

Take note!

Before planning your trip, check the operating details and rules for visiting the tourist attractions. For example, some places may be closed for renovation during your stay in the city.

SURROUNDINGS

OURO PRETO

The first Brazilian site to be listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the city, located 98 km from Belo Horizonte, is a genuine immersion in the time and space of the history of Minas Gerais and Brazil. Among the tourist attractions are the Inconfidência Museum, the Parish Churches of Nossa Senhora da Conceição and Nossa Senhora do Pilar, the Church of São Francisco de Assis and the overlook of Mount São Sebastião.

- Tourist information:
- +55 31 3559 3287

turismo.ouropreto.mg.gov.br

SURROUNDINGS

INHOTIM

Just 60 km from Belo Horizonte, the Inhotim Institute is home to one of the most important collections of contemporary art in the world and it is considered the largest open-air art center in Latin America. Its botanical collection brings together rare species from all continents in an area of 97 hectares.

- Address: Rua B, 20 - Brumadinho
- +55 31 3571 9700
- Check out the schedule: inhotim.org.br

How to get there: the average journey time by car is 1.5 hours long, from the central region to the Inhotim entrance. There is also the option to take the Cia. Coordenadas bus, which leaves from the Belo Horizonte Bus Station from Tuesdays to Sundays.

See entrance fees and guided tour schedule.

FOLK FESTIVITIES

CARNAVAL

Belo Horizonte hosts one of the main street carnivals in Brazil. It's a spontaneous party with free festivities all over the city. Millions of revelers celebrate in street blocks, dances, events and traditional parades of samba schools and caricature blocks.

ARRAIAL

The biggest Festa Junina in the south and southeast of Brazil, the Arraial de Belo Horizonte is one of Brazil's main tourist destinations during this period. During the several days of free activities, the festival attracts a large audience, with the Quadrilhas competition, Gastronomic Village and concerts by local and national artists.

FESTIVALS

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Belo Horizonte City Hall organizes festivals of different artistic languages that are national references. With a diverse and free schedule, the list includes Virada Cultural, Descontorno Cultural, the International Comics Festival (FIQ), the International Literature Festival (FIL), the International Theater Festival (FIT) and the Black Art Festival (FAN).



Foto: Virada Cultural, 2022 / Flávio Tavares

EXPERIENCES

GALERIA SÃO VICENTE

The São Vicente Gallery has traditionally housed stores that sold and repaired sewing machines. Today its balcony and internal stores have been reoccupied by gastronomic and cultural initiatives.

Built in 1959, the Gallery is the last balcony open for the public to overlook Praça Raul Soares. The building has one of its facades facing the square, which is the meeting point of four of the city's most important avenues.



Foto: Benito Paulo Magalhães

Stay up to date with Belo Horizonte's events calendar.

portalbelohorizonte.com.br/eventos



Practical Guide

Discover Belo Horizonte and its surprising tourist, cultural and gastronomic attractions

MUSEUMS

MUSEU HISTÓRICO ABÍLIO BARRETO

The museum tells the story of the city of Belo Horizonte itself, from its days as Curral Del Rei to the present time. The space occupies the mansion of the former Fazenda do Leiteão, built in 1883, almost 15 years before the inauguration of the capital of Minas Gerais, one of the first planned cities in Brazil.* An electric streetcar and a steam locomotive on display complete the symbolism of the place, which offers exhibitions and patrimonial education activities.

Address: Avenida Prudente de Morais, 202 - Cidade Jardim

- +55 31 3277 8573
- Check out the schedule: [@museuabiliobarreto](https://www.instagram.com/museuabiliobarreto)

* Designed by engineer Aarão Reis between 1894 and 1897, Belo Horizonte was intended to be a true urban synthesis of the late 19th century.

MUSEUMS

MUSEU DE ARTES E OFÍCIOS

The first museum dedicated entirely to the theme of labor, arts and crafts in the country, it is housed in the historic complex of the former Central Station of the Central Railway of Brazil, at Praça da Estação. It displays a collection of 2,500 original pieces from the 18th to the 20th centuries, representing old trades in sectors such as mining, weaving and energy, among others; the cultural space tells the story of dozens of activities that originated the transformation industry in Minas Gerais and Brazil.

