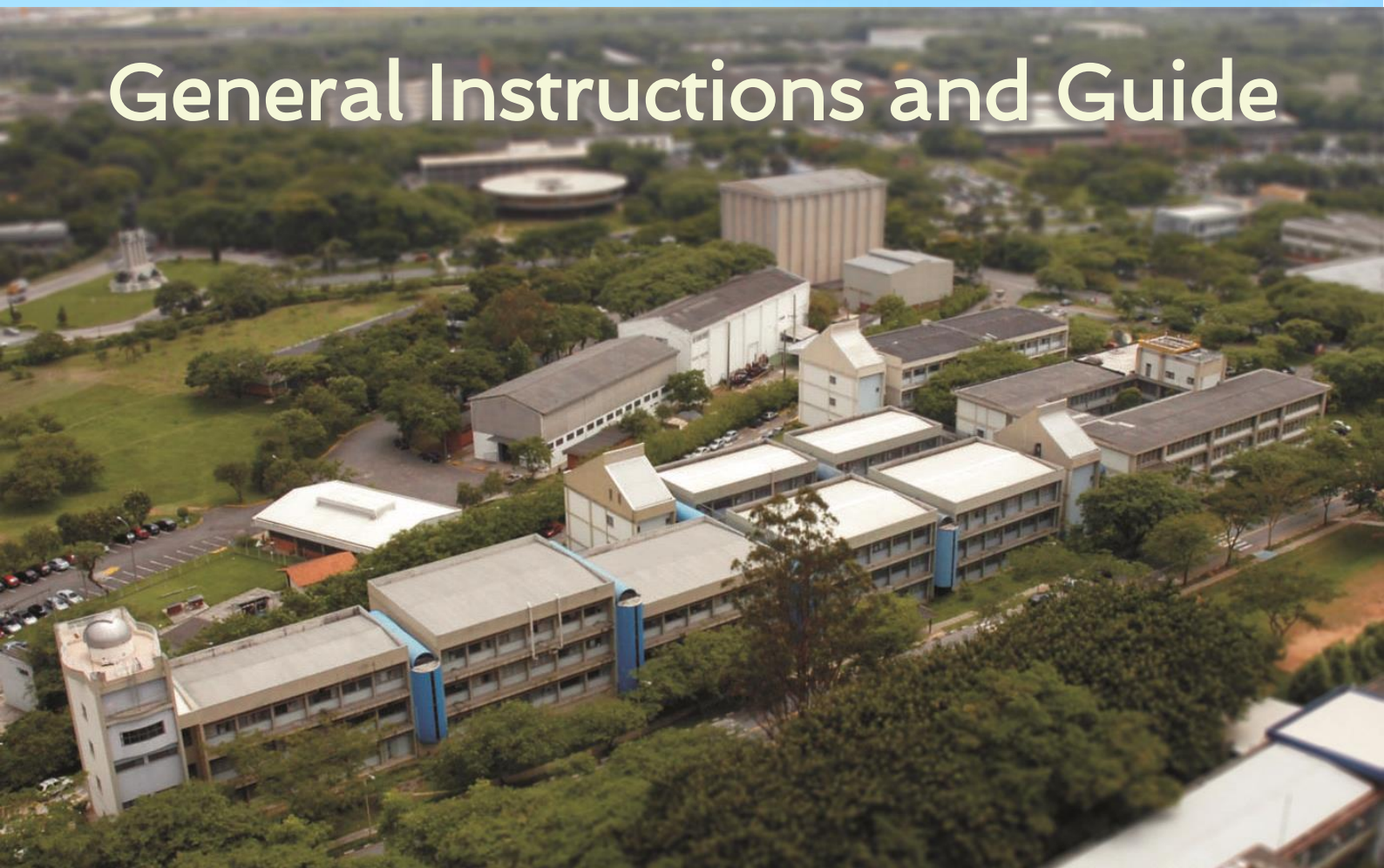


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Getting from GRU Airport (Cumbica) to the hotel

International participants will arrive at **GRU Airport** (Aeroporto Internacional de São Paulo – also known as Cumbica or Guarulhos International Airport).

- GRU official website is: <https://www.gru.com.br/en>

All participants who had their accommodations provided by the School will stay at the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel**.

The School will try to provide transportation from the airport to the hotel for all participants arriving at GRU Airport on July 1st and 2nd. We still do not have everyone's final air itinerary to plan the most optimal way to arrange this transportation; you will receive more information on this topic on the following weeks by email.

If you, by any reason, need to go by yourself from the airport to the hotel, you can follow the following instructions. Be aware that the School will not reimburse your expenses in this case.

