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History, dreams and modernity

During the gold cycle and the beginning of the nineteenth century, the region where Petrópolis is located was passage and support for the trail-blazers and travelers on the New Path of the Royal Road /Estrada Real (Caminho Novo da Estrada Real) that connected Rio de Janeiro to Minas Gerais.

During his travels, the emperor d. Pedro I, in the company of his family and lodged in the area got delighted with the mild climate and the lush landscape of the Atlantic Forest. Acquires Córrego Seco Farm (Fazenda do Córrego Seco) seeking to realize his dream of building the Concord Palace, his summer residence.

With the abdication in 1831, d. Pedro I returns to Portugal and his son d. Pedro II inherits the land. With the guidance of Paulo Barbosa, financial manager of the Imperial House, d. Pedro II signs a decree, in 1843, and leases the farm to Major Júlio Frederico Koeler to fulfill their dream of establishing a village and build the Summer Palace, now Imperial Museum (Museu Imperial). Koeler draws up a bold development plan with ecological vision, providing that the construction of the houses were made facing the river and away from the river banks, seeking to preserve nature.

At the invitation of Major Koeler and agreement of d. Pedro II, German immigrants moved to the area in 1845 looking for a new life, contributing decisively to the construction of the city of Petrópolis.



During the long summer seasons, which lasted about six months each year, d. Pedro II transferred to Petrópolis the seat of his government, which attracted the nobility, diplomats, intellectuals and businessmen, who then also built their palaces.

Today, strolling through the Historical Downtown (Centro Histórico) you can appreciate the rich and preserved architectural complex in eclectic style of the nineteenth century, which frames the wooded and flowery avenues, intersected by rivers. Presidents of the Republic also chose Petrópolis to enjoy the tranquility and mild climate during summers, making Rio Negro Palace (Palácio Rio Negro) their official residence.

The Walking Circuit (Circuito a Pé) plaques tell the histories, in Portuguese and English, of the tourist attractions, squares, avenues and characters who built and lived in big houses, making the tour pleasant and rewarding, enabling tourists to know, in a more picturesque way, the history in the periods like the Empire and Republic.

Over the years, the habit of going to the area on vacation and leisure time made Petrópolis one of the main touristic cities in the country, which led the Ministry of Tourism to accredit it as one of the 65 inductor destinations of regional tourism in the country.



Italian, French, English, Syrian and Lebanese immigrants, among others, seeking to realize their dreams of life, joined the Portuguese and German to build a cosmopolitan and enterprising city, rich in culture, history and gastronomy.

Currently, the socioeconomic development of Petrópolis is based mainly in the sectors of Tourism, Fashion, High Technology, Metal Mechanics, Services and Commerce. Noteworthy is the growth of the city as University City, with private and public higher education institutions, offering a diverse range of undergraduate courses, Master, Post-graduation, Extension courses and research.

The National Laboratory for Scientific Computing – LNCC (Laboratório Nacional de Computação Científica - LNCC) and the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation – Fiocruz (Fundação Oswaldo Cruz - Fiocruz) have units in Petrópolis demonstrating the strategic importance of the city in the researching area. Petrópolis now has the Supercomputer Santos Dumont, of French origin, the largest in Latin America, enabling great advances in researching and which can perform a quadrillion operations per second, installed in LNCC.

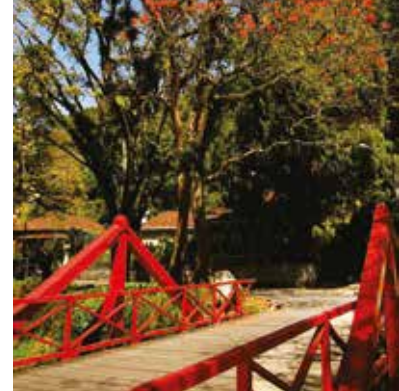
*Come and enjoy all this beauty,
because dreaming is part of our history.*

Strategic Location

Petrópolis is located at Serra Verde Imperial Region, just 53 km from the International Airport Antonio Carlos Jobim (Galeão) and 63 km from Santos Dumont Airport, in the city of Rio de Janeiro. It is in BR-040 roadside which ensures access to various parts of the country and provides a pleasant trip with lush landscaping throughout the way.

