

**3rd Meeting of the Signatories to the Memorandum of
Understanding on the Conservation of Southern South American
Migratory Grasslands Bird Species and their Habitat**

Florianopolis, Brazil, 2 - 3 December 2024

Second Meeting of the Americas Flyways Task Force

Florianopolis, Brazil, 5 – 6 December 2024

FACT SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

I Meeting dates and venue

1. 3rd Meeting of the Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOS3) on the Conservation of Southern South American Migratory Grasslands Bird Species and their Habitat will be held from **2 to 3 December 2024** in Florianopolis, Brazil.

The MOU was signed in August 2007 by Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Observers are admitted at the meeting.

The meeting languages will be Spanish and English.

2. Second Meeting of the Americas Flyways Task Force will be held from **5 to 6 December 2024** in Florianopolis, Brazil.

The Task Force is composed of 27 countries and organizations.

The meeting languages will be English and Spanish.

3. Excursion to the Environmental Protected Area (APA) Anhatomirim on **Wednesday 4 December**. Delegates are requested to confirm their participation in advance.

The area is an IUCN protected area category V (protected landscape/seascape). The purpose is to protect biological diversity and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources. Specific goals include protecting the feeding and breeding areas of the resident population of Guiana Dolphin (*Sotalia guianensis*), and protecting remnants of the Atlantic Rain Forest and water sources needed for survival of local fishing communities. Other relevant species occurring within the Protected Area are Southern Right Whale (*Eubalaena australis*), Franciscana (*Pontoporia blainvillei*), Loggerhead Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) and Restinga Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes kronei*).

Meetings Venue address

The meetings will be held back-to-back at the same venue.

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<https://www.bluetree.com.br/hotel/blue-tree-premium-florianopolis/eventos-florianopolis>

Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gon4QKV1MMLEZJDW6>

Florianopolis is located in southern Brazil. It is the capital of the state of Santa Catarina (SC) and is commonly called FLORIPA.

Hotels

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II Requirements for travel

Visa Requirements

As the Brazilian Foreign Office bases its actions on reciprocity, visitors from some foreign countries will require a visa, obtained by applying to the nearest Brazilian Embassy or Consulate. Requirements for a tourist visa include a passport valid for at least six months from the date of arrival, one passport size photograph and a round-trip ticket.

Who needs a VISA:

Canada, USA and Australia

<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/consulado-miami/information-about-visas-in-english>

<https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/>

Airport

International Airport Hercilio Luz. The Florianopolis International Airport (Floripa Airport) is located 15 km from the city center of Florianopolis. Several bus and taxi companies provide airport shuttle.

How to get from and to the airport and the city center

By bus (approximately 55 minutes ride)

Bus No. 431 Florianopolis Airport bus fare costs c. €1 (BRL 6) per person. You can pay your fare only in BRL in cash to the driver.

The 431 bus departs roughly every 30 to 60 minutes from 06:49 to 23:07, Monday to Friday.

Where do I get a bus from?

You can catch the bus from Florianopolis Airport to Florianopolis city center from outside of the terminal building. Leave the Arrivals Hall from the exit nearest to the Coffee Train café. Then follow the path to the main road where you'll see the bus stop labeled 431 TICEN ("Terminal de Integração do Centro", meaning 'Center Integration Terminal'). It's a 5-minute walk from the terminal building doors.

Convenience:

The No. 431 bus from Floripa Airport to the city center is the least convenient way to travel. This is because the journey is long, and the schedule is limited depending on the day. Plus, you'll need to arrange further transport to your hotel when you get to TICEN. However, if you're on a budget and traveling light, it's a reliable low-cost service.

Bus No. 4131 Executivo Aeroporto (Executive Airport) is the second bus route from Florianopolis Airport to the city center. This is a slightly faster airport bus that takes approximately 50 minutes to reach Largo da Alfândega, which is close to the historic center.

From Monday to Saturday, the bus departs once per hour from 07:00 to 22:15. On Sundays and public holidays, the bus is available from 07:50 to 22:15.

The 4131 bus fare costs €1.65 (BRL 10) per person. You can pay your fare only in BRL in cash to the driver.

Where do I get a bus from?

Leave the Arrivals Hall at Floripa Airport from the exit by the Coffee Train café. Then, walk down the path to the main road where you'll see the bus stops.