Please note:

- It is possible to use public transportation only, but it will require many transfers. You may consider making a hybrid itinerary (eg: using the city bus until Metro Tatuape station, and then taking a taxi or Uber to the hotel).
- Subway stations are open until midnight on weekdays and Sundays, and until 1am on Saturdays.
- The last bus (number 257) to Metro Tatuape station departs at 10 minutes past midnight (00:10). Complete itinerary and timetable at the EMTU website: <https://goo.gl/yROlgK>
- Link for the Metropolitan Transport Network: <http://www.metro.sp.gov.br/pdf/mapa-da-rede-metro.pdf>

Ground transportation from GRU Airport to Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel

This is the cheapest option using public transportation:

- The bus line you're looking for is **257 METRO TATUAPE**. You can take this bus at the Central Lane when you exit Terminals 1, 2 or 3. Bus fare: R\$ 5.95.
- You will get off the bus at the final stop - Metro Tatuape - (Travel time: about 40 minutes). At the station Tatuape, take the subway line **3-RED** towards **PALMEIRAS-BARRA FUNDA**. Get off this train at station **REPUBLICA**. Subway fare: R\$ 3.80. Travel time: about 21 minutes.
- At station Republica, switch to the subway line **4-YELLOW** towards **BUTANTA**. Get off this train at station **FARIA LIMA**. The transfer



from line 3-RED to 4-YELLOW is free of charge. Travel time: about 6 minutes.

4. Station Faria Lima is located at a walking distance (700m) from the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel**. Check this link for the route: goo.gl/5gdsjE

Warning: on selected Sundays, the line 4-YELLOW does not operate fully. If that is the case, this will be the itinerary:

1. The bus line you are looking for is 257 **METRO TATUAPE**. You can take this bus at the Central Lane when you exit Terminals 1, 2 or 3. Bus fare: R\$ 5.95.
2. You will get off the bus at the final stop - Metro Tatuape. At the station Tatuape, take the subway line **3-RED** towards **PALMEIRAS-BARRA FUNDA**. Get off this train at station **SÉ**. Subway fare: R\$ 3.80.
3. At station Sé, switch to the subway line **1-BLUE** towards **JABAQUARA**. Get off this train at station **PARAÍSO**.
4. At station Paraíso, switch to the subway line **2-GREEN** towards **VILA MADALENA**. Get off this train at station **CONSOLAÇÃO**.
5. At station Consolação, switch to the subway **4-YELLOW** towards **BUTANTÃ**. Get off this train at station **FARIA LIMA**.
6. Station Faria Lima is located at a walking distance (700m) from the Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel. Check this link for the route: goo.gl/5gdsjE

“Airport Bus Service” at GRU Airport

- Tickets for the luxury buses labelled “Airport Bus Service” cost R\$ 48.80 and can be purchased at the airport.
- None of the lines will take you to the neighborhood of the hotel. The lines heading to Paulista or Republica will take you near convenient subway stations. Travel time: about 30 minutes to Republica and 1 hour to Paulista.
- The itineraries are listed at: <http://www.airportbusservice.com.br/en/linhas>



Private transportation from GRU Airport to Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel

If you prefer, you can catch a taxi from the airport. The kiosk outside the arrival area arranges prepaid taxi rides – these are safer for those who don’t know their way around São Paulo and you will not have to worry about cash payment and change; however, they can be more expensive than a regular taxi ride.

There are taxis available right outside the terminals. A regular taxi ride from GRU airport to the hotel will start at R\$ 169,80 with Guarucoop. (<http://www.guarucoop.com.br/eng/index.html>)

- 99 taxi fare from GRU to the hotel will start at R\$ 85 (depending on hours/demand). If

you are planning to use this service, remember you must have a working mobile connection in Brazil.

- Uber fare from GRU airport to the hotel will start at R\$ 70 (depending on hours/demand). If you are planning to use Uber, remember you must have a working mobile connection in Brazil.

Please note:

Many services aimed at visitors will have English-speaking clerks, but many drivers will speak Portuguese only. You may want to have name and address of your hotel or other destinations written down on a piece of paper, so you can show it to the driver if necessary.

Getting from CGH Airport (Congonhas) to the hotel

This is the case for some participants coming to São Paulo from other states of Brazil (national flights). If this is your case, you will need to get to the hotel by yourself; the School won't be able to arrange your transportation to the hotel or reimburse you for this. You can however find below some tips on how to get to the hotel:

Ground transportation from CGH Airport (Congonhas) to Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel

This is the cheapest option using public transportation:

1. As you get out of the airport, you will find a bus stop at Avenida Washington Luiz. Take the bus line **576M-10 PINHEIROS**. You will get off the bus only at **PÇA. PRAÇA / Rua Cardeal Arco Verde** (it may take about 1 hour). Bus fare: R\$ 3.80
2. You will then walk (~ 600m) to the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel**. Check this link for the route: <https://goo.gl/maps/mppydEnv4Wv>

Private transportation from CGH Airport (Congonhas) to Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel

- Uber fare from CGH airport to the hotel will start at R\$ 25 (depending on hours/demand).
- Taxi fare from CGH airport to the hotel will start at R\$ 45 (depending on hours).

Hotel accommodation

All participants who had their accommodations provided by the School will stay at the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel**.

Hotel Address: Rua Deputado Lacerda Franco 148, São Paulo, SP, Brazil. CEP: 05418-000

Phone: +55 11 3094 2200

Email: reservas@goldentowerhotel.com.br

Website: <https://www.goldentowerhotel.com.br>

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/oL8BGACK8n22>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/goldentowerhotelpinheiros>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MV63K16Q5zo>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/goldentowerhotel>



As previously agreed, you will stay in a standard room, shared with another participant of the same gender.