The mild climate is one of the biggest attractions and it is considered one of the world's best, with temperatures ranging between 14° and 23° C. Altitude: 809 meters.

Arriving in Petrópolis, the tourist has the support of Tourist Information Centers (CIT) in strategic locations and relies on tourist and interpretative signs in the Historic Downtown - the Walking Tour, both in Portuguese and English. It also offers telephone free toll service, the Disque Turismo 0800 024 1516 or Whatsapp +55 (24) 2237-3321



Hospitality and gastronomy

The hotels and Inns of the Historical Downtown are generally located in preserved historical buildings, combining tradition and comfort.

In the neighborhoods and districts, as Valparaíso, Correias, Nogueira, Itaipava, Araras, Vale das Videiras, Vale Florido, Secretário, Pedro do Rio and Posse, hotel developments are generally located in green areas and are distinguished by their welcoming environments and personalized service.

Rural quality products and the pleasant mountain climate attracted chefs who opened in cozy places of Petrópolis, their charming restaurants and bistros, offering different cuisine and excellence in service in the renowned Valley of Gourmets, which led Guia 4 Rodas to consider Petrópolis, the country's fifth best gastronomic area.

Immigrants have left important legacies in the local cuisine, which offer visitors the opportunity to taste delicious products such as butter cookies, cucas (kuchen), pies, chocolates, jams, patês, chutneys, sausages and breads. The pastry shops, tea houses, coffee shops, delis and snack shops are a must.

For convenience of tourists and visitors, Petrópolis receptive agencies provide transfer service, organize packages and itineraries according to the profile, interests and needs of customers. It is worth a query.



Educational and Cultural Tourism

Petropolis is the living testimony of the history of Brazil since the colonial period, through the Empire till the Republic. Cultural attractions and preserved heritage draw tourists throughout the year and also groups of students and teachers from around the country.

The main tourist attractions are: the Imperial Museum, São Pedro de Alcântara Cathedral, Museum House of Santos Dumont, Crystal Palace, House of Petrópolis, Rio Negro Palace, Yellow Palace, Petropolis Wax Museum, Quitandinha Palace, House of Stefan Zweig, Settlers House Museum, Culture House Cocco Barçante / Arts and Crafts Museum and Cultural Center Nogueira Station, besides walking through Avenues Koeler, Imperatriz, Imperador and Ipiranga to enjoy the preserved architectural ensemble. For those who appreciate the farms of the New Path of the Royal Road, it is worth visiting Fazenda da Samambaia.

As Petrópolis is located along the New Path of the Royal Road, those wishing to travel this tourist route to Minas Gerais can access the site www.institutoestradaareal.com.br, to know the attractions and charms of the paths and trails, and may ask for your registration to get a special passport of the Royal Road traveler which can be collected at points accredited in the city of Petrópolis.

The city offers a diverse cultural agenda in areas such as Theatro d. Pedro, Raul de Leoni Cultural Center, Quitandinha Palace and public spaces such as parks and cultural centers, in addition to galleries and ateliers. Petropolis is known as "City of Choirs", that perform in churches and events.

It is a city full of musical groups, dance and theater, marching bands, folk groups, artists, artisans and urban art that enrich and show the diversity of its cultural life.





Religious Tourism

Those looking forward to enjoy moments of prayer and reflection find out in Petrópolis several visiting places like the Throne of Fatima, Rosary Path with processions every month on the 13th day, São Pedro de Alcântara Cathedral, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sagrado Coração de Jesus Church, Nossa Senhora do Rosário Church, Monastery of the Virgin, among others.





Ecotourism and Adventure and Ecorrural Circuits



The lush green of the Atlantic Forest and the Natural Parks attract both, those who enjoy the fresh air, the scenic landscapes, quality of life and well being, as well as those who prefer adventure. The National Park of Serra dos Órgãos (Parque Nacional da Serra dos Órgãos) stands out for its rich Atlantic Forest flora and fauna. Offers areas for walking, trekking, waterfall bathing and the famous Crossing a three days walk between Petrópolis and Teresópolis.

In the Historical Downtown, the Municipal Natural Park Padre Quinha (Parque Natural Municipal Padre Quinha) is a privileged green area for walking.



For practitioners of adventure sports there are several options for activities such as mountain bike, off-road, rappel, via ferrata, tree climbing, canyoning, cableway, horseback riding and hang-gliding in addition to jeep tours.

