



Equipes Notre-Dame

XIth International Gathering
BRASILIA 2012
TRANSATLANTIC
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
(version two)



 **XI** Encontro
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Equipes de Nossa Senhora

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Please note the information presented here is at best 'indicative'. The site will be updated as and when additional information comes to light. **All travellers are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from Brasilia.** You can now book flights for travel next July.

The Gathering starts on the evening of 21st July and finishes lunchtime on 26th July 2012. The organisers have arranged for a special discount rate (around 65 to 80 Euros, which is a 40% discount) for additional nights in Brasilia for 19th & 20th July before the Gathering and on 26th July after the Gathering. Additional nights beyond these dates will be at the standard rate. We should have more information about these hotels soon. Expert opinion is that 2 days is enough time to see everything in Brasilia.

Currently there are no direct flights from the UK to Brasilia. You have to change either in a major airport in Brazil (e.g. Rio or Sao Paulo) or there are non-stop flights from Lisbon, Lima, Miami, Panama City, Montevideo and Atlanta. Travellers from Ireland will need to get to London or Lisbon to start.

There are direct flights from the UK to Rio and Sao Paulo. (Gatwick to Rio for £888.) There are regular internal flights from Rio and Sao Paulo at prices varying from £140 to £170 or possibly less if you book at the right time. There are also buses from Rio & Sao Paulo to Brasilia, but they can take up to 18 hours.

Many people will want to see something of Latin America as part of their trip to Brazil. Using Rio as a base seems to be the cheapest option (at least from the UK) as there are often deals on return flights from London. We have seen return flights for as little as £450, but you may need to be flexible with your dates. Also, there will be a lot of people, mainly Brazilians, wanting to travel to Brasilia on 21st July, so you will need to book that flight early.

These notes are prepared as a PDF file so they can be downloaded and printed for the benefit of anyone in your team that is not on the internet.

Web Scrapers

There are a number of internet sites that allow you to put in your flight requirements and the site then trawls through all the individual airline sites to come up with a list of possible routes to your destination. Such sites include:

<http://www.cheapflights.co.uk>

<http://www.kayak.co.uk>

<http://www.expedia.co.uk>

The information in this note comes from such sites. It is worth getting to know these sites and others like them to see how prices vary over time. You can get them to send you email alerts when prices change. Also, keep an eye on the sites of the various airlines that are of interest to you. If you discover anything that might be of general interest, please let us know.

Paul & Helena
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