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Make your mind up time

Time is passing, but is still not too late to book!

Also, prices and fares are now available and holiday brochures show package holidays up to and beyond July 2012.

The Gathering starts at 14:00 on Saturday 21st July and finishes at 12:00 on Thursday 26th July.

It is possible to arrange extra nights at preferential hotel rates in Brasilia either before or after the Gathering.

WHY BRAZIL ?

Because 40% of all Teams couples live there !

The Transatlantic Super Region was asked to estimate number going to Brasilia as long ago as September 2010! At the time we estimated 80 people; to date we have 83. All these estimates from around the world have been merged together and an adequate supply of hotel accommodation has been earmarked at a very favourable price. **465 Euros per person for 5 nights full board and the whole Gathering is excellent value.**

Now places will be released to the Brazilian Waiting List so **if you are at all interested in coming please let us know as soon as possible** to ensure a place.



Views of the cathedral in Brasilia



Key Information:

Keynote Speaker:
Timothy Radcliffe OP

Theme:
Daring to Live the Gospel
(based on the Good Samaritan)

Cost:
1,100 Brazilian Real (about 465 Euros at today's prices.) This figure includes the Gathering and all food and accommodation costs, but excludes travel to Brasilia. The total cost per person is likely to be considerably more.

Brasilia Weather:
July should be pleasant, sunny and warm.

Solidarity

In the early days of the Movement, Gatherings were always in Paris. All teams were expected to send their Responsible Couple and raising funds to get your couple to Paris each time was part of the annual routine. Some teams continue this practice and contribute to the cost of sending their couple to Regional and International Gatherings. Even if your team hasn't been in the prac-

tice of doing this so far, perhaps a bit of help from team members might encourage someone in your team to go? Or perhaps your team could help support another couple from around the Super-Region to go? **The Super-Region has earmarked places, and is seeking sponsorship for up to 7 young couples who cannot otherwise afford to go.**

We have a separate email for all Brasilia related matters:

TA.Brazil2012@gmail.com

Further travel information and the booking form are available on the Transatlantic website

www.teams-transatlantic.org

Some Travel ideas to add to your trip to the Gathering in Brasilia

Flights - To get to Brasilia, you can fly to Rio or Sao Paulo, and get an internal flight, or fly to Lisbon and get a direct flight.

South America is a 'new world'. It is another continent with its own very distinctive rhythm and culture.

The Gathering in Brasilia presents an opportunity for Teams people to also



see something of Latin America. Also, there are better fares to be had if you book your flights as part of a package. So why not take the opportunity to see something of a fantastic continent?



Brazil itself is huge. Besides the famous statue and beaches of Rio, there is the wild-life of the Amazon and Pantanal, and the beauty of the Iguazu Falls.

If your tour starts and finishes in Rio, it would also be necessary to have a flight to Brasilia, but these are frequent and relatively cheap. (£64 at the time of writing) To make things easier, the organisers have arranged special rates in Brasilia for people wanting to arrive up to 2 days early

or to stay an additional night.

Other possibilities include flying to somewhere like Panama, Peru, Argentina or Mexico to do a tour and



then get a flight to Brasilia. It is possible to fly back from Rio to the UK even if you originally flew elsewhere.



For instance, we are intending to fly out to Lima in Peru and come back from Rio after the Gathering.

Ecology/Climate Change

Climate Change and its consequences for people's way of life is a major concern for many people.

What better place to see for your self



the impact man is having on the planet? It is possible to do tours to the rainforest from Brasilia.

The Gathering

So what actually happens at a Gathering?

Each Gathering is unique, but there are some common elements:

- You will be based in a hotel with other English-speaking Teams people (and possibly couples with one other language as well.) You will all eat together.
- Each day is led by one of the 4 Zones. The Eurasia Day will be in English; the other days will be in Spanish, French & Portuguese with translation.
- Each day, as well as the plenary sessions and liturgical celebrations, there will be a team meeting in your hotel. You will stay in your English-speaking, multi-national team



for the duration of the Gathering. So it is not unusual to discover team meetings going on in various nooks and crannies in the hotel. 4 continents are represented in this picture.

- As to what the Brazilians have in store for us by way of culture and entertainment, only time will tell!

We can't wait!

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