

Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Brazil's southern capital surprises cruisers with a vibrant riverfront, a stunning iron-and-glass public market, and a unique local ritual: applauding the sunset over the Guaíba together.

Pier (Guaíba River)

Typical call: 8-9 hrs

Brazilian Real (BRL)

Portuguese

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier on the Guaíba River east bank; draft limitations apply, so some ships tender

Best For: Culture, food markets, riverfront walks, day trips to wine country

Walk to center: ~10–15 min on foot from the port area to Praça da Alfândega

Don't Miss: Mercado Público Central and the Guaíba sunset applause tradition

Getting around: Taxi R\$30–50 (~\$6–10 USD) · Rideshare Uber, 99 · Hop-on hop-off Linha Turismo

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Historic Center Walking Tour** — Explore Praça da Alfândega, the grand Mercado Público (1869), the Mario Quintana House of Culture, and tree-lined Rua...
 - Guaíba River Boat Tour** — Cruise the broad Guaíba — technically a lake formed by five rivers — past wooded islands and the city skyline.
 - Mercado Público & Gastronomy** — Porto Alegre's iron-and-glass public market (1869) houses over 100 stalls with fresh
- produce, local spices, cachaça...

 - Usina do Gasômetro & MARGS** — A former 1920s power plant converted into a cultural hub, and the Rio Grande do Sul Museum of Art on Praça da Alfândega...
 - Day Trip to Gramado & Canela** — Drive about 2 hours into the Serra Gaúcha to reach Gramado, a Bavaria-meets-Brazil mountain town famous for chocolate...

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront to Historic Core** 2.5 km · 45 min · Flat — Start at the Usina do Gasômetro on the river, walk north along Avenida Mauá past the port area to Praça da Alfândega, visit the...
- Parque Redenção Stroll** 2 km loop · 40 min · Flat — Porto Alegre's beloved urban park features shaded paths, a lake, food kiosks, and a relaxed local vibe.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	78°	63°	9d
Jun	66°	51°	10d
Aug	70°	52°	10d
Sep	72°	57°	13d
Oct	75°	60°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:44AM–6:04PM · Jun 7:19AM–5:31PM · Aug 6:58AM–6:00PM · Sep 6:23AM–6:17PM · Oct 5:46AM–6:34PM

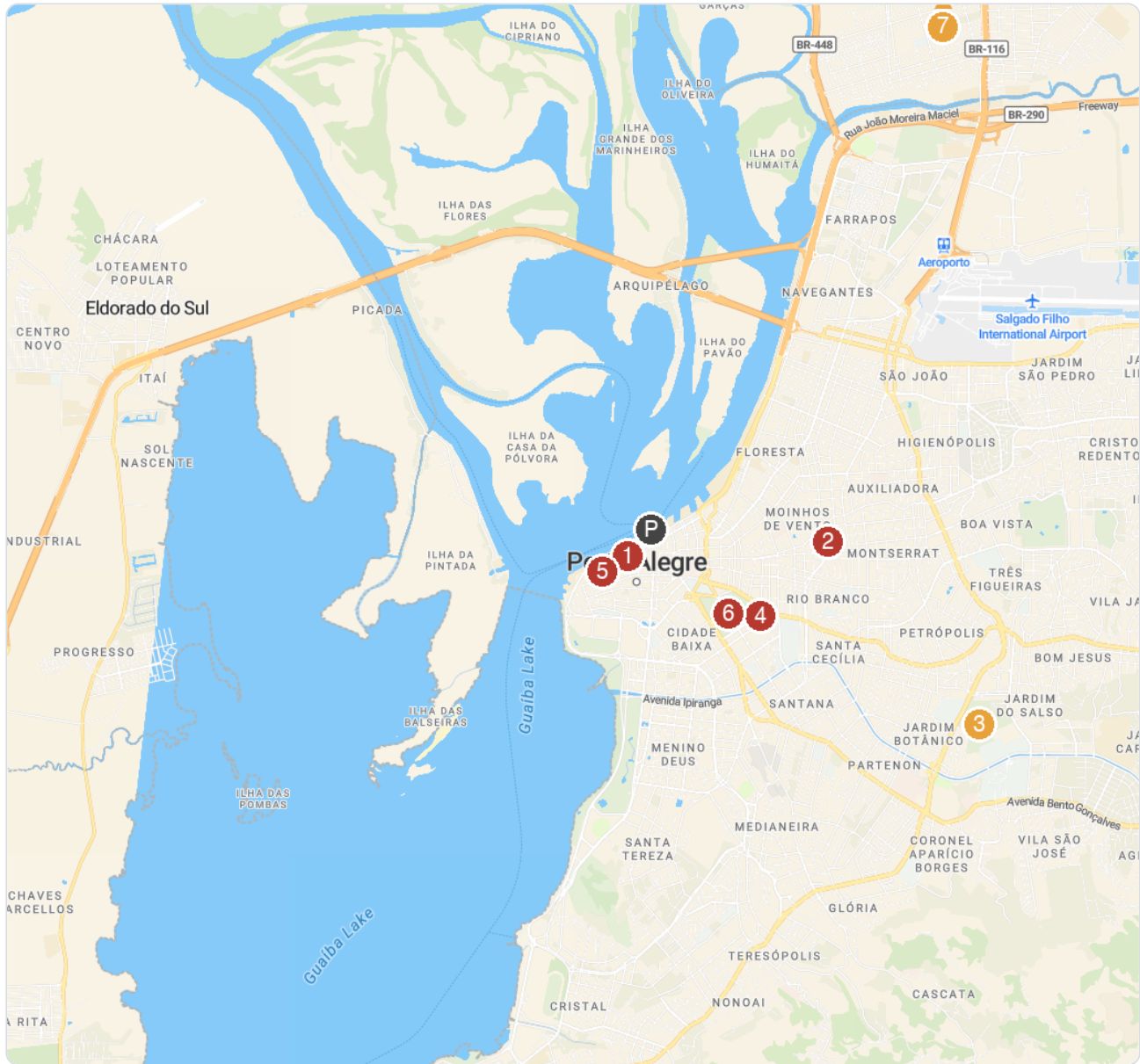
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go cashless: Brazil is nearly fully digital — street vendors, markets, and restaurants accept credit cards and Pix. Carry a small amount of BRL for tips only.

Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Rio Grande do Sul Museum of Art | State art museum showcasing regional and national works. | 2 Parque Moinhos de Vento (Parcão) | Park with a windmill, lake, and recreation areas. |
| 3 Botanical Gardens of Porto Alegre | Extensive botanical gardens featuring diverse regional plant collections. | 4 Church of the Blessed Sacrament and St. Therese | Historic Catholic church with beautiful architecture and stained glass. |
| 5 Museu Militar do Comando Militar do Sul do Exército Brasileiro | Brazilian Army military museum showcasing southern command history. | 6 Parque Redenção | Large, historic urban park with gardens and monuments. |
| 7 GAG South Piazzitos | Children's fashion store featuring local clothing brands. | P Cruise port / terminal | |