Your dates of check-in and check-out will depend on your flight arrangements. On the day of your arrival, the **check-in time is from 2pm** (14:00) onwards. If you arrive at the hotel before the check-in time you are welcome to use the luggage storage facility (free of charge) to store your luggage before your room becomes available. On the date of your departure, the **check-out deadline is 12pm** (noon/midday).

Remember that the last day of classes in the SPSASCC is on July 15th. If your check-out on the hotel is on this date, you will need to check-out of your room in the morning before taking the bus to come to the course venue. In this case, you can ask the hotel reception to store your luggage in their luggage storage facility (free of charge). You will then come to the course venue for the last day of class, which will finish around 13pm. The School will then provide your transportation back to the hotel where you can collect your luggage.

Please note:

If your return ticket is earlier in the afternoon on July 15th, you should bring your luggage with you and leave it on the bus in the morning this day, so that after the classes end you can leave directly from USP to your final destination.

IMPORTANT:

- The School will try to provide transportation from the hotel to the airport for participants departing on July 15th and 16th from GRU Airport. Again - we still do not have everyone's final air travel itinerary to optimize these transportation details yet; you will receive more information on this topic on the following weeks.
- If you, for any reason, need to go by yourself from the hotel to the airport, we recommend that you use a private transportation like taxi or UBER. ***Be aware that the School will not reimburse your expenses in this case.***

- If your check in time for your flight from São Paulo (GRU Airport) back to your country is many hours after the hotel check-out time, and you decide to go by yourself from the hotel to the airport, we recommend again that you use the hotel's luggage storage provided for guests. If you use this, make sure you allow enough time to collect your luggage from the storage facility via hotel reception, travel to the airport, and check-in for your flight. Please remember to account for traffic on the way to the International airport, which is 35km away from the hotel and will often take over an hour. You are required to arrive at the airport 4 hours before any international flight.

At no extra charge, your hotel booking includes the use of:

- **Wi-fi**
Throughout the hotel. The hotel will provide you with wi-fi access details at check in or in your room information book.
- **Breakfast**
Breakfast is served from 6am to 10am on weekdays and from 6:30am to 10:30am on weekends. There is enough time to have a good breakfast before boarding the School bus, so set your alarms accordingly. Breakfast will be served at the "Mediterranean Restaurant" within the hotel. The breakfast buffet includes more than 50 items. These include light portion with various fruits, cereals, white cheese, yogurts and skim milk, and also have an American style options of eggs, bacon and sausage. There are several types of bread and sweet breads. For those wanting other gluten free options, request tapioca from the Chef including your preference of filling ingredients and it will be prepared to order. For those wanting lactose free options, please let reception know of your lactose free requirements when checking in on arrival and they can provide soy milk for you at breakfast.
- **Hotel pool, sauna and fitness center**
The hotel swimming pool is located on the roof and includes a panoramic view of the city of São Paulo. There is also a solarium, bodybuilding gym, dry sauna and showers.
- **Standard room with two single beds**
The room will be approximately 30m² and contain: a 32" LCD TV, an electronic safe, a minibar, central air-conditioning, a work desk with internet connection; a telephone with voice mail, remote control in bed for lights and air conditioning, soundproofed windows and blackout curtains, anti-allergic and anti-flame carpet, electronic / magnetic keys, and a clock radio. The bathroom includes bathtub with shower, magnifying mirror, a hair dryer, and an amenities kit comprising: soaps, shampoo, conditioner, shower cap, tissues.

While your hotel room includes a minibar and a telephone, the use of these IS NOT free of charge. Room service is also not included free of charge. If you use any of these services, you **will be charged**.

IMPORTANT:

- **All participants will be required to provide a room deposit at check-in** in the form of either credit/debit card details or in cash (Brazilian Reais only, R\$50 per day). Given the length of time you are staying we therefore recommend the deposit be your credit/debit card details. Note that your credit/debit card will not be charged / your cash deposit will be repaid on check out unless you use any of these extra services, in which case the relevant charges will be charged to your credit/debit card or deducted from the cash deposit.
- The hotel, including the bedrooms, is entirely **non-smoking**. It is also illegal to smoke in enclosed public spaces in the state of São Paulo – including the hotel lobby, restaurants, pubs, and the SPSASCC venue at the University of São Paulo.
- In Brazil, it is **not permitted to flush toilet paper** down any toilet – please use the waste paper bin provided.

Lunch (on weekends) and dinner at the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** will also be paid for by SPSASCC for selected participants (depending on the type of financial support you were granted – check your acceptance letter). Those participants will receive a predetermined number of meal vouchers from hotel reception at check in. These are only valid for use at the “Mediterranean Restaurant” within the hotel and only for the special “USP” selected menu (other meals are not included).

Lunch hours are 12pm (noon/midday) to 3pm (15:00) and dinner hours are 7pm (19:00) to 11pm (23:00).

Laundry services are available at the hotel at extra cost.

Around the Hotel

The **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** is in the heart of the Pinheiros district, west of the center of the city. The neighboring Vila Madalena, with its many bars and restaurants, as well as the bohemian art-graffiti make the area even more special.

