

Brazil Press Kit

Mangalarga Marchadors, ABCCMM & USMMA

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Brazil, Brazil!

“If you really know Brazil, you have seen enough beauty for half a lifetime.”

Brazil is not just coffee, samba and soccer. The fifth largest country in the world (after Russia, Canada, China and the U.S.) it is among the ten leading industrial nations. Brazil is the largest country in South America. Its area of about 8.512 million km² comprises 47% of the South American continent. The population is 185 million. Its coastline along the Atlantic extends over a length of 7367 km.

It has long been known that Brazil is the world's No. 1 supplier of sugar cane and a pioneer in bio-ethanol. Huge sugar cane plantations provide the raw material. But it also occupies a front seat in the steel business. Of course, with that coastline, the beaches of Brazil and the tourism industry had long since become world famous. Copacabana and Ipanema are well known and were sung about by famous artists.

Weather

For our trip, we have thunderstorms or showers forecast almost every day. Often they seem like they build during the day and are forecast for the afternoon. Natal is a bit hotter than the other places we are visiting.

Avg temperature high - 82-87

Avg temperature low - 66-68

What to bring:

Pack lightly if you can. Leave room in your suitcase or carry-on, or plan to buy a bag in Brazil if you buy things. International weight for luggage if you want to weigh it is 50 pounds (way too heavy - you'll hurt yourself)

Here is what I have thought of so far:

Bathing suit, hat, riding gear, rain jacket, sweater, many light weight shirts, some or all long sleeve, casual pants and shorts. Sandals are good for the pool or the beach. Otherwise, you'll need comfortable shoes and socks. Dress for not getting bug bites, mosquito or otherwise. Bring bug repellents. Workout clothes including sneakers if you want. One dress up outfit, just in case. Costume jewelry.

Passport, camera, ipad, iphone, electrical currency converter. I don't bring a hair dryer. Credit cards, cash. You can get cash out of any ATM machine if you know your pin #) Make sure your credit card can be used in Brazil. Make a photocopy of your passport and visa.

There will be laundry in some of the hotels if you need it.

FULL SCHEDULE is attached as a separate document.

Farms:

Agro Maripa

<http://www.harasmaripa.com.br/>

<http://www.facebook.com/agromaripa>

Maripá was founded in 1979, with the objective of genetically producing horses that are comfortable to ride, have a rhythmic, smooth movement and the ability to live naturally. The Maripa horse is a sport horses: sound, robust, has a good conformation, is extremely beautiful, with a good temperament and sweet.

The base of their genetics is Abaíba with added Bela Cruz and Herdade blood. Today they stay close to the horse bloodline they have created and cross-breed among their Maripa mares and stallions, paying attention to the crosses. Even though they are after a true genetic, Haras Maripa often searches the market for a good cross to introduce to their mares for diversity and strength in their breeding program. The most recent was a 53 stallion and Favacho Diamante who is Favacho/Tabatinga, an ELITE stallion.

We are going to one of the 4 or 5 farms owned by Marcelo and Sophia Oliveira Baptista, their breeding program is proven on long rides (calvagadas) and sporting events, not in the show ring. As an example, it was Maripa horses that were used to recreate a great historical adventure in 2004. An expedition, on horseback, through the Anhanguera trail, which stretches over 9,000 miles- between São Paulo (capital), and the Rio Vermelho (Red River) start, in the state of Goiás.

In 2011, Haras Maripa participated in Project Vitrine and sent 2 stallions to Europe to show at Equitana and other shows. With their Mangalarga Marchador horses in Europe, Marcelo and Sophia flew to Spain and rode their 2 stallions on a long ride – 300km on the Camino de Santiago ending at Santiago de Compostela, a medieval cathedral. (A pilgrimage trail called the way of St James). Since then, they have exported more horses and gone on more long rides - the Alps, the Loire Valley and Normandy.

They also made history in 2011 by successfully exporting the first Mangalarga Marchador frozen semen from 3 of their stallions to the U.S., Summerwind Marchadors. In 2014, 3 more stallions' semen was exported successfully. We have foals born or expected from Oma, Ximoio and Arun de Maripa.

At the farm are also spectacular bulls, goats, milk cows, lots of fowl, flowers and more.

Hytalo Bretas CTE

www.hytalobretas.com.br

<https://www.facebook.com/ctehytalo.bretas?fref=ts>

Owned by Hytalo Bretas and his partner Poliana Coutinho (also a great photographer)

Located in Contagem, less than 30 kilometers from Gameleira, the Training Center Hytalo Bretas is the only one with titles in four races: Mangalarga Marchador, Pampa, Campolina and Pêga. His collection of awards already reaches six "National Champion of Champions" in Marchador and seven in Pampa.