Those who enjoy the activities carried out in the countryside can opt for walks at the Ecorrural Circuits: Caminhos do Brejal in Posse, Pedras do Taquaril in Pedro do Rio, Circuito Turístico Araras-Videiras e Circuito Vale do Bonfim. Vegetables plantations, especially organics, cultivation of flowers, orchids and bromeliads, herbs and mushrooms, growing of escargot and trout, horse farms, selling of cachaça, local craft workshops and canning in general are some of the attractions. And these locations also offer lodging and food options.



Brewer Circuit

Plenty of clear, pure mountain water and the influence of German immigration are strong elements that gave rise to the brewing culture of Petrópolis, which is the birthplace of beer in Brazil. The first brewery in Brazil, Bohemia, was established in 1853 and today offers to visitors a fantastic visit to the beer museum and its brewing experience center, which presents interactively the history of beer in the world, providing the tasting of special beers manufactured on site.

The city created by law, the tourist and cultural route of beer in Petrópolis, which encouraged the creation of the Petrópolis Brewer Circuit (Circuito Cervejeiro de Petrópolis), which is becoming stronger and specializing also in craft beer. There are breweries open to tourist visits, which provide knowledge about the manufacturing process, the various styles of beer and offer tasting like Cervejaria Bohemia in the Historical Downtown, Cervejaria Odin in Itaipava, Cervejaria do Grupo Petrópolis (manufacturer of Itaipava beer) in Pedro do Rio, and the Brew Point in Quitandinha.

The Deguste, Fair of Craft Beers, held every second Saturday of the month, in the Historical Downtown, brings together all producers of beer in Petrópolis, even those who are not open to tourist visits, providing a variety of flavors for all preferences. The Fair also has foodtrucks, musical shows and entertainment for children. A tourism program for the whole family.





Businesses and Events

Petrópolis has a calendar of events that attracts tourists interested in culture, entertainment, sports and gastronomy.

Noteworthy are the Expo Petrópolis - agricultural exhibition and concerts, Bauernfest - German Settlers festivity / Winter Festivals, Bunka-Sai - Japan Culture Festival, Serra Serata - the Italian Festival of Petrópolis, Imperial Motofest / National Meeting of Motorcyclists, National Science and Technology Week, Afro-Brazilian Culture Festival, Petrópolis Gourmet and Imperial Christmas, as well other events.

The agenda of permanent events that happen monthly has delighted tourists, as the Sound and Light (Som e Luz) at the Imperial Museum.

Petrópolis has several spaces that receive corporate events throughout the year, from auditoriums and conference rooms in hotels. The city is chosen for its historical and cultural importance, mild climate, safety, quality hotel chain, gastronomy, shopping, receptive agencies and support services.

Petrópolis is a favorite destination for weddings and social events. It has numerous party houses and specialized services of ceremonial, catering, transport and receptive.



Shopping

It is interesting to include in your tour the Fashion Circuit Petrópolis to enjoy good opportunities, attractive prices and take souvenirs of your trip. The highlights are: Rua Teresa, Bingen and Feirinha de Itaipava.

The Historical Downtown offers banking and exchange services, travel agencies and diversified trade, especially Rua do Imperador and Rua 16 de Março.

Itaipava is a district of Petrópolis, enhancing the traditional pottery Luiz Salvador, which manufactures tableware and decorative items with handmade painting and unique design. Along the road União e Indústria you find malls and diversified trade, the Municipal Horticultural Municipal Market José Carneiro Dias, who sells products grown in the rural area of Petrópolis and gastronomic delis, flowers and crafts.

In Araras and Vale das Videiras be sure to visit the craft shops, studios and galleries.

Petrópolis is recognized by scholars and lovers of orchid cultivation as an endemic region of rare species. You have to visit the Orquidário Binot (Binot nursery).

To take lovely souvenirs of Petrópolis with you, be sure to visit the various craft fairs and solidarity economy, which are mainly held on weekends in various locations of the city.




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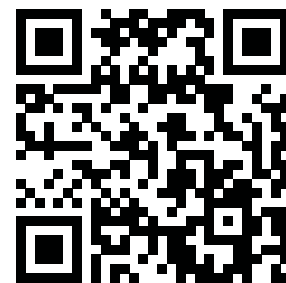
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