The Metro stations Faria Lima and Fradique Coutinho are both within walking distance (700m and 900m respectively).

Local shops:

- **Supermercado Pão de Açúcar – Supermarket**
Rua Teodoro Sampaio, 1933
400 metres from the hotel
Opening hours: 7am to 10pm
There is also an ATM/Cash machine at this supermarket
<https://www.paodeacucar.com>
- **Droga Mix – Farmácias – Pharmacy/Drugstore**
Rua Teodoro Sampaio, 2215
170 metres from the hotel
Opening hours: 7am to 10pm

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

- **Coco, Cravo e Canela – Café and desserts shop**
Rua Cardeal Arcoverde, 1942
170 metres from the hotel
Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 8am to 8pm. Sunday: 9am to 8pm.
<https://www.confeitariadalua.com.br>
- **Confeitaria da Luana Davidsohn – Cake shop**
Rua Mourato Coelho, 583
350 metres from the hotel
Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 12am to 6:30pm. Saturday: 11am to 6pm.
<https://www.confeitariadalua.com.br>
- **Belíssima Salão de Beleza – Beauty Salon / Unisex Hairdressers**
Rua Deputado Lacerda Franco, 137
24 metres from the hotel
Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 9am to 8pm.

Local restaurants:

- **Aguzzo – Italian Restaurant**
Rua Simão Alvares, 325
350 metres from the hotel
<http://www.aguzzo.com.br>
- **Bar do Juarez – Brazilian Bar and Restaurant**
Rua Deputado Lacerda Franco, 642
450 metres from the hotel
<http://www.bardodjuarez.com.br>
- **Shinju – Japanese Restaurant**
Avenida Pedroso de Moraes, 793
210 metres from the hotel
<http://www.shinju.com.br>
- **Churrascaria Bovinu’S – Brazilian Churrascaria Barbecue Restaurant**
Avenida Rebouças, 1604
1.8 km from the hotel
<http://bovinus.com.br>
- **O Rigoletto Pizzaria e Restaurante – Italian Pizzeria and Restaurant**
Avenida Pedroso de Moraes, 889
300 metres from the hotel
<http://www.origoletto.com.br>
- **GOA Vegetariano – Vegetarian Restaurant**
Rua Cônego Eugênio Leite, 1152
950 metres from the hotel
<https://www.goavegetariano.com.br>

Nearby shopping malls include:

- **Eldorado**
Avenida Rebouças, 3970
1.7km from the hotel

Mall opening hours: Monday to Saturday - 10am to 10pm. Sunday - 2pm to 8pm.

Food court: Monday to Saturday - 11:30am to 8pm. Sunday - 2pm to 8pm.

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

- **Iguatemi**

Avenida Faria Lima, 2232

2km from the hotel

Mall opening hours: Monday to Saturday - 10am to 10pm. Sunday - 2pm to 8pm.

Food court: Monday to Saturday - 11:30am to 8pm. Sunday - 2pm to 8pm.

<http://iguatemi.com.br/saopaulo>

Suitable for leisure or physical activity, in surrounding districts are the following parks:

- **Parque Villa Lobos – Villa Lobos Park**

Avenida Professor Fonseca Rodrigues, 2001

4km from the hotel

Opening hours: 5:30am to 7pm

<http://www.ambiente.sp.gov.br/parquevillalobos/>

- **Parque do Povo – Peoples Park**

3.5km from the hotel

http://www.prefeitura.sp.gov.br/cidade/secretarias/meio_ambiente/parques/regiao_centrooeste/index.php?p=22396

- **Parque Ibirapuera – Ibirapuera Park**

5 km from the hotel

<http://parqueibirapuera.org/>

In addition, there are several points of interest nearby the hotel:

- **Instituto Tomie Ohtake – Tomie Ohtake Institute – Exhibitions**

Avenida Faria Lima, 201

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

- **Escape and escape games**

Avenida Pedroso de Moraes, 832

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

- Specialized stores and souvenirs

- **Feira de antiguidades Benedito Calixto – Antiques Fair of Benedito Calixto**

Praça Benedito Calixto 158/162

<http://pracabeneditocalixto.com.br>

- **Teatro CETIP – CETIP Theater**

Rua Coropé, 88

<http://www.cetip.com.br/teatrocetip/o-teatro>

Please ask at the hotel reception for other local recommendations and directions.

SPSASCC general information

You will find below some important information:

Registration

Registration opens at 8am on Monday (July 03rd 2017) by the IAG Auditorium where the SPSASCC activities will take place. Please stop by at registration as soon as you arrive.

IMPORTANT:

- If the school has paid for your transportation and/or accommodations, you are required to sign a document and present receipts and/or original boarding passes as requested by the organization. Don't forget to bring your original boarding passes from your outward flight to São Paulo to IAG on the morning of July 03rd.

Venue

The SPSASCC will take place at Instituto de Astronomia, Geofísica e Ciências Atmosféricas (IAG) campus. IAG was founded in 1934 but only in 1946 was incorporated into Universidade de São Paulo (USP). It is one of the major research centers of Brazil, in the Sciences of Earth and the Universe.