To win major championships Hytalo seeks to work animals in the most natural way possible. "The work is all that the horse does when he is released, as marching and gallop. I do a specific job with each, but never leave the natural ways," he says. According to yet Hytalo first animal should have a good temperament. good temperament horses facilitate the work.

The goal of the training center is the track to prepare the horse for the show ring. That's the big advantage of sending an animal to a place like this, according Hytalo. "The employee working the horse to the track in a Haras, is also responsible for several things, such as the recipient, donor, colt, management, since the CT is focused on the track, so the service gives more results," he adds.

In just four years of operation, the CT Hytalo Bretas presents numbers and an impressive upward trend. In the first year, in 2007, there were three National Championships in Mangalarga Marchador; in 2008, the number doubled, and among the six won national titles. In 2009, the awards in the largest exhibition of race, national, reached the impressive number of 11 championships, with Arisca PHN being Champion of Champions National March and Amaral Bavaria National Champion Filly and 1st in the Ranking of ABCCMM. But the most striking mark of CTE was this achieved this year, no less than 24 National Championships in 16 animals who were trained by Hytalo, including the Grand Champion of the Marcha Picada.

We met Hytalo in Bahia a few years ago and were very impressed. We'd love to see him come to the US, but don't know if he will ever find the time. We have never been, but his website has a store so you may be able to buy horse-y things there.

The clinic we are doing costs additional money. Some of you have paid that amount from the last invoice I sent, but some have not.

Haras Tres Coracoes

<http://harastrescoracoes.com.br>

<https://www.facebook.com/Haras-Três-Corações-237114789657019/?pnref=lhc>

Owened by Ronaldo Ribeiro Taveras. His daughter Paula Carvalho Tavares is our first contact for us as she speaks English.

My passion for horses started early. As a child I had the habit of riding on the farm of my grandfather in Ponte Nova. There was a very close proximity with those horses and started to have the dream of having my own breeding. In 1988 influenced by the great boom of Mangalarga Marchador, I got my first three horses and thus was born the Haras Tres Coracoes (3 hearts)

I started participating in tours organized by ABCCMM and attending exhibitions and auctions contributed to expand my knowledge. Animals that I acquired and the animals that were born in the new breeding were increasing my interest and enthusiasm for the race Mangalarga Marchador.

The acquisition of Marchador stallion Damasco de Ogar represented a positive milestone in the history of our stud farm. To breed with him, we bought several donor and indisputable quality mares eggs. The combination of Damasco with these mares met the expectations and the results were proven in the show ring. With investments in infrastructure and strict selection of animals, we have produced and acquired several champions.

Stallions of note: Nobre de Três Corações, Romeo de Três Corações. Fator da Cavarú-Retã, Estanho de Alcateia, Mares of note: Insulina da Coxilha Grande, Kojima HO, Cuca Kafé da Panorama, Futurista de Três Corações, Asa Branda JSP, Princesa de Três Corações, Renúncia de Três Corações, Raiz de Três Corações, Soberana de Três Corações

We hope to contribute to the evolution and growth of the race and that the products from Haras Three Hearts have success both in our hands as the other creators.

Summerwind co-owns one mare with Tres Coracoes: Cachaca de Tres Coracoes, a daughter of Fator da Cavarú-Reta (Favacho). One of our goals at this farm is to import some of this genetic either through embryos, live weanlings or frozen semen from the stallions he selects for breeding.

Fazenda Santarem/Haras Itajoana

www.fazendasantarem.com.br

<https://www.facebook.com/fazendasantarem/?fref=ts>

Owned by Olavo Monteiro de Carvalho. Personal assistant is Camila Lacerda.

The farms of the nineteenth century, the Paraíba Valley, had an aristocratic structure - large landowners granted for services to the Crown. They were autonomous farms with sugar mill and own flour mill, which acquired on the market only products such as salt, wine and other spices. Their headquarters - always great - served to shelter travelers, as the doctor, dentist, drover, street traders, joiner, the vicar, lawyer and other adventurers who traveled in search of work as painters and, later in the century, photographers.

Fazenda Santarem reflects the graciousness of that period with many original features intact. They follow the tradition, being totally self-sufficient with a school, a store, a church and the a broad scale farming operation growing all of the food needed on the farm, as well as cash crops like mangos and Nelore cattle.

