

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much should Ecotour participants pledge to Task Brasil Trust?

We ask *Ecotour – The Organic Farming Experience* participants to pledge **£350** or more towards Task Brasil Trust's projects in Brazil. The money will be used towards providing a safe and loving environment for children benefiting from Task Brasil's care. All monies pledged and donated to the projects should be made payable to **Task Brasil Trust**.

Ecotour costs:

Participants will pay *Task Brasil Limited* in the UK as follows:

- **£495** - Standard Package
includes: 4 star hotel in Rio de Janeiro for 3 nights; 4 nights' accommodation in a pousada close to Epsom College Farm; 1 night's accommodation in a pousada in the Cachoeiras de Macacu region.
- **£345** Budget Package
includes: 2 star hotel in Rio de Janeiro for 3 nights; 1 night's accommodation in a pousada in the Cachoeiras de Macacu region.

Please note that 1) 4 nights' accommodation in Epsom College Farm is provided by Task Brasil Trust when volunteering at the farm; 2) accommodation at ECF is subject to availability.

All meals and refreshments (bar non-alcoholic beverages) and transport for the duration of the tour are included in the above costs

An additional supplement is payable should Ecotourists wish to book a single room as all prices are based on two persons of same sex sharing.

After all expenses of the trip are paid for and administration costs are deducted any remaining balance will be donated to Task Brasil Trust, a Registered Charity 1030929 towards the running costs of Epsom College Farm. Task Brasil Limited is a Trading subsidiary of Task Brasil Trust; Registered Office: 12 Great James street, London WC1N 3DR, Registered in England No. 03927719

Participants need to organise:

- 1) Their own flights (the tour begins at midday Saturday and finishes the following Sunday afternoon),
- 2) Travel insurance for the duration of the tour (participants are welcome to extend it subject to additional cost to cover the duration of their total stay if they choose to stay longer in Brazil. Please check if medical expenses are covered and paid by the insurer as and when required, avoiding having to pay up front and then claim back on return)

Summary of Costs	Pledged Money	Costs of the tour	Other Expenses
Budget	£350	£345	Flights, Travel Insurance
Standard	£350	£495	Flights, Travel Insurance

Where does the money go?

Amounts pledged and donated to Task Brasil Trust will be invested into the Epsom College Farm project for the street teenagers for whom it is designed to benefit. This includes funding the tools, plants, seeds and animals required on the farm. It will also be invested in purchasing general equipment including: machinery, fencing and irrigation materials, infrastructure of the property such as the maintenance of roads, dams and buildings; and general operational costs, the salaries of the carers and farm manager, social workers and educators employed to take care of the boys.

What is the accommodation like?

4 star- Accommodation in shared rooms, two per room, in Rio will be in a 4 star hotel located in Ipanema district with fantastic views of the city from the top floors. Breakfast is provided. During your voluntary work stay at Epsom College Farm you will be accommodated at a nearby farm hotel (pousada). There is a swimming pool and a couple of fishing ponds within the hotel premises. One night's accommodation at a comfortable pousada situated nearby the Cachoeiras de Macacu town.

2 star – Accommodation in Rio will be in a 2 star hotel located in the Bairro de Fatima district of Rio. During your stay at Epsom College Farm you will sleep in the original farm house. Staying at the farm will enable you to fully

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appreciate the peace and tranquillity of the location and give you the freedom to explore the local forest area. One night's accommodation at a comfortable pousada situated nearby the Cachoeiras de Macacu town.

The group will be taken to and from the hotel, to the farm, airport, etc on a daily basis by transport organised by Task Brasil Limited.

Single rooms are available at an additional cost according to the hotels' charges.

How fit do I need to be?

As long as you are in general good health, the Ecotour – The Organic Farming Experience should not present any problems. ***Any medical problems that participants are aware of should be reported prior to booking as the farm is in an isolated location if in need of urgent medical attention*** .

On arrival at the farm, the Farm Manager should also be informed of any medical conditions or problems.

What about food and drinks?

Food will be provided on site at the farm and Casa Jimmy. It typically consists of a healthy balance of rice, beans, meat, vegetables, salad and tropical fruits. Vegetarians can be catered for. On occasions when the group goes out to local restaurants participants will be able to discover the local cuisine and specialities. Meals out are covered in the costs paid by Ecotourists before travel.

Alcoholic drinks are not permitted at the farm and Casa Jimmy. The tour's itinerary includes a number of activities which include bars and restaurants where consumption of alcohol is permitted (at the Ecotourist's own expense).

Do I need vaccinations?

An international certificate of vaccination against yellow fever is compulsory for travellers who, within the three months prior to their arrival in Brazil, have visited or been in transit through any of the following countries: *Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, French Guyana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Peru, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Venezuela and Zaire.*

Check with the Brazilian Consulate or your local GP if you have any queries on vaccinations. We strongly advise you to take all required vaccinations including tetanus.

What will the temperature be like?

Seasons in Brazil are the reverse of those in Europe and the US:

- Spring: 22 September to 21 December
- Summer: 22 December to 21 March
- Autumn: 22 March to 21 June
- Winter: 22 June to 21 September

Rio has an average temperature of around 26°C (80°F) which will climb into the high 30s-low 40s (over 100°F) during the summer months.

How do I reserve a space?

Fill out the reservation form included in this brochure and send back to Task Brasil Limited along with a **deposit of £200 for standard tours/ £100 for budget tours payable to Task Brasil Limited** to secure your place. Finally, please do contact the UK office on 020 7735 5545 if you have any further queries. You should also apply for a police check, Certificate of Criminal Prosecution History when you send the documents back. This is a requisite for the tour as you will be working in close proximity with children. It can be requested from your local police station.

Applicants should be over the age of 18.