Located at the São Paulo Campus, IAG is organized into three departments – Astronomy, Geophysics and Atmospheric Sciences – that support teaching activities on undergraduate and graduate levels, research and community services. The Institute also runs two off-campus premises: Abrahão de Moraes Observatory, in the city of Valinhos, and the Meteorological Station, located inside USP's Science and Technology Park in the city of São Paulo.

Besides the intensive collaboration with Brazilian and foreign research institutions, IAG's faculty members coordinate research projects of major scientific and socio-economical impact. As a result, its large scientific production places IAG among the most productive research institutions in Latin America.

Please contact the School secretariat if you are interested in learning about opportunities at IAG.

Please note:

São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), which is the main sponsor of SPSASCC, also offers many opportunities to study and research in Brazil. Learn more at <http://www.fapesp.br/en/>

Getting to the venue

- Transportation from the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** will be provided for all School participants (consult the timetable).
- If you are staying at the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** at your own expense (i.e., you are not receiving financial support from the School for accommodation) and would like to use the bus transportation provided by the School (free of charge for participants), you need to inform us at incline.aca@iag.usp.br so that we can include your name in the list of participants authorized to enter this bus.
- If you are not at the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel**, please consult this page for maps and public transportation itineraries: <http://www.iag.usp.br/como-chegar>

Wi-Fi at SPSASCC venue: IAG Net

- User: spsascc
- Password: spsascc@2017

Your responsibilities

- Participants must attend all School activities, including all lectures, poster sessions and the visits to CEMADEN and CPTEC (July 12th).
- If the school has paid for your transportation and/or accommodations, you are required to sign a document and present receipts and/or boarding passes as requested by the organization.
- Always wear your SPSASCC badge/nametag (provided at registration) at the IAG building.
- All participants must sign the attendance list in the days of School activities. In the days of lectures and poster sections it will be available with one of us on a table desk in the adjoining area of the Auditorium. We kindly ask you to sign this list as you arrive to the School. In the day of visits to CEMADEN and CPTEC (July 12th), we will check your attendance onboard the buses.
- It is recommended that you bring and use every day of the School the mug you will receive in the first day of the School. Using this mug will help to reduce waste of the plastic cups.

Meals

- For participants staying at **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel**: breakfast at the hotel is included for all hotel guests, starting at 6am (weekdays) or 6:30am (weekends). Exceptionally in July 12th (the CEMADEN and CPTEC visit day), the breakfast at the hotel will begin at 5:30am.

- Coffee breaks will be served at the adjoining area by the Auditorium according to the School schedule.
- There is a cafeteria within IAG, but any purchases there are not covered by the SPSASCC.
- Lunch during the days of the course: if you were granted with financial support on this category (check your acceptance letter), you will receive nine (9) Lunch Vouchers to be used on the following days: July 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th. Each voucher allows you 1 plate of self-serve lunch and 1 drink from the soda fountain or water at the Physics Restaurant / Lanchonete da Física (300m from IAG). This voucher is already paid for and does not include dessert or alcoholic beverages.
- Participants staying at **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** (on School bookings): depending on your type of financial support, you will receive Meal Vouchers at check-in, which you can use for lunch (on weekends) and dinners during the period of your stay. Each hotel meal voucher allows you to eat at the buffet at the hotel restaurant, including one non-alcoholic beverage per person.
- Additional meals, snacks or drinks will not be paid by the School.

Visits to CEMADEN and CPTEC

- The buses will depart from **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** at 6:20am on July 12th (Wednesday), to collect the participants staying at this hotel. The buses will then drive to IAG/USP, to collect all other participants.
- All SPSASCC participants who are NOT staying at **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** must board at **IAG/USP at 6h45**, so please make sure to arrive on time. Again - the buses will leave IAG at 6h45.
- Please bring an ID (RG, RNE, passport) for the visit, as well as the SPSASCC badge/nametag, as these will be required to enter CPTEC.
- CPTEC is hosted at INPE (in English it means National Institute of Space Research). It is prohibited to enter there wearing tank tops, low-cut sweaters, short skirts, shorts, caps, slippers and other similar items. Therefore, to avoid inconvenience in this visit, do not wear any of these clothes listed.

Social activities

July 04th networking dinner

This is the opportunity to meet your fellow SPSASCC participants. The dinner will take place at Ponteio Restaurant after the end of all classes on this day. All participants are invited and all meals are already paid for. All School participants will be offered transportation from IAG to this restaurant, and at the end, transportation back to the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** will be provided for participants staying there.

Transportation to School activities

Those staying at the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** will be offered transportation to all School activities. The buses will be waiting in the street in front of the hotel entrance. Please pay attention to the bus schedule and be ready to board at the parking lot on time.

The School will also provide your transportation back from the course venue to the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel**.

Please note:

The buses will leave according to the timetable below, so **don't be late**. If you miss the bus, you will have to take care of your own transportation to the School. There are no regular city buses directly connecting the hotel to the campus – so don't miss the bus!



