

TRANSPORTATION

CLIMATE CHANGE & TRAVEL

Every form of transport that relies on carbon-based fuel generates CO₂, the main cause of human-induced climate change. Modern travel is dependent on aeroplanes and while they might use less fuel per kilometre per person than most cars, they travel much greater distances. It's not just CO₂ emissions from aircraft that are the problem. The altitude at which aircraft emit gases (including CO₂) and particles contributes significantly to their total climate change impact. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change believes aviation is responsible for 4.9% of climate change – double the effect of its CO₂ emissions alone.

Lonely Planet regards travel as a global benefit. We encourage the use of more climate-friendly travel modes where possible and, together with other concerned partners across many industries, we support the carbon offset scheme run by ClimateCare. Websites such as climatecare.org use 'carbon calculators' that allow people to offset the greenhouse gases they are responsible for with contributions to portfolios of climate-friendly initiatives throughout the developing world. Lonely Planet offsets the carbon footprint of all staff and author travel.

AIR

Many international flights pass through São Paulo before arriving in Rio at the Aeroporto Internacional Antonio Carlos (Tom) Jobim (commonly called Galeão) on Ilha do Governador (Governor's Island; [Map p60](#)). **TAM** (www.tam.com.br) is Brazil's biggest international carrier. **Gol Airlines** (www.voegol.com.br) is the country's biggest domestic carrier and also connects Brazil to other South American cities.

Flights, tours and rail tickets can be booked online at www.lonelyplanet.com/travel_services.

Airlines

Aerolineas Argentinas (AR; ☎ 0800-707-3313; www.aerolineas.com.ar)

Air Canada (AC; ☎ 0xx11-3254-6600; www.aircanada.ca)

Air France (AF; ☎ 4003-9955; www.airfrance.com)

Alitalia (AZ; ☎ 0800-704-0206; www.alitalia.com)

American Airlines (AA; ☎ 4502-4000; www.aa.com)

Avianca (AV; ☎ 2240-4413; www.avianca.com)

Azul (AD; ☎ 3296-2850; www.voeeazul.com.br)

British Airways (BA; ☎ 4004-4440; www.britishairways.com)

Continental Airlines (CO; ☎ 0800-702-7500; www.continental.com)

COPA (CM; ☎ 0800-771-2672; www.copaair.com)

Delta Airlines (DL; ☎ 4003-2121; www.delta.com)

Gol (G3; ☎ 0300-115-2121; www.voegol.com.br)

Iberia (IB; ☎ 0xx11-3218-7130; www.iberia.com)

Japan Airlines (JL; ☎ 0xx11-3175-2270; www.jal.com)

KLM (KL; ☎ 0800-891-5024; www.klm.com)

Lan Chile (LA; ☎ 0800-761-0056; www.lan.com)

Lufthansa (LH; ☎ 0xx11-3048-5800; www.lufthansa.com)

Ocean Air (O6; ☎ 4004-4040; www.oceanair.com.br)

South African (SA; ☎ 0xx11-3065-5115; www.flysaa.com)

Swissair (LX; ☎ 0xx11-3049-2720; www.swiss.com)

TAM (KK; ☎ 4002-5700; www.tam.com.br)

TAP Air Portugal (TP; ☎ 2131-7771; www.flytap.com)

Trip (8R; ☎ 0300-789-8747; www.voetrip.com.br)

United Airlines (UA; ☎ 2217-1951; www.united.com)

Airports

Rio's Galeão international airport (Aeroporto Internacional Antônio Carlos (Tom) Jobim; [Map p60](#)) is 15km north of the city center on Ilha

THINGS CHANGE...

The information in this chapter is particularly vulnerable to change. Check directly with the airline or a travel agent to make sure you understand how a fare (and ticket you may buy) works and be aware of the security requirements for international travel. Shop carefully. The details given in this chapter should be regarded as pointers and are not a substitute for your own careful, up-to-date research.

do Governador. It has left-luggage facilities, an internet café, ATMs and currency-exchange desks, pharmacies as well as a few shops and restaurants. Aeroporto Santos Dumont (Map p90), used by some domestic flights, is by the bay, in the city center, 1km east of Cinelândia metro station. It has fewer facilities, with ATMs, a few shops and an internet café. See p217 for information on getting into town.

