

Dear friends

We send some information for your trip to Brazil and about the festival. Passo Fundo is a regional pole with about 190,000 inhabitants, and it is located in the north of the state of RS, 290 km from the capital state city, Porto Alegre. A bus trip between Porto Alegre and Passo Fundo takes approximately 4 hours. We are in the winter and the average temperature is between 8° C and 15° C, being cooler at dawn and getting warmer during the day, which can reach around 22° C. During the festival, we will have several events for which we ask your attention:

1. Conversation Workshop. These are meetings with the groups from the local community and language learners. During this meeting, each group should present cultural aspects of their region and country, for example tourist spots, habits and customs, main cities, gastronomy, curiosities, popular festivities and current data about their country. It is recommended that each group bring a PowerPoint presentation exhibiting photos, data, or short film / documentary. It should be brought in a DVD, or in a flash drive. Each group has a time of 30 minutes. That's 40 minutes moment offered to our community, we expect you to share your knowledge about your culture, history, traditions, etc. This workshop will take place at the same location as the previous one. This workshop is held at a local shopping mall.

2. Local community workshops - It is a 40 minutes moment where your group will get the chance to share and teach a typical, and easy to learn, dance from your country/state. This workshop is held at a local shopping mall.

3. Musicians workshop. There will be a workshop of musicians to rehearse a song by Lupicínio Rodrigues, a Brazilian composer, who would turn 100 years old in 2014. At the closing of the festival, this song will be presented by all musicians participating in the festival. Attached, we sent a file with the score of the song 'Happiness'.

4. Handicraft fair. During all the days of the festival, close to the place where the main event will be held, there will have a handicraft fair, with space for each group to showcase and sell their handicraft products to the general public. It is a reserved and covered space, and should be attended and seen to by members of the group. The value obtained from the sale of handicrafts is all for the group, there is no percentage on sales to the festival.

5. Exchange of gifts with authorities. During the festival, there will be a special evening for the exchange of gifts with local authorities, Mayor of Passo Fundo, CIOFF (World and National Presidents) and Festival of Passo Fundo resident. The group must bring four (4) gifts for this occasion.

6. Dance workshop. It is a workshop in which the groups teach 1 or 2 of their typical dances to the present audience. This event is meant to be direct interaction to the community through the dance.

7. Your group will join **5 parades** with a walking distance of 400 meters

8. There will be **Folklorical Mass at a church.** Each group is expected to sing a religious related song and say a prayer, all in your mother language.

9. The groups will be taken to visit our Local Museum.

10. We **inform all performances have a limited time of 10 (ten) minutes** (on the festival stage, in the supermarkets, in the squares and some sponsors).

On the opening and the closing nights, the time will be **5 minutes**.