Date	Departure time at hotel	Destination
03 July (MON)	7:00am	IAG (USP campus)
04 July (TUE)	8:00am	IAG (USP campus), networking dinner
05 July (WED)	8:00am	IAG (USP campus)
06 July (THU)	8:00am	IAG (USP campus)
07 July (FRI)	8:00am	IAG (USP campus)
08 July (SAT)	8:30am	IAG (USP campus)
09 July (SUN)	-	No bus service
10 July (MON)	7:40am	IAG (USP campus)
11 July (TUE)	8:00am	IAG (USP campus)
12 July (WED)	6:20am	CEMADEN & CPTEC
13 July (THU)	8:00am	IAG (USP campus)
14 July (FRI)	8:00am	IAG (USP campus)
15 July (SAT)	8:00am	IAG (USP campus)

Other general information

Visiting Brazil

Brazil maintains a reciprocal visa policy. For tourism purposes, Brazil is visa-free for many countries in Europe and Central America. For citizens of many countries in South America, including Argentina and Chile, it is possible to visit Brazil with a national identity card (but the document must be recent). Please verify the requirements for your country in this list:

<http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/images/qgrv/QGRV-simples-ing-08-12-16.pdf>

Health and immunization

There is no mandatory vaccine to enter Brazil, but please pay attention to the orientations from the Health organ in your country of origin as well.

If you are going to leave the city of Sao Paulo, please learn about areas with Vaccination Recommendation (ACRV), as it may be recommended to vaccinate against yellow fever (10 days prior to the trip). Those visiting the Amazon (states of Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima and Tocantins) must also take precautions against Malaria transmission.

Many areas in Brazil, including the city of Sao Paulo, have registered the occurrence of diseases carried by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito, such as dengue and zika virus. The main form of prevention focuses on the mosquitos, including the usage of insect repellent. In the city of Sao Paulo, the incidence of such diseases was much lower in 2017. The month of July also has a lower transmission rate due to the weather, which is drier and colder.

The School will provide travel health insurance coverage for international participants (in the case where SPSASCC are providing flights), from 3rd July until 15th July. Public health services in Brazil are free for foreign tourists, so you can also call for emergency services dialing 192 on your phone for an ambulance.

Food and water

Tap water is safe and fine for consumption in Sao Paulo, however most people will prefer to use filtered water fountains to avoid any taste or smell of chlorine that is added as part of the water treatment. At IAG (the SPSASCC venue) you will find water filters – use them to refill your SPSASCC mug or any personal bottle and reuse it to reduce waste.

There is no general concern with food poisoning in Sao Paulo. However, it is advised to wash thoroughly all the fresh food you buy at supermarkets or shops. Most restaurants should be safe – just use your common sense.

Currency

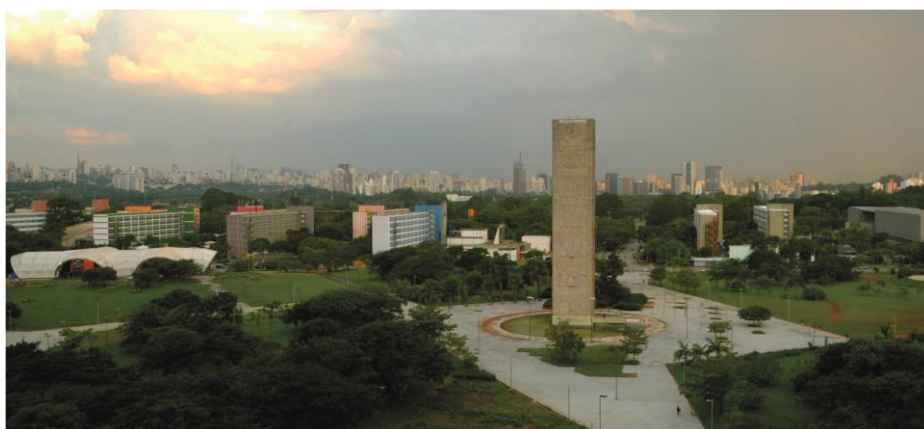
The Brazilian currency is the Real (plural: Reais; three letter code: BRL). The currency is denoted by the R\$ sign. Currently, USD 1 averages at R\$ 3.15. Foreign currencies are not commonly accepted on the commerce, but credit cards are widely used (mainly VISA or MasterCard).

You can exchange US Dollars, Euros and British Pounds to Reais at many banks and Exchange offices. Other currencies will be more difficult to exchange in Brazil, so you may want to consider exchanging it before your trip or use the exchange service at an international airport.

Language

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese, which is a Latin language similar to Spanish. All the activities of the SPSASCC will be in English, due to its international and scientific prevalence. Be prepared to deal with non-English speakers on buses, restaurants, etc; however, it is a common characteristic of Brazilians to try to help foreigners as much as possible, even in a big city as Sao Paulo.

The city of São Paulo



São Paulo is the capital of the state of São Paulo and one of the most populous cities in the world. Neither São Paulo nor Rio de Janeiro are the national capital – that would be Brasilia, which is located in the center-western region.

Over 12 million people live in the inner city of Sao Paulo; if you count the entire metropolitan area, that number surpasses 21 million people. Like many big cities, it is full of contrasts.