There are two hotels at the international airport. They're not pleasant places to stay: rooms are basic, with no windows.

Hotel Pousada Galeão (☎ /fax 3398-3848; d from R\$195) On the 1st floor of international arrivals. Rooms are small and clean but gloomy.

Rio Luxor Aeroporto (☎ 2468-8998; www.luxor-hotels.com.br; s/d R\$340/378) On the 3rd floor of the airport, it's the marginally better of the two hotels. The 64 rooms have basic furnishings, with cable TV, modern bathrooms and 24-hour room service.

Departure Tax

The international departure tax from Brazil is US\$36. This has probably been included in the price of your ticket: if it's not, you'll have to pay it in cash (either in US dollars or *reais*) at the airport before departure.

BICYCLE

Although traffic can be intimidating on Rio's roads, the city has many kilometers of bike paths along the beach, around Lagoa and along Parque do Flamengo. You can rent bikes from stands along the east side of Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas for around R\$10 per hour. Other places to rent bikes include the following:

Ciclovia (Map p76; ☎ 2275-5299; Av Prado Júnior 330, Copacabana & Rua Francisco Otaviano 55A; per hr/day R\$9/50; ☎ 9am-7pm Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm Sat) Free delivery to hotels in the Zona Sul.

Special Bike (Map p64; ☎ 2513-3951; Rua Visconde de Pirajá 135B, Ipanema; per hr/day R\$15/45; ☎ 9am-7pm Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm Sat)

BOAT

Rio has several islands in the bay that you can visit by ferry; another way to see the city is by taking the commuter ferry to Niterói. Niterói's main attraction is the **Museu do Arte Contemporânea** (p104), but many visitors board the ferry just for the fine views of downtown and the surrounding landscape. The **ferry** (☎ 0800-704-4113;

www.barcas-sa.com.br) costs R\$5.60 return and departs every 20 minutes from Praça Quinze de Novembro (Map p90) in Centro. See p104 for more information on the following trips.

Ilha de Paquetá (Map p90; ☎ ferry 0800-704-4113; www.barcas-sa.com.br) The ferry takes 70 minutes and costs R\$9 return, leaving every two to three hours between 5:30am and 11pm. The most useful departure times for travelers are currently 7:10am, 10:30am and 1:30pm.

Ilha Fiscal (Map p90; ☎ 2104-6992) Boats depart from the Espaço Cultural da Marinha three times a day (1pm, 2:30pm and 4pm) from Thursday to Sunday and include a guided tour of the Palácio da Ilha Fiscal (p104). It's a short ride (15 minutes) and costs R\$9.

BUS

City Bus

By far the most widespread form of transport is the city bus. You'll see them traveling at breakneck speeds around hairpin curves or clogged in stifling traffic jams at rush hour. There are hundreds of lines crisscrossing the city, with the most useful for visitors coursing along the corridors between Leblon and Copacabana. Every bus has its destination written on the front and on the side. If you see the bus for you, hail it by sticking your arm straight out (drivers won't stop unless flagged down).

Board the bus from the front, and pay the collector (who can make change) sitting at the turnstile. You'll exit through the rear. Most buses cost around R\$2.20 to R\$2.80.

In addition to long-distance bus stations listed next (p216), the **Terminal Alvorada** (Map p107; cr Av das Américas & Av Ayrton Senna) is Barra da Tijuca's main bus station, with connections to the Zona Sul, both airports, Novo Rio Rodoviária and other districts of Rio.

Rio buses have a bad reputation in the international media as the setting for robberies, bombings and indiscriminate violence (the 2002 documentary film *Bus 174* didn't help matters much). In truth, such acts are rare and usually limited to outer-suburban areas where tourists are unlikely to travel. Do keep an eye on your belongings while riding, and don't travel by bus at night; taxis are generally a safer option.

Long-Distance Bus

Buses connect Rio with cities and towns all over the country. Most arrive and depart from the loud **Novo Rio Rodoviária** (Novo Rio bus station; Map p60; ☎ 3213-1800; Av Francisco Bicalho 1, São