

# Brazil in a Brazil Nutshell



It's much more than just  
soccer and samba

# History

- Tupi and Guarani
- Portuguese colony
- Slavery until 1888
- Independence
- Democracy since 1985



# People

- Racially diverse due to mixing with slaves and immigration from Italy, Germany, Portugal, Lebanon and Japan.
- Most people live in cities and not far from the coast
- Strong Brazilian identity
- Huge gap between rich and poor



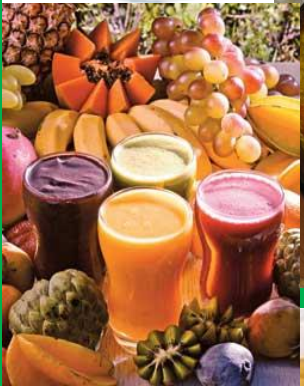
# Education

- Poor education system in general
- Public education trails well behind private
- Recent affirmative action program for entrance into university
- School hours are shorter than in U.S.
- Older students study in the a.m. and younger in the p.m.





- Seafood and meat
- *Feijoada* is a national dish
- *Churrasco*
- *Rodízio* and *comida a kilo* are popular
- Lots of different fruits and vegetables
- *Salgadinhos* (fried snacks)
- Influence from immigrant populations

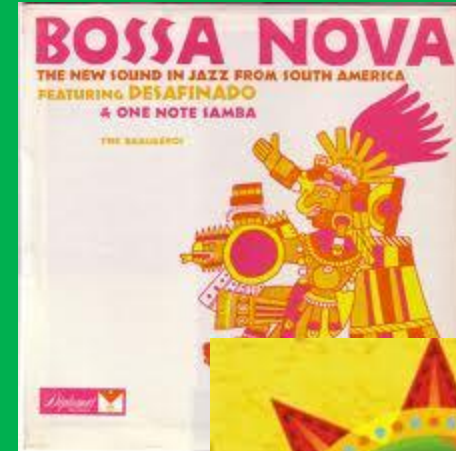


# Arts and Leisure

- Soccer is most popular sport
- Capoeira and jiu-jitsu are also popular
- Music, dance, drama and other arts are highly appreciated in Brazilian culture
- However, no arts education in schools
- Non-governmental organizations offer free arts programming to students without the means to otherwise participate in these activities

# Music

- Samba
- Bossa Nova
- Forró
- Axé
- MPB- Popular Brazilian Music
- There are MANY more types





- Corpo Cidadão: An outgrowth of [Grupo Corpo](#) dance company
- Before and after school arts programs whose mission is to transform and develop youth through the arts
- 4 locations in Belo Horizonte teaching art, dance and music
- Advanced dance and music group by audition





- Located in a favela
- Offers an array of arts and computer classes, all of which are free
- Cultural center is open 24/7
- Founded by members of musical group AfroReggae, its vision is to awaken potential in youth through the arts and raise their self esteem

Promotional Video:

<http://www.afroreggae.org/wp/institucional/video-institucional/>