Crime can be a serious issue in São Paulo, so we ask you to be careful during your stay. But this shouldn't prevent you from exploring the city, and here are some tips if you wish to do so:

- Watch out for pickpockets on buses, subway trains or on the street;
- Do not carry exposed expensive electronics, such as cameras or notebooks. Being discrete is normally the best way of acting;

- Learn more about the areas you want to visit. You can ask the School staff or your Brazilian colleagues for information;
- Avenida Paulista and Rua dos Pinheiros are places with easy access and options of restaurants and bars. Such places draw more people even during the evening, and they are generally a safe place to go out.
- There are interesting and traditional places to visit in the downtown area, but these places and stations are very crowded and require more attention against robbers even in daylight.

You will be visiting São Paulo in July, during the Brazilian Winter.

The average temperature range between 11°C and 22°C (52°F and 72°F), but it may drop to a low of 5°C (41°F) on a rainy morning. The average rainfall is also lower in this season, at 45mm during the month of July. We advise you to check the extended forecast at services such as Accuweather before your trip.

Top rated places in São Paulo

Some of the top rated things to do in São Paulo (please note to check ahead that your planned destination is open before visiting):

- **Parque Ibirapuera – Ibirapuera Park**
5 km from the hotel. The nearby Metro stations are Santa Cruz, Vila Mariana, Ana Rosa, Paraíso, and Brigadeiro – take the Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel, change at Paulista/Consolação to **Line 2** (Green) for Brigadeiro.
<http://parqueibirapuera.org/>
- **Pinacoteca do Estado de Sao Paulo – Brazilian and contemporary art museum/gallery**
7.5 km from the hotel. The nearest Metro station is Luz – take Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel to Luz at the end of the line.
<http://pinacoteca.org.br/pinacoteca-pt>
- **Avenida Paulista – Paulista Avenue – Landmark/famous shopping street including restaurants, malls, and markets**
On Sundays the main avenue is closed to traffic becomes pedestrianized. Starting at 3.5 km from the hotel. The nearest station is Paulista, take the Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel, to Paulista. Additionally, from Avenida Paulista southwest walk between Rua Augusta and Rua Oscar Freire to see the Jardins shopping district with more shops, cafes and restaurants.
- **Museu Catavento – ‘Weathervane Museum’ (science museum)**
8 km from the hotel. The nearest Metro station is Luz or São Bento – take Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel to Luz at the end of the line.
http://www.cataventocultural.org.br/home_us
- **Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil Sao Paulo – Cultural center**
8 km from the hotel. The nearest Metro station is São Bento, Sé or República – take Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel to República then change to **Line 3** (Red) to Sé.
<http://culturabancodobrasil.com.br/portal/sao-paulo>
- **Sala São Paulo – Orchestra/concert hall**

7 km from the hotel. The nearest Metro station is Luz – take Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel to Luz at the end of the line.

<https://goo.gl/maps/SNcrUea8ZDr> Google maps view of inside

<http://www.salasaopaulo.art.br>

- **Museu do Futebol – Brazilian Football Museum**

4 km from the hotel. The nearest station is Paulista, take the Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel, to Paulista.

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

- **Allianz Parque – Football stadium of Palmeiras**

5 km from the hotel. The nearest station is Palmeiras-Barra Funda, take the Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel, to República and change to Line 3 to Palmeiras-Barra Funda at the end of the line. Alternatively it might be faster by bus.

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

- **Mosteiro De São Bento – São Bento Monastery**

7 km from the hotel. The nearest Metro station is São Bento – take Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel to Luz at the end of the line, then change to **Line 1** (Blue) for São Bento.

<http://mosteiro.org.br>

- **Museu de Arte de São Paulo (MASP) – Art Museum of São Paulo – Collection of art by many famous artists including Europeans**

4.3 km from the hotel. The nearest Metro station is Trianon-Masp or Paulista – take Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel to Paulista, then optionally change to Consolação to **Line 2** (Green) for Trianon-Masp.

<http://masp.art.br>

- **Mercado Municipal de São Paulo – São Paulo Municipal Market (popular destination to try local food)**

7.5 km from the hotel. The nearest Metro station is Luz or São Bento – take Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel to Luz at the end of the line.

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

- **Teatro Renault – Renault Theatre (Opera/Musicals theatre)**

6.5 km from the hotel. The nearest station is Liberdade or Anhangabaú, take the Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel, to República and change to **Line 3** (Red) to Anhangabaú or optionally Sé to change again for Liberdade via **Line 1** (Blue).

<https://www.renault.com.br/universo-renault/teatro-renault.html>

- **Theatro Municipal de São Paulo – Municipal Theatre of São Paulo (Orchestra/concert hall)**

6.5 km from the hotel. The nearest station is República or Anhangabaú, take the Metro **Line 4** (Yellow) from Faria Lima near the hotel, to República.

<http://theatromunicipal.org.br>

- **Paróquia Nossa Senhora do Brasil – Our Lady of Brazil Church**

2.5 km from the hotel.

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

Getting around São Paulo

São Paulo's subway system (Metrô) is integrated with the metropolitan rail network (CPTM). This system is safe, but limited. São Paulo's surface bus network is more extensive, including

several express lanes.