The museum occupies a space of more than 15,000 m² in the heart of the city. Its inauguration in 2005 contributed to the process of reframing and occupying the central region, which was already consolidated as a cultural hub.

Address: Praça Rui Barbosa, 600 - Centro

- +55 31 3248 8600
- Check out the schedule: mao.org.br

MUSEUMS

MUSEU INIMÁ DE PAULA

Located in a historic building that once housed a club and a cinema, the Inimá de Paula Museum breathes art, culture and history. Opened in 2008, it covers more than 3,000 square meters with unique lighting and visual resources. The museum has a permanent collection dedicated to the painter and designer Inimá de Paula (1918-1999), born in Itanhomi, in the Steel Valley, and known as "the Brazilian fauve". The space also hosts temporary exhibitions. In front of the building there is a square with a monument to the famous phrase by composer Rômulo Paes: "Minha minha vida é esta, subir Bahia e descer floresta". (This is my life, go up Bahia and down Floresta.)

Address: Rua da Bahia, 1.201 - Centro

- +55 31 3213 4320/3222 9798
- Check out the schedule: museuinimadepaula.org.br

MUSEUMS

MUSEU DA MODA

In 2016, Belo Horizonte welcomed the first public fashion museum in Brazil, in an unprecedented and vanguard project that offers exhibitions, lectures, workshops and courses. The Museum is housed in one of the city's architectural gems, a neo-Gothic building, often mistaken for a religious building, inaugurated in 1914 to house the Capital's Deliberative Council and the first Municipal Public Library.

Address: Rua da Bahia, 1.149 - Centro

- +55 31 3277 9248
- Check out the schedule: [@museudamodabh](https://www.instagram.com/museudamodabh)



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MUSEUMS

MUSEU DOS BRINQUEDOS

Opened in 2006 with the mission of preserving and valuing childhood in Brazil, the Museum now has more than 5,000 toys in its collection, 800 of which are on permanent display. The institution is located in a beautiful house listed by the city's Historical Heritage and attracts an audience of all ages with toys, stories and childhood memories.

Address: Avenida Afonso Pena, 2.564 - Funcionários

- +55 31 3261 3992
- Check out the schedule: musedosbrinquedos.org.br

MUSEUMS

MUSEU GIRAMUNDO

The Giramundo Puppet Theater Group Museum is home to the largest collection of puppet theater in the Americas. Its collection differs from other similar ones because it is constantly being built, with most of the group's original shows still in action. It is also noteworthy for its large collection of drawings, technical projects and historical photographs of Giramundo.

Address: Rua Varginha, 245 - Floresta

- +55 31 3446 0686
- Check out the schedule: giramundo.org/museu

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MUSEU DE HISTÓRIA NATURAL E JARDIM BOTÂNICO DA UFMG

Set in an area of approximately 600,000 m² of diverse vegetation typical of the Atlantic Forest, the Museum houses 265,664 items. The collection is organized in the areas of Archaeology, Palaeontology, Geology, Botany, Zoology, Historical Cartography, Ethnography, Popular Art, and Bibliographic and Archival Documentation. The museum also houses a treasure trove of folk art: the Pipiripau Nativity Scene. Created throughout the 20th century by the artisan Raimundo Machado, it synchronizes 586 moving figures, distributed over 45 scenes that tell the story of Jesus Christ aligned with the daily life of a city.

Address: Rua Gustavo da Silveira, 1.035 Santa Inês

- +55 31 3409 7650 (check Pipiripau's schedule)
- Check out the schedule: www.ufmg.br/mhnpj

PRAÇA DA LIBERDADE

CIRCUITO LIBERDADE

One of Brazil's largest cultural complexes is in Belo Horizonte. The Liberdade Circuit, launched in 2010, brings together various cultural, artistic and tourist attractions in an area of enormous symbolic and historical value. Among them are the Luiz de Bessa Public Library, the Casa Fiat de Cultura, the Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, the Cemig Popular Art Center, the UFMG Knowledge Space, the Minas Gerais Vale Memorial, the MM Gerdau - Museum of Mines and Metal, the Minas Gerais Museum and the Palácio da Liberdade.