We are stopping there on the road from Tres Coracoes to Rio for a much needed travel break. Haras Itajoana was one of the farms we imported our original Marchadors from. Tresa Smith also imported from Olavo. At that time, he bred a mix of Abaiba crossed with Tabatinga blood. (Atriz de Itajoana, Vicososa de Itajoana, Pupila de Itajoana, Violeiro de Itajoana, Vedette de Itajoana) Olavo left Marchador breeding for a time and now seems to be re-entering on a small scale, so we will get to see his current stallion and horses while we are there.

Haras Agua Boa

<http://harasaguaboa.com.br>

<https://www.facebook.com/haras.aguaboa?fref=ts>

Owned by Rogerio Bivar Simonetti and his wife Glicia. Haras Agua Boa is located in Tibau do Sul, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil and its main objective the breeding of picada gaited Mangalarga Marchador.

From his website: By located in a beachy district of natural beauties and great tourist flow Haras maintains also another string of picada gaited riding horses available for rent in walks in the woods, dunes, reed beds and beaches.

Currently our herd has somewhere around 150 animals and we have a complete infrastructure for breeding and rearing, breeding and training animals that fully meet the demanding current demand for a solid level of breeding.

In 2008, Agua Boa finished the season in NATIONAL ABCCMM ranking 1st place as MARCHA PICADA EXHIBITOR. We are now therefore three-time champions as National Picada

Exhibitor. And in these last 4 years we finished as 3rd and 4th places in 2009 and 2010, 7 in 2011 and 5 in 2012, the National Ranking. But what fills us with pride was that we won 2nd place as breeders in the National 2012, winning the title RESERVE GREAT CHAMPION NATIONAL OF THE BREED, FLAUTA DA AGUA BOA, so the 2nd best mare Brazil.! Thus, against facts there are no arguments, we are now one of the main, if not the main stud at national level in the creation of horse Picada Mangalarga Marchador.

Haras is jammed on a farm with 110 hectares of pastures, coconut trees, orchard, lake fish, mineral water springs and stream. There wander freely, chickens, ducks, geese, guineas, turkeys, pigeons, peacocks and ducks all surrounded by a dense Atlantic Forest to behold.

My notes: Guarani da Agua Boa, his breeding also won the National Champion, Marcha Picada in 2015 in his age group and Champion of Champions, Marcha Picada of all age groups. He is Herdade bloodline which I would like to see more of that in the U.S. Rogerio is also interested in exporting horses to the U.S.

Trail Rides are at an additional fee, but can be 1 hour, 2 or more, or even all day. Moonlight rides are an option too.

Cities:

Belo Horizonte

(*Beautiful Horizon*) is the capital of and largest city in the state of [Minas Gerais](#), located in the [southeastern region](#) of [Brazil](#). It is the third-largest metropolitan area in the country. Belo Horizonte (or "Belô" or "Beagá", as it is also familiarly known from the sound of its initials "BH" in [Portuguese](#)) has a population of over 2.4 million, or almost 5.4 million in the official Metropolitan Area.

The region was first settled in the early 18th century, but the city as it is known today was planned and constructed in the 1890s, in order to replace [Ouro Preto](#) as the capital of [Minas Gerais](#). The city features a mixture of contemporary and classical buildings, and hosts several modern Brazilian architectural icons, most notably the [Pampulha Complex](#). In planning the city, Aarão Reis and Francisco Bicalho sought inspiration in the urban planning of [Washington, D.C.](#)^[2] The city has employed notable programs in urban revitalization and food security, for which it has been awarded international accolades

Hotel: Promenade Guignard

Rua Tome De Souza 1075 Belo Horizonte, MG 30140-130 Brazil

Be SURE to take a card or write down the address of the hotel. There is more than one Guignard, so having the street address is helpful.

Situated in Belo Horizonte, this aparthotel is close to Liberdade Square, Abilio Barreto Historical Museum, and Parque Municipal. Area attractions also include Praca da Estacao and Independencia Stadium. In addition to a restaurant, Promenade Guignard features an outdoor pool. Other amenities include a fitness center, complimentary wireless Internet access and conference/meeting rooms. Some guest rooms have kitchens.

MM Show at Gameleira

There is a Marchador show while we there! In the center ring should be the gait competitions for marcha picada and marcha batida, conformation classes and also provas funcionais. The classes are divided up by age category and gender. You can watch the classes, tour the barns. There might be vendors there like at any show.

Be prepared if any TV is there, to be interviewed. They will figure out you are visiting and passionate about the MM breed.