Convenience

The No. 4131 bus from Florianopolis Airport to the city is slightly more convenient than the 431 because it's a faster route. It also passes many of the main hotels in Florianopolis so you may not need to arrange further transport once you disembark the bus. However, the timetable is more limited in the early mornings and late evenings.

Transport by application: The airport concessionaire has a contract with the companies UBER e Safer, which operate regularly at the airport, with marked departure and arrival points. Using the UBER app is the most convenient way to get to your hotel, according to the Brazilian delegation and that is their preferable choice.

You can expect a UBER from Florianopolis Airport to the city center to cost around €9.52 (BRL 60). However, this is just an estimate, and price varies according to the demand.

By taxi: Florianopolis Airport to city center taxi costs

You can expect a taxi from Florianopolis Airport to the city center to cost around €8.25 (BRL 50). However, this is just an estimate. Airport taxis use a taximeter to calculate your fare depending on the time of day and distance traveled. There is also a higher base rate of €1.35 (BRL 8.40) for taxis departing the airport.

If you have heavy suitcases, a fee of €0.30 (BRL 2) per piece will be added to your fare.

Fare: €8.25 (BRL 50)

Trip Duration: 20 Min.

The taxi stand at Floripa Airport is located directly outside of the terminal building, as you exit the Arrivals Hall. You'll find taxis waiting there 24/7. Simply join the queue and wait for an available taxi.

By rental car

You can rent a car with one of the four companies available within the Floripa Airport (<https://floripa-airport.com/aluguel-de-carros>). The companies will transport you to the location where the car will be rented.

Voltage

Brazil operates on a 127/220V supply voltage and 60Hz. The power supply in Florianopolis is 220V, however the Brazilian standard for plugs is NBR 14136, which has three round pins. For those visiting Brazil, the best adapter plug would be a type N plug (with three round pins, two pins, or a two-round-pin adapter for devices that don't require grounding). Type C adapters (with two round pins) also generally fit most Brazilian outlets, but they may have a less secure connection and don't provide a grounding pin.



Currency

The local currency is Brazilian real - BRL (R\$). The equivalent dollar Exchange rate, November 2024, is US\$ 1 to R\$ 5.69 and 1€ is 6.15 R\$. Dollars and Euros can be easily exchanged in Floripa Airport, hotels, authorized banks, and travel agencies. Debit cards can be used to withdraw money in local currency at ATMs.

Credit Cards

The main International debit and credit cards are accepted in most places. Visa, MasterCard, Diners and American Express are accepted in almost all commercial facilities.

Tips

Almost all bars and restaurants include the tip on the tab, the payment is optional, but everyone always pays as stated on the bill. If the tip has not been specified, the general rule is paying 10% to 15% of the total amount. Taxi drivers do not expect any tips.

Taxis and car rental

At major airports, bus stations and downtown areas, it is possible to find car rental agencies which offer services with or without a driver. Tourists who have foreign driver's license are

authorized to drive in Brazil when staying for less than 180 days. Regulated by municipalities, taxi services are offered in all big cities in Brazil. Taxis can also be called via radio taxi service or through smart phones apps. Prices are calculated by taximeter (at night there is an additional fee after 08:00 p.m., Sundays and holidays, and a regular fee otherwise), according to the distance travelled. Taxi routes departing from international airports charge fixed rates. Taxis apps: 99táxi, Easy taxi, Way taxi.

Weather

The weather in Florianopolis in December is pleasantly warm and breezy, with average highs of 80°F (27°C) and lows of 70°F (21°C).

Excursion

The field trip to the Environmental Protected Area (APA Anhatomirim) will be by boat. There will be a vehicle that will leave the hotel at 9 am (to be confirmed) to take participants to the boarding point.

The tour should last a total of 5 hours during which there will be a stop for lunch.

It is recommended to wear light clothing and protection (hat and sunscreen). Bring a bathing suit, towel and mosquito repellent, if it is needed.

Further details will be provided later.

Vaccination

In Brazil, it is not mandatory to prove vaccination to enter the country. However, the Ministry of Health recommends that international tourists update their vaccination status prior to arrival in Brazil, according to the guidelines in the vaccination calendar of the country of origin or residence, in particular, the yellow fever, polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria and tetanus.