Several historic and private buildings host national and international traveling exhibitions, children's programs, workshops and permanent exhibitions.

Address: Praça da Liberdade - Funcionários

- Check the schedule: circuitoliberdade.mg.gov.br

AFONSO PENA AVENUE / CULTURAL SPACES

PALÁCIO DAS ARTES - FUNDAÇÃO CLÓVIS SALGADO

A diverse cultural complex, it hosts art exhibitions, concerts, theater productions, film shows and other cultural events. It is one of the largest cultural production, training and dissemination centers in the country, with multi-media spaces, communal areas, rehearsal rooms and the Artistic Training Center, with music, theater and dance schools. The space is accessible to people with disabilities or reduced mobility.

Address: Avenida Afonso Pena, 1.537 - Centro

- +55 31 3236 7400
- Check out the schedule: fcs.mg.gov.br

CULTURAL SPACES

SESC PALLADIUM

Cultural space with a varied program of concerts, theater, exhibitions and cinema. It also has a café, store and multipurpose space. It hosts major tours by well-known artists and promotes local production.

Address: Rua Rio de Janeiro, 1.046 - Centro

- +55 31 3270 8100
- Check out the schedule: sescmg.com.br

CINE THEATRO BRASIL VALLOUREC

A cultural and events space located in Praça Sete, in the heart of the capital, it was the first building in the city influenced by the art deco style. It has theaters, exhibition galleries, a multipurpose space and a café bistro.

Address: Rua dos Carijós, 258 - Centro

- +55 31 3201 5211 / 3243 1964
- Check out the schedule: cinetheatrobrasil.com.br

CULTURAL SPACES

SALA MINAS GERAIS

The space consolidates Belo Horizonte in a select group of cities with orchestral infrastructure of such magnitude in the world. Inaugurated in 2015, it has an area of 32,464 m² and a capacity for 1,477 spectators. In addition to an intense program of concerts throughout the year, the Philharmonic Institute maintains an extensive educational program, such as the Didactic Concerts series, tailored to children and teenagers. With its privileged location, Sala Minas Gerais is in the central region, close to important gastronomic areas such as Lourdes and Savassi.

Address: Rua Tenente Brito Melo, 1.090 Barro Preto

- +55 31 3219 9000
- Check out the schedule: filarmonica.art.br

NEW HORIZONS

RUA SAPUCAÍ

The Sapucaí overlook is one of the most beautiful contemplative spaces in the city. From there, visitors can enjoy not only an incredible sunset, but also the buildings of the city center, the Serra do Curral, the immense green carpet of the Municipal Park and the Santa Tereza Viaduct - elements that make up the most beautiful horizons in the capital.

NEW HORIZONS

CIRCUITO DE ARTE URBANA (CURA)

As we walk around Belo Horizonte, we notice the artistic interventions made on some building facades, which replace the gray of the concrete with an explosion of color and creativity! It was in the capital that CURA, one of the largest public art festivals in Brazil, was born in 2017. With more than 60 works of urban art scattered around the city, BH has given new meaning to walls, facades and gables of buildings, transforming them into large canvases on which local, national and international artists leave their traces inspired by current themes and the roots of Minas Gerais and Brazilian culture. One of the best places to see a large part of this collection is Rua Sapucaí, in the Floresta neighborhood. Belo Horizonte's hypercenter, increasingly colorful with murals scattered around the buildings, received a piece by São Paulo artist Eduardo Kobra in 2023.

@cura.art - www.cura.art

MULTI-PURPOSE SPACES

EDIFÍCIO ARCÂNGELO MALETTA

Plural in its gastronomy and culture, Maletta has a restaurant listed by the Historical and Cultural Heritage, vegan bistros, stores dedicated to hobbies such as modeling, traditional bookstores, cool thrift stores, tattoo studios, graffiti and painting supplies, as well as many bars. The multicultural environment is an open ground for debate, from politics to alternative culture. The Maletta occupies the former site of the Grande Hotel, built when the new capital was inaugurated in 1897. Its corridors have been frequented by writers and musicians such as Murilo Rubião, Nivaldo Ornelas, Wagner Tiso and Milton Nascimento.