ABCCMM Association and Board

<http://www.abccmm.org.br>

The Brazilian Association of Mangalarga Marchador Breeders (Criadores) was founded in July 16, 1949, in Belo Horizonte-MG. It boasts the title of largest organization of breeders of horses of the same breed of Latin America. Their headquarters is Avenida Amazonas, 6020 - Gameleira, MG. ABCCMM has 11,000 members (usually breeders) with over 59 employees,, 50 technicians (inspectors for certifying and registering the breeding animals) and also a team of 28 judges and 43 instructors riding, dressage, first aid, management of farms and morphology. The entity is represented throughout the country through its 46 Centers and 10 Marchador Clubs.

The Association is authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture to make the control and registration of animals Mangalarga Marchador. The Registry ABCCMM processes more documents than all civil registry offices in Belo Horizonte put together.

The ABCCMM Board of Directors is new December 2015.

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Consultant, Fabio Vilela Dias, former COO.

Ouro Preto

(Portuguese pronunciation: [ˈoru ˈpretu], *Black Gold*) is a city in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, a former colonial mining town located in the Serra do Espinhaço mountains and designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO because of its outstanding Baroque architecture.

Ouro Preto is located in one of the main areas of the Brazilian Gold Rush. Officially, 800 tons of gold were sent to Portugal in the XVIII century, without counting the gold which circulated illegally, nor the one which remained in the colony, adorning churches, for example.

In addition to the churches, there is plenty of shopping and dining here. Open air markets and street vendors sell jewels, pottery, pots, and many other art objects.

Rio de Janeiro



Rio de Janeiro (*River of January*), or simply **Rio**, is the second-largest city in Brazil, the sixth-largest city in the Americas, and the world's thirty-ninth largest city by population. Rio de Janeiro is the capital of the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil's third-most populous state.

Founded in 1565 by the Portuguese, the city was initially the seat of the Captaincy of Rio de Janeiro, a domain of the Portuguese Empire. Later, in 1763, it became the capital of the State of Brazil, a state of the Portuguese Empire. In 1808, when the Portuguese Royal Court transferred itself from Portugal to Brazil, Rio de Janeiro became the chosen seat of the court of Queen Maria I of Portugal, who subsequently, in 1815, under the leadership of her son, the Prince Regent, and future King João VI of Portugal, raised Brazil to the dignity of a kingdom, within the United Kingdom of Portugal, Brazil, and Algarves. Rio stayed the capital of the pluricontinental Lusitanian monarchy until 1822, when the War of Brazilian Independence began. This is one of the few instances in history that the capital of a colonising country officially shifted to a city in one of its colonies. Rio de Janeiro subsequently served as the capital of the independent monarchy, the Empire of Brazil, until 1889, and then the capital of a republican Brazil until 1960 when the capital was transferred to Brasília.

Rio de Janeiro is one of the most visited cities in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its natural settings, Carnival, samba, bossa nova, and balneario beaches^[8] such as Barra da Tijuca, Copacabana, Ipanema, and Leblon. In addition to the beaches, some of the most famous landmarks include the giant statue of Christ the Redeemer atop Corcovado mountain, named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World; Sugarloaf Mountain with its cable car; the *Sambódromo* (Sambadrome), a permanent grandstand-lined parade avenue which is used during Carnival; and Maracanã Stadium, one of the world's largest football stadiums.

Rio de Janeiro will host the 2016 Summer Olympics and the 2016 Summer Paralympics—the first time a South American and Portuguese-speaking nation will host these events, and the third time the Olympics will be held in a Southern Hemisphere city.^[9] The Maracanã Stadium held the finals of the 1950 and 2014 FIFA World Cups, the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup, and the XV Pan American Games including its opening and closing ceremonies. Rio de Janeiro also hosted World Youth Day in 2013.

Timbau do Sul

Pipa Beach (Praia de Pipa in Portuguese) is one of the most famous beaches of Brazil. Located next to city of Natal, the capital city of state of Rio Grande do Norte. Is located more precisely in municipality of Tibau do Sul, exactly 84 km from the capital of the state. The first maps of the coastline drawn by Portuguese settlers, refer to Pipa Beach as *Orotapiry*, or "White man's village."

Pipa was a small fishing village until the 1970s. Then it was discovered by surfers and backpackers, attracted by a set of natural attributes rarely found even in other Brazilian beaches: crystal-clear waters, fine, white sand, areas of preservation Atlantic Forest, 10-meter-high vertical cliffs, and friendly locals. However, one should be very careful with the strong currents in the sea and the huge waves loved by the surfers but really dangerous for those willing to enjoy these warm waters.

