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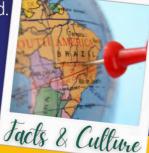
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Brazilis the **5th** largest **nation** in the world.

Portuguese is the only official language of Brazil, the dialect in Brazil is called "Brazilian Portuguese."



The flag of Brazil - ("Bandeira do Brasil" bearing the national motto - "Ordem e Progresso"which means order and progress.

Feijoda: (fau-jow-aa-duh) the national dish of Brazil - a black bean stew with meat. Coxinha: (kow-sheen-uuh) minced chicken wrapped in a dough and molded into the shape of a chicken leg before being deep fried.

Kibbeh: (KEEB-beh) a deep fried snack dish containing beef, garlic, onions, cinnamon and mint mixed with bulgar wheat.

Cassava: (kuh·saa·vuh) a nuttu-flavored. starchy root vegetable or tuber, also called yuca. Pão de Queijo: (pown-deh-kay-zho) Brazilian Cheese Bread.

Pastel: (pas·téu) a pastry crust containing various fillings, either sweet or savory and deep fried. The ingredients can vary from minced chicken, shrimps, cheese to soft fruits, banana or chocolate.

Brigadeiro Brigadeiro: (bri-guh-dee-row) chocolate truffle garnished with sprinkles.

Bolo de Cenoura: (bolo de ce-noura) Carrot Cake with Chocolate.

Beijinho: (bei-ji-nho) "Little Kiss" coconut brigadeiro

*Eat with the knife in the right hand and fork in the left. After eating Bolo de Cenoural place the knife & fork next to one another and do not cross them.



Coxinha

Brazilians are renowned for their love of dance and music. Bossa Nova: a slowed-down samba mixed with American jazz and French impressionism.

Samba: a blend of African drum circles and European marches. FACTS

The Brazilian knack for improvising on any musical theme makes this country unrivaled in the guantity and quality of different musical rhuthms and styles.

The top Afro-Brazilian styles range from afoxe, ceremonial soundtrack for the religious processions of candomble, to lundu, maracatu, axe, ijexa, and frevo, the latter of which comes with a feverishly plauful dance. The Northeast of Brazil has its own country-style beats -- embolada, baio, xote and forro, which is also a hugely popular dance in Brazil.

The rural folk music of the south gave rise to musica sertaneja, a romantic ballad style that is the most popular music in the country today.

Do it the Brazilian way -Etiquette-

The "OK" sign (thumb & index finger joined in an "O") should not be used as it closely resembles an offensive hand gesture. Burping and making noise with plates and cutlery is considered to be ill-mannered. Brazilians tend to finish all of the food they put on their plate. Taking too much or leaving unfinished food suggests they did not enjoy it.

- Popular Phrases - The Language

"Do you speak English?

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Tudo bem: (too-doh bang?) - " How are you? How delicious!

What's your name? My name is . . . ' Onde?: (ohn-jee?) - "Where?"

O que?: (ooh kee?) - " What? '