Address: Rua da Bahia, 1.148 - Centro

- Check out the schedule: [facebook.com/EdificioMalettaBH/](https://www.facebook.com/EdificioMalettaBH/)



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GASTRONOMY, BARS AND MARKETS

In 2019, Belo Horizonte was designated a UNESCO Creative City for Gastronomy. A recognition of the combination of innovation and tradition found in the restaurants, markets, festivals and, of course, the thousands of Botecos in the Brazilian capital with the highest number of bars per capita.

Discover our main gastronomic corridors:

Pampulha Region:
Fleming and Guarapari Avenues

Northeast Region:
Alberto Cintra Street

Eastern Region:
Bairro Santa Tereza

Center-South Region:
Lourdes, Savassi and Anchieta

Surroundings of Belo Horizonte:
Vila da Serra

MERCADO CENTRAL

Considered one of Belo Horizonte's main tourist attractions and one of the best markets in the world (sharing the top international rankings with Barcelona's Mercat de la Boqueria and London's Borough Market), it opened in 1929. Its 400-plus stores sell the most diverse products, such as top-quality fruit and vegetables; typical foods, such as Minas Gerais cheeses and desserts; handicrafts; household utensils; Cachaça; herbs; flowers; lace; roots and religious products.



Foto: Duarte Studio/Arquivo Belour

The Mercado Central is truly a place to get carried away and take a leisurely tour.

Address: Avenida Augusto de Lima, 744 - Centro

- +55 31 3274 9434
- Check out the schedule: mercadocentral.com.br

MERCADO NOVO

A space dedicated to cultural events and other activities linked to independent productions. It has become a meeting place for those who enjoy good food and excellent craft beers. With surprising floors, the multicultural space has environments that mesmerize all visitors. Art galleries, bars, a gaming space, restaurants, thrift stores and unique shops enliven the corridors of the market, which continues to grow every day.

Address: Avenida Olegário Maciel, 742 - Centro

- +55 31 3212 6607
- @[mercadonovobh](https://www.instagram.com/mercadonovobh)



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MERCADO DISTRITAL DO CRUZEIRO

The Cruzeiro District Market is a space that has established itself as a gastronomic and cultural hotspot, with over 40 years of history and a wide variety of products and leisure options. It hosts artisan fairs and cultural events all year round.

Address: Rua Ouro Fino, 452 - Cruzeiro

- +55 31 3223 7844
- Check out the schedule: [facebook.com/mercadodistritaldocruzeiro](https://www.facebook.com/mercadodistritaldocruzeiro)



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CENTRO DE REFERÊNCIA DO QUEIJO ARTESANAL

The Artisanal Cheese Reference Centre has a permanent exhibition, a collaborative store selling products from Minas Gerais, a classroom with a teaching kitchen, a library dedicated to the culture and gastronomy of Minas Gerais and a multipurpose space for cultural and educational events. With an immersive ambience and unique architectural design, visitors can experience and learn about cheese culture.

Address: Rua Adriano Chaves e Matos, 100 - Espaço 356 - Olhos D'Água

- +55 31 3568 5258
- Check out the schedule: [instagram.com/queijoecultura](https://www.instagram.com/queijoecultura)

SAVASSI E SANTA TEREZA

A former meeting place for Belo Horizonte's politicians and intellectuals, the Savassi area has become a sophisticated commercial area with charming cafés, bars, restaurants and a lively nightlife and culture. In the Eastern Region, the Santa Tereza neighborhood has gained fame as one of the city's most traditional bohemian strongholds, thanks to its serenade houses, bars and musical movements as diverse as Clube da Esquina and Sepultura.

PLURALITY

Cosmopolitan and diverse, Belo Horizonte has the second largest LGBTQIAPN+ circuit in Brazil, according to the Guiya Communication Network ranking. Since 2017, the city has been part of the International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA), a worldwide organization dedicated to LGBTQIAPN+ tourism.