Hotel Marinas

Av Gov Aluizio Alves 301 Tibau Do Sul RN 59178-000

Hotel Marinas is just 4 miles from Pipa Beach. Rooms are equipped with air conditioning and cable TV. Free Wi-Fi is available. All rooms have balconies with views of the ocean. Hotel Marinas has many facilities including tennis courts, a solarium and an outdoor swimming pool, pool bar, bar/lounge and a marina. The hotel offers a range of dining options, including a restaurant, creperie, beach bar and a pizzeria. Free continental breakfast.

The owner is Rogerio Bivar, Simonetti, Haras Agua Boa and he offers his Marchador horses for rides on the beach.

Natal

Natal (which translates to "Nativity" or "Christmas" in Portuguese) was founded on December 25, 1599, giving the village outside the fort the modern name of the city.^[5] The fort, city, and surrounding areas were occupied by Dutch forces from 1633 to 1654. They rechristened the fort "Fort Ceulen" after one of their commanders.

The sandy soil of Natal prevented the city from becoming a producer of sugarcane, during the colonial times. For centuries, the economy of the State was based on the raising of cattle in the dry interior lands; the cattle was sent alive to the larger centers, to be used as traction, or

was turned into jerked beef, to be used as food; the most typical food of Natal, "[carne de sol](#)" (sun meat), has origins in that jerked beef.

Last century, Natal benefited from the growth of the industries of salt (the north of Rio Grande do Norte is the largest producer in Brazil) and petroleum (the largest inland Brazilian reserves are in the State). Natal grew quickly, but in a somewhat planned way (compared to other major Brazilian cities); transit flows smoothly, public services are well distributed, ecologic conscience is visible; violence levels are low. Tourists (first Brazilians, more recently foreigners) discovered the city, which became one of the major tourist destinations in Brazil.

USMMA History

2004

- Founding Members: Cristiana Guerra, Lynn Kelley, John Kelley, Tresa Smith
- DNA standard implemented. 40 horses DNA typed by year-end.
- Brazil trip with ABCCMM. (unfunded by USMMA)

2005

- USMMA incorporated and trademarked.
- First President Lynn Kelley.
- First US-born Marchadors and imported Marchadors USMMA registered.
- First ABCCMM inspection and branding ever held outside of Brazil Brazil visit with ABCCMM (unfunded by USMMA)

2006

- USMMA Breed Standard created. Exhibit A created.
- Show Committee formed. Show Rules drafted.
- ABCCMM and Brazil trip
- Elections held for 2006–2010 Board of Directors. Lynn Kelley re-elected President.

2007

- 2 US Vets train in Brazil to become breed inspectors (funded)
- ABCCMM and Brazil visit
- First Marchador arrives in Canada from the US.
- Lynn Kelley resigns Presidency. Second USMMA President is Tresa V. Smith.

2008

- ABCCMM Inspection Visit and First USMMA Clinic. Clinic DVD documentary.
- ABCCMM and Brazil Visit
- First Marchador embryo transfer foal born — 4 Seasons
- First frozen semen foal born — Summerwind

2009

- ABCCMM and Brazil Visit (unfunded by USMMA). Met also with the EAMM (Europe) for the first time.
- Elections held for 2010–2014 Board. Third President is John J. Kelley
- 176 USMMA registered Marchadors

2010

- ABCCMM Inspection Visit hosted
- USMMA Awards and Show Subsidy Programs for Members
- Clinic on MM Gait with Brazilian instructor held in TX
- Membership tops 70!

2011

- Complete Horse Video Competition
- First Frozen semen importation – Maripa/Summerwind
- Brazil Trip

2012

- USMMA Clinic, Ocala FL
- Marchador foal born from imported frozen semen, Summerwind
- Marchador wins ACTHA America's Favorite Trail Horse, 4 Seasons

2013

- John Kelley resigns. Fourth USMMA President is Susann Gabriel
- USMMA Clinic, Helena, MT Tresa Smith Clinic Chair
- ABCCMM Inspection Visit
- Frozen embryo Marchador born in UT. Summerwind
- Brazil Trip - Bahia to MM Fest
- 3 new imported Marchadors, Bellandi Oakhill Farms, FL

2014

- USMMA Election. Rick Schatz becomes Fifth USMMA President
- Brazil Trips - Brazilian Saddle Horse and Nationals
- PBR Features the Marchador in Nashville, TN and Las Vegas, NV
- USMMA Clinic Las Vegas, NV

2015

- ABCCMM Inspection Visit in US and Canada.
- President Rick Schatz resigns. Sixth USMMA President is Jeffrey Boaley
- Brazil Trip

- Over 250 Marchadors registered
- 2016
- Mangalarga Marchador rides with the AERC in the Parade of Roses, CA, Rancho de los Cielos and Alessandra Deerinck.
 - Brazil Trip