Metrô website: <http://www.metro.sp.gov.br/en/your-trip/index.aspx>

CPTM website (Portuguese only): <http://www.cptm.sp.gov.br/sua-viagem/Pages/Linhas.aspx>

The tickets for subway, trains and city buses cost R\$3.80. You can take any bus and pay for your ticket inside it, but be aware that there is a R\$20.00 limit for change. You should board by the front door and pay to the conductor in the middle of the bus (not to the driver).

- Remember: subway stations are open until midnight on weekdays and Sundays, and until 1am on Saturdays.

If you prefer or need to use private transportation, it is increasingly common in São Paulo to call for taxis using apps such as 99 Taxi and EasyTaxi, as well as Uber and Cabify. At the USP campus you can also request transportation at three taxi stands at USP (ask for help from the School staff if necessary):

- University Hospital (HU - Hospital Universitário) (11) 3091-3532
- Banks (Bancos) (11) 3091-4488
- Dean's Office (Reitoria) (11) 3091-3556

If you need a taxi while at the hotel, you can ask the hotel reception to help you. Similarly, if you need a taxi while at IAG, you can ask at the front desk (IAG reception) to help you.

Please remember:

Those staying at the **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** will be offered free transportation to all School activities.

Driving in São Paulo

Most international driver licenses are accepted for driving a rental car, but be aware that traffic in São Paulo can be very busy, especially on rush hours or during rainfall. When driving in São Paulo, pay special attention to motorcycles riding between cars.

You will find car rental companies at the airport or in town. Brazilians drive on the right side of the road, with the steering wheel on the left side of the car. Brazil follows the metric system, so speed limit signs will be in km/h.

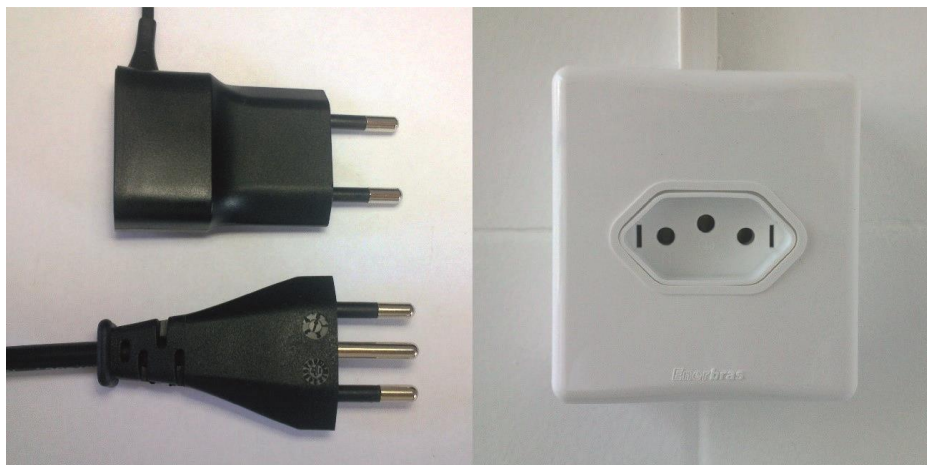
Please note:

The **Golden Tower São Paulo Hotel** charges R\$20 per day per car for parking. This cost will not be covered by the SPSASCC, and will be taken from the credit card/cash deposit you provide to them.

How to charge and connect your gadgets

The voltage in Sao Paulo is 110V, 60Hz. In some places you may also find 220V outlets, but they are not the standard and are usually red – you will see some of these in our Auditorium at USP.

The current national standard (IEC 60906-1) looks like this:



The outlet works on plugs with either two or three pins (the third pin is the optional 'earth' pin), but the plug must have this shape. We recommend getting an international power plug adapter and avoid any problems of running out of batteries.

Wi-fi internet and mobile internet

You will have wi-fi service at the hotel (ask for information at the front desk) and at the School (login information provided on the first section of this guide).

If you are an international participant and you plan to use your own phone service during your stay in São Paulo, you need to check with your operator to allow roaming usage in Brazil. Pay special attention to the fees and charges for this international roaming service, as it can be very expensive.

Another option is to purchase a prepaid SIM card (you will have to present your passport, and your phone must be unblocked to other SIMs). You can find the information for international visitors at the website of the mobile operators:

- CLARO: <https://goo.gl/Id1SwD>
- TIM: <https://goo.gl/kJ0lBi>
- VIVO: <https://goo.gl/e9CKH6>

Making phone calls in Brazil

The country code in Brazil is +55 and Sao Paulo area code is 11. Whenever you need to use a country or area code, you are going to need to select a phone operator. If you are using a Brazilian service, it is usually best to use the code of your phone operator (Claro: 21, Tim: 41, Vivo: 15).

Local	Regular	Phone number
	Collect	9 + 0 + Operator + Area code + Phone number
Different area	Regular	0 + Operator + Area code + Phone number
	Collect	9 + 0 + Operator + Area code + Phone number
International	Regular	00 + Operator + Country code + Area code + Phone number
	Collect	9 + 00 + Operator + Country code + Area code + Phone number

Emergency numbers in Brazil

- Police: 190
- Fire: 193
- Ambulance: 192

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