MINEIRÃO

The "Pampulha Giant" is an arena equivalent in standard to the world's leading soccer stadiums. It seats 62,000 people and houses the Brazilian Football Museum, where you can see the entire structure around the pitch. Outside, the Mineirão Esplanade hosts major concerts and shows and has a beautiful view of the Pampulha Lake, in addition to being a place for practicing sports. On Sunday mornings, the traditional Mineirão Car Show also takes place there.

Brazilian Football Museum

- Avenida Coronel Oscar Paschoal, s/n Portão G2

Stadium

Address: Avenida Antônio Abrahão Caram, 1.001 - São Luiz

- +55 31 3499 4300/4312
- Check out the schedule: estadiomineirao.com.br

FUNDAÇÃO DE PARQUES MUNICIPAIS E ZOOTOÂNICA

The space offers various attractions:

AQUARIUM OF THE SÃO FRANCISCO RIVER BASIN

Marked by the cultural richness of one of the most important rivers in the country, it has 22 tanks with typical species of the basin.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE

This place is home to hundreds of butterflies of all kinds and invites us to learn about the development process of these animals.

BOTANICAL GARDENS

Brazilian trees and palms, bromeliads, foliage, flowers and vines. A total of 3,500 plant species are on display.

JAPANESE GARDEN

Typical Japanese trees, decorative bridges and lanterns, lakes with colorful carp and artificial waterfalls make up the environment.

ZOO

The Zoo is home to around 3,000 animals of more than 250 species representing the five continents, including reptiles, birds, amphibians and mammals.

Address: Avenida Otacilio Negrão de Lima, 8.000 - Pampulha

- +55 31 3277 8489

PARQUE DA SERRA DO CURRAL

In the transition between the Atlantic Forest and the Cerrado, with trails, viewpoints and communal squares, the park is a place for hiking, resting and contemplation.

Address: Avenida José do Patrocínio Pontes, 1.951 - Mangabeiras

- +55 31 3277 8120/3246 5028

MIRANTE DO MANGABEIRAS

One of the most beautiful views in the city. Considered an environmental preservation area, it is located in the Mangabeiras district, behind the Governor's Palace, in an area of approximately 35,400 m². With two wooden decks installed, each measuring around 125m², the Overlook offers visitors a beautiful panoramic view of the city and the Mangabeiras Park.

Address: Rua Pedro José Pardo, 1.000 - Mangabeiras

- +55 31 3246 5030

PARQUE MUNICIPAL DAS MANGABEIRAS

Located at the foot of the Serra do Curral, a cultural heritage site in Belo Horizonte and designed by Burle Marx, this is the largest green area in the city. There you can go hiking in the middle of the native forest and see coatis, marmosets and other animals. It features kiosks, sports courts, playgrounds, a concert arena, a theater and a skate park.

Address: Avenida José do Patrocínio Pontes, 580 - Mangabeiras

- +55 31 3277 8277



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FEIRA DE ARTEANATO DA AFONSO PENA

The Arts and Crafts Fair on Afonso Pena Avenue, known as the Feira Hippie, is one of the largest open-air fairs in Latin America. It is open on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and welcomes a wide range of locals and tourists interested in the variety of products. There you can find clothes, decorations, leather goods, handicrafts, percussion instruments, paintings, sculptures, furniture, embroidery, among other items, as well as street food.

Address: Avenida Afonso Pena, s/n - Centro (between Guajajaras Street and Praça Sete)

- +55 31 3277 9235 / 3277 4987

PARQUE MUNICIPAL AMÉRICO RENNÉ GIANNETTI

With its 182,000 square meters, the Municipal Park is impressive. Opened in September 1897, even before the official inauguration of the new capital of Minas Gerais (which would only take place in December), it is Belo Horizonte's oldest environmental heritage site. It houses the Francisco Nunes Theater, a greenhouse, an amusement park, a walking track, a multi-sports court, a tennis court and gym equipment. There, you can cross the bridge over the lake to see the swans, row one of the boats available for rent or enjoy events ranging from electronic music to puppet shows.

