

Where is Brazil located?



Brazil is the largest country in South America and the fifth largest nation in the world. It forms an enormous triangle on the eastern side of the continent with a coastline along the Atlantic Ocean. It has borders with every South American country except Chile and Ecuador.



Y5 Geography Brazil



What is the climate like?

Brazil generally has a warmer climate compared to the UK. In many parts of Brazil, temperatures can be quite hot, especially in the summer months.

Brazil is known for its diverse rainfall patterns. The Amazon Rainforest region experiences heavy rainfall throughout the year, while other parts of Brazil may have distinct wet and dry seasons.

Why are people migrating from the north of the country to large cities?

People are migrating from the rural areas to the large cities because:

- There are few job opportunities in the north
- The cities have better hospitals, schools and job opportunities
- The weather in rural north is incredibly hot and dry

How is Rio de Janeiro similar to London?

Both cities are culturally diverse and have rich histories of immigrations, resulting in vibrant multicultural societies with influences from various ethnicities, languages and traditions.



Carnival plays an important role in both cities. Carnival takes place across Brazil in February, before Lent. The first carnival occurred in Rio in 1723. Around 6 million people attend the carnival in Rio each year.

Key vocabulary

Equator	An imaginary line that runs around the centre of the earth
Rio de Janeiro	Rio de Janeiro is a huge seaside city in Brazil, famed for its Copacabana and Ipanema beaches,
Brasilia	The capital city of Brazil with a population of 5 million
urban	A city or town; a built-up area where people live
rural	The countryside; away from cities and towns
Samba	A Brazilian style of music
Capoeira	A martial art that includes elements of dance and music
Feijoada	A traditional meal made of beans with beef and pork.