

Spotlight on Buzios



HISTORY

Before the Portuguese arrived in Brazil, the Tamoió and Goitacás tribes already inhabited the region of Búzios. Favored by the lack of defense provided by the Portuguese for the Brazilian coast and by the generosity of the coast and countless natural coves and ports, the French, English and Dutch pirates were extremely active in this region.

In 1575, the then governor D. Antônio Salema returned to the region and regained control of the area. It was however, a temporary conquest because soon after, the French aided by the Tamoió Indians reclaimed the situation. It was only in 1615, after a series of battles, that the Portuguese now supported by the Araribóia Indians finally and definitely drove the French away.

In the 1950s, the Carioca high society began visiting Búzios as they were attracted by the incredible beauty and privacy of this small fisherman's village. In 1964, Brigitte Bardot - then the world's most famous movie star rediscovered her life and happiness in Búzios, finding a refuge from the journalists and photographers who chased her at the time.

Today, Buzios is a very fashionable resort hosting many trendy boutiques and gourmet restaurants. Fashion models and socialites spend their vacations here. Despite all the influx of jet-setters, Buzios retains its charm as a picturesque resort.

DOCKING

The cruise ship tenders into Buzios.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your Shore Excursions team will direct you to your transportation.

TRANSPORTATION

Public buses run from the downtown district and reach most of the beaches and other hot spots in the area. Aquatic taxis can take you to Canto to Ossos, Azeda and Joao Fernandez.

HOW TO GET TO TOWN

It is a 15-minute walk from the tender pier to the town center.

SHOPPING HOURS

Generally, shops will stay open daily until 10:00 pm.

BANK HOURS

The Banco do Brasil S/A is located at Estrada José Bento Ribeiro Dantas. Banks are open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Monday to Friday.

POST OFFICE HOURS

The post office is located at Pça. Santos Dummont, 111 – Centro.

It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

TELEPHONES

The public telephones installed at public places work with phone card, allowing local and international calls, as well as collect calls. The telephones that make international calls are identified by the operational instructions of the telephone.

EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency, dial 190.



BUZIOS

PORT & SHOPPING MAP

English



CAPITAL

Brasilia is the capital of Brazil.

LOCATION

Buzios is located 105 miles northeast of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

SIZE

Buzios covers an area of 26 square miles.

POPULATION

Approximately 23,000 people live in Buzios.

LANGUAGE

Portuguese is the official language of Brazil.

CURRENCY

The monetary unit of Brazil is the Real (R\$).

TIME ZONE

Buzios is on Brazil Standard Time.

TOURIST INFORMATION

The tourist information office is located at the access gate.

PLACES TO SEE

A. OSSOS BEACH

Ossos Beach is an isolated part of town where you can sip a caipirinha at a beachside café.

B. FERRADURA BEACH

Quiet and calm and very deep, Ferradura Beach is perfect for a lazy afternoon snorkel.

C. GERIBA BEACH

Show off your surfing skills at Geribá Beach.

D. RUA DAS PEDRAS

Rua das Pedras is a busy, bar- and café-lined avenue to stroll, primp, drink, and party.

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