows, bars, restaurants, theaters makes this city one of the most enthusiastic places to visit around the globe. Check more tips at this website:

<http://www.visitbrasil.com/en/destinos/sao-paulo.html>

15. Places to Visit

Ibirapueras' Park

This is the perfect place to start your day in Sao Paulo. it is a huge park where you can choose to do what you love most: cycle around its green areas, jog, walk, relax with a book, or visit one of the nice museums on its grounds. The park contains two important museums: **Museu de Arte Moderna** (dedicated to modern art) and **Museu Afro-Brasil** (about African culture). Both are open Tuesday through Sunday. Famous sights at the park are "**Monumento às Bandeiras**" (a granite sculpture), "**Oca**" (a nicely designed pavilion for exhibitions) and the **Obelisk of Sao Paulo**.



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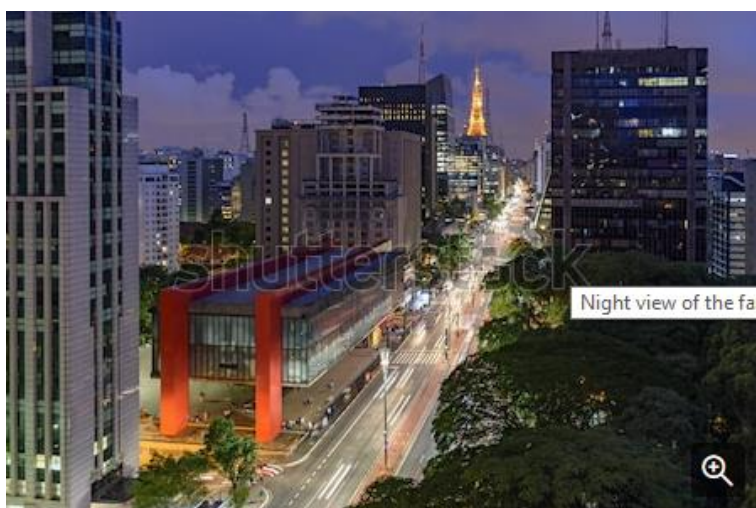
The Museu de Arte de São Paulo (MASP)

It is a private not-for-profit museum founded in 1947 by business mogul and patron of the arts Assis Chateaubriand (1892–1968), becoming the first modern museum in the country. Chateaubriand invited Italian art dealer and critic Pietro Maria Bardi (1900–1999) to direct MASP, and Lina Bo Bardi (1914–1992) to conceive the architecture and the exhibition design. With the most important collection of European art in the southern hemisphere, MASP's holdings currently consist of more than 10 thousand artworks, including paintings, sculptures, objects, photographs, videos and pieces of clothing from various periods, from Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas.



Paulista Avenue

One of the most important streets in the city, Paulista Avenue is home to several financial institutions and tourist hot-spots. It's usually busy throughout the day, making it a great place to walk around and get a feel for the local routine whenever you visit. The main spots you'll pass along the way are: **Conjunto Nacional building** (where the biggest bookstore in the country is located), **Sao Paulo Art Museum (MASP)** (with its beautiful exterior), **Trianon Park** (a cool place to chill out), **Prainha da Paulista** (featuring a few bars offering good street views), **FIESP Cultural Center** (home to seasonal exhibitions), **Itau Cultural Center** (another cultural space for exhibitions) and **Casa das Rosas** (an iconic mansion with a beautiful garden), Japan House (a modern sample of the Japanese culture) and **SESC** (119 Paulista Avenue), where you can have a great view of the city



Address: Paulista Avenue.

Pinacoteca & Luz Station

Your next stop is Pinacoteca (Pina) the oldest art museum in town, housed in a striking 1900s landmark architectural building in the core of the old city center and surrounded by Jardim da Luz garden. Pina has an excellent permanent Brazilian collection and contemporary exhibits that draw crowds from across South America and beyond. Nearby, visit **Estação da Luz Railway** (a building assembled in Glasgow and sent to Brazil in the beginning of 20th century) to admire the monumental and contrasting architecture. But don't forget to turn around, cross the street, and finish your visit at the Estação Pinacoteca, a part of the Pina museum, to see great temporary exhibitions.



Address: Praça da Luz, 2 - Luz, São Paulo - SP, 01120-010. From 10am to 5:30pm. R\$ 6,00.

Altino Arantes Building (Farol Santander)

The Altino Arantes Building, currently named by Farol Santander (and most popularly by Banespão – an important old bank of São Paulo) is an important skyscraper located in São Paulo, Brazil. The tower is one of the best-known skyscrapers of São Paulo. In the highest point of the building, accessible from 33rd floor by 2 sets of stairs, there is an observation deck with views of up to 40 km. One can see there other important landmarks of the city, such as the Municipal Market, the Sé Cathedral, the Edifício Italia which took its place as the city's highest building, and beyond into diverse neighboring quarters.

Rua João Brícola, 24, Centro. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 9am – 8pm Sunday, 9am – 7pm.

Copan Building

A concrete wave, a postcard pin-up, a modern residential ideal: there are as many ways to describe the COPAN building ('Edifício COPAN') as there are angles from which to gaze on its sinuous façade, encased in a shell of sun-shading, slatted brise-soleil. The original idea was to combine tourism, hospitality and residential spaces in a similar mould to that of New York's Rockefeller Center. Its building was started in 1951, whose curves were symbolic of Niemeyer's modern approach. The project was finally finished in 1966. COPAN remains the largest apartment complex in Latin America, home to a wonderfully eclectic set of 5,000 or so residents. There are a number of ways that visitors can appreciate this city treasure from within, be it with a bite to eat, a nose round the shops, or an espresso at one of the city's oldest cafés.

The Edifício COPAN is at Avenida Ipiranga 200, República (3259 5917/ copansp.com.br)