

Anticipation is building for this summer's largest sporting event in Brazil...

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Crime, injury, illness, disease and more... As Brazil opens its borders to the world this August, prospective travellers need to be aware of the medical and security risks associated with mass gatherings and with the country itself. INtrinsic offers services that can mitigate these risks for both business and individual travellers. If you want to prepare for the unexpected, contact us.



COUNTRIES
206

More than **200** member nations of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) are expected to take part in one of the world's biggest sporting events this summer. The official list will be confirmed shortly before the event begins.



ATHLETES
10,500

10,500 athletes will compete. The battle to qualify began in **2014** and is still ongoing. It concludes shortly before the event starts, when the official list of athletes will be confirmed.



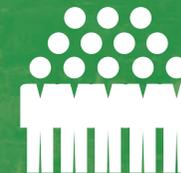
TICKETS
7.5M

7.5 million tickets for the event will be on sale. So far, **60%** have been sold. This is lower than sales in London four years ago. Factors including the recession, political turmoil, high crime rate, and the alarming Zika virus, are all contributing to a lack of sales.



SECURITY
85,000

The event will be protected by an **85,000**-strong security force of police, guards and soldiers, which is twice the size of the force used during the London event four years ago.



SPECTATORS
380,000

Rio de Janeiro expects in excess of **380,000** visitors for the two-and-a-half-weeks of the main event and the following 11 days. The events will be watched globally by millions.



HEALTH
2,400

An extra **2,400** health professionals will bolster the existing health resource in Rio. The federal government will invest **£7.6 million** to support the event.

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DISEASES

- **ZIKA** – If you are pregnant, you should postpone non-essential travel to Brazil, or any areas with active Zika transmission, until after pregnancy.
- **DENGUE** – Brazil's dengue outbreak has reached epidemic proportions. The number of suspected dengue cases in the year to December 2015 (the most recent data available) reached 1.58 million, surpassing the previous record of 1.45 million in 2013.
- **CHIKUNGUNYA** – also spread by mosquitoes. The number of cases is increasing. There is no vaccine.
- **RABIES FOUND IN BRAZIL.** If you are bitten, scratched or licked on open skin, thoroughly wash the wound and seek urgent medical advice.



READY STEADY GO...

everything you need
to know

33 VENUES

in 6 cities



The main event will be based in the city of Rio de Janeiro, with other events also held outside the city, at sites such as Brasilia, Belo Horizonte, São Paulo and the Amazon city of Manaus.

PROTECTION

- **VACCINATIONS AND TRAVEL** – get travel health advice from your GP at least four to six weeks before you go. This gives you enough time to complete any recommended vaccine courses.

If you are planning to attend any of the football tournaments, antimalarial tablets and the yellow fever vaccine may be recommended outside of the city of Rio.

Take care eating and drinking and follow food and water hygiene precautions. Drink plenty of water from a safe source.

- **AVOID INSECT BITES** – The event will take place during Brazil's winter, when the cooler, drier weather in Rio may reduce the number of mosquitoes. But you'll still need to use insect repellents, cover up and sleep under a mosquito net if you're not in air-conditioned accommodation.



INSURANCE

Brazil and the UK have no reciprocal health care agreement, so you need comprehensive medical insurance that also covers medical evacuation costs. Remember to tell your insurance company about any pre-existing conditions, medical history and medication.

If you need **emergency medical help**, dial 192 for an ambulance. You are still entitled to emergency medical treatment in Brazil's public hospitals, although private hospitals will not admit you unless proof of ability to pay is provided.

Contact your insurance or medical assistance company as soon as possible if you are admitted to a clinic or hospital.

If you have any symptoms after your trip, such as a fever or flu-like illness, get medical advice immediately.



CIVIL UNREST



Political protests are common across Brazil. Issues arise from work conditions, pay, perceived government corruption, and environmental concerns. Protests, whilst generally peaceful, can turn violent. In the past, protests have often been scheduled to coincide with international events. On some occasions, there have been violent incidents and injuries.

Avoid demonstrations, monitor local media and follow the guidance of local authorities.

CRIME



Crime levels in Rio are HIGH, with violence occurring anywhere and often involving firearms. Theft is particularly common on public beaches, especially in Rio de Janeiro. Kidnapping for ransom in Rio has fallen, but it is still viewed as a potential threat.

A common tactic is an express kidnapping or "quick napping" (when individuals are attacked as they leave banks or ATMs). And, in the first three months of this year, 432 people were murdered in the city, according to government statistics.

Avoid wearing expensive jewellery, watches and clothes. Don't carry large sums of money. Keep mobile phones and cameras out of sight.

TERRORISM



In November 2015, an Islamic State commander threatened Brazil with terror attacks, claiming: "Brazil, you are our next target". This came in the wake of atrocities in France that left 129 people dead and dozens injured. Although the so-called Islamic State has not been active in South America, this was viewed as a credible threat.

The threat of terrorism will increase from LOW to MODERATE during this summer's sporting event. Events on this scale commonly provide a world stage for terror groups to carry out "high impact" attacks.

TRAVEL ADVICE



• TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Book in advance. Buying tickets on the black market is an offence.

• PASSPORT

Ensure your passport is valid for 6 months.

• BOOK AHEAD

Planning your journey is important.

• LANGUAGE

Learn some Portuguese. English isn't widely spoken in Brazil.

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