

RIO DE JANEIRO - BRAZIL

1. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Rio is the capital city of the State of Rio de Janeiro, the second largest city of Brazil and 26th in the world. Rio de Janeiro is one of the most visited cities. Language spoken in the Rio de Janeiro is Portuguese, because in 16th century Portuguese explorers first settled this area when they with Amerigo Vesputi discovering America.

2. CLIMATE

Rio has a tropical savannah climate, that closely borders a tropical monsoon climate. Temperatures are very high throughout the year, ranging up to an average of 35 degrees in January and December to at least 25 degrees in June or August. There is also high temperature of the sea which is around 25 degrees. Thus the monsoon-like climate has dry and mild winters and springs, and very wet and warm summers and autumns.

3. POPULATION

Population in Rio is very varying. There lives about 6 million people. In

2010, the city of Rio de Janeiro was 2nd most populous city in Brazil after São Paulo. Before European colonization there were people speaking 20 languages. Then Portuguese and French replaced this 20 languages. There is more than twenty different nations and races. Europeans mostly lives in center of the city, but Africans and poor people lives in unbearably living conditions.

4. RELIGION

Rio de Janeiro is one of the greatest religious cities in the world. There is dominating Christian faith. A lot of people there is also irreligious.

5. CULTURE

Rio de Janeiro is a main cultural hub in Brazil. Its architecture embraces churches and buildings dating from the 16th to the 19th centuries. There was created the first Brazilian film. Rio has many important cultural sights, like National Library, the seventh largest library in the world. There is also very famous Statue of Jesus that stands on a hill above Rio and is a sign of the Olympic Games in Rio at 2016.

6. CARNEVAL IN RIO

Rio carnaval is world-famous carnaval. The first carnival was in 1823, when some people wore homemade costumes. This tradition has been kept through the centuries. Is the biggest carnival in the world with two million people per day on the streets. The festival presents more than 200 samba school from Rio.

7. FAMOUS PEOPLE FROM RIO

Famous people from Rio are:

- Jackie Silva - olympic volleyball player
- Ronaldo Lima - Brazillian footballer from Rio
- Walter Salles - film director
- Morena Baccarin - actress

8. CUISINE

Brazilians are very famous for their crowded markets. There they are selling vegetable, fruit, clothes and their specific ingredients such as chilli, coconut and brazilian cheese.