Address: Avenida Afonso Pena, 1.377 - Centro

- +55 31 3277 4161

CÂMERASETE - CASA DA FOTOGRAFIA DE MINAS GERAIS

Located in the heart of Praça Sete, next to the historic Café Nice, the building once housed the Moreira Salles Institute, an important photography institution. The Clóvis Salgado Foundation, which also manages the Palácio das Artes, has revived this vocation. In addition to being an exhibition space, CâmeraSete - Casa da Fotografia de Minas Gerais is committed to developing public education in this field.

Address: Avenida Afonso Pena, 737 - Centro

- +55 31 3236 7400
- Check out the schedule: [fcs.mg.gov.br/espacos-culturais/camerasete/](https://www.fcs.mg.gov.br/espacos-culturais/camerasete/)

CONJUNTO MODERNO DA PAMPULHA

A masterpiece signed by Oscar Niemeyer, Roberto Burle Marx and Candido Portinari, the Complex became a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 2016. The route includes the buildings and gardens of the São Francisco de Assis Church, the Pampulha Art Museum, the Casa do Baile and the late Tênis Clube, built almost simultaneously between 1942 and 1943; as well as the water mirror and the shore of the Pampulha Lake. The Dino Barbieri and Alberto Dalva Simão squares, both designed by Burle Marx, complete the Modern Complex.



Foto: Duarte Studio/Arquivo Belour

At some of the overlooks close to the facilities, visitors have the opportunity to contemplate the details of the modern architecture.

Find out more about Pampulha, see virtual tours of the attractions and the region's events calendar at portalbelohorizonte.com.br/pampulha

IGREJA SÃO FRANCISCO DE ASSIS

Designed by architect Oscar Niemeyer, it was considered a major architectural innovation. Its interior houses the Stations of the Cross, made up of 14 panels by Candido Portinari. The gardens were designed by Burle Marx and the bronze bas-reliefs were sculpted by Alfredo Ceschiatti.

Address: Avenida Otacilio Negrão de Lima, 3.000 - Pampulha

- +55 31 3465 6219
- More information at: santuariosaofranciscodeassis.arquidiocesebh.org.br

MUSEU DE ARTE PAMPULHA

Designed to be a casino in the early 1940s, during the administration of mayor Juscelino Kubitschek, the building that now houses the Pampulha Art Museum (MAP) was Oscar Niemeyer's first project for the architectural complex. It offers exhibitions, guided tours, workshops, activities, meetings and talks with artists and guests.

Address: Avenida Otacilio Negrão de Lima, 16.585 - Pampulha

- +55 31 3277 7946

Please note: the interior of the MAP building is closed for restoration work, but its gardens designed by Burle Marx are open to visitors.

- Check out the schedule at portalbelohorizonte.com.br/museuspampulha

CASA DO BAILE

Designed by architect Oscar Niemeyer, the building is located on a small artificial island on the banks of the Pampulha Lake, connected to the road by a winding bridge. It used to be a popular dance hall and is now the Reference Center for Architecture and Urbanism.

Address: Avenida Otacilio Negrão de Lima, 751 - Pampulha

- +55 31 3277 7443
- @[casadobailebh](https://www.instagram.com/casadobailebh)



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IATE TÊNIS CLUBE

External contemplation of the architecture and visit to the hall with works by Portinari and Burle Marx.

Address: Avenida Otacilio Negrão de Lima, 1.350 - Pampulha

- +55 31 3490 8400
- @[iatetenisclubebh](https://www.instagram.com/iatetenisclubebh)



Foto: Duarte Studio/Arquivo Belour

CASA KUBITSCHKE

Designed in 1943 by Oscar Niemeyer to be the weekend residence of the then mayor of Belo Horizonte, Juscelino Kubitschek, it stands on the banks of the Pampulha Lake. The space is dedicated to telling the story of a modernist house from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, through spatialization, objects and sensory stimuli.

Address: Avenida Otacilio Negrão de Lima, 4.188 - Pampulha

- +55 31 3277 1586
- @[museucasakubitschekbh](https://www.instagram.com/museucasakubitschekbh)



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