



BRASIL

SEPTEMBER 22ND - OCTOBER 1ST
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AT A GLANCE

DURATION: 10 days

LEVEL: P2 and above

BEGINS IN: São Paulo, Brasil

ENDS IN: São Paulo, Brasil

AIRPORT: São Paulo-Guarulhos International (GRU)

TRIP DATES: September 22nd - October 1st 2024

TRIP COSTS: Starting at \$4,400 (\$3,300 7 Days Only) \$300 single supplement.

PILOT TO GUIDE RATIO 3:1

12 PILOT MAX; please inquire for space and cost of non-pilots.

TRIP INCLUDES: professional paragliding guides, transportation to launch and retrieval, breakfast on flying days, hotel accommodations as indicated, airport transfers
DOES NOT INCLUDE: airfare, gratuities, dinner, items of a personal nature, hotel before and after tour

TRAVEL TO POÇOS DE CALDAS

This area of Brasil is known for its world class flying. Home to the 2025 World Championships and multiple PWC competitions, this is an ideal place to go for your flying vacation.

The region is characterized by rolling hills, lush greenery, and beautiful countryside with many landing options. The launch options near Poços de Caldas are great for both beginner and expert pilots. With the flying day starting as early as 10:30 you have many options for flying triangles or going open distance. The 360 degree launch at pico do gavião is the country club of paragliding.

Whether you are coming to relax and fly, or you are coming to work on your XC and racing skills. Poços de Caldas, Brasil is one of the best places in the world to fly and should be on every pilots bucket list.

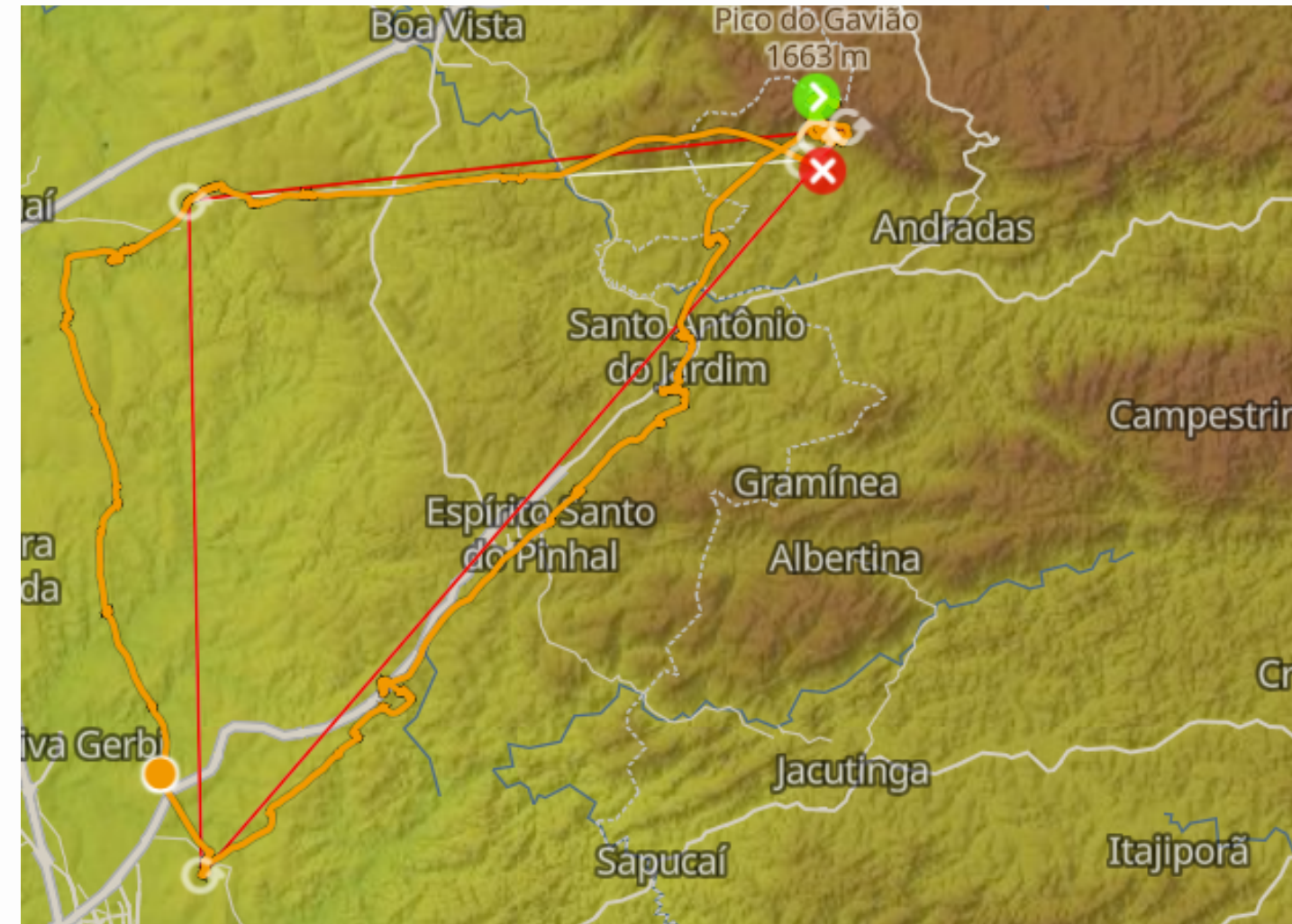


ITINERARY

Travel Days

We ask that you arrive to Sao Paulo no later than 4pm on the 21st. It is a 4 hour drive from the airport to Poços de Caldas.

Your departure date should be the 2nd of October, leaving from Sao Paulo. If you need a transfer to elsewhere in Brasil, please inquire.



Flying Day(s)

Breakfast - 6- 8:30AM

Depart for Launch - 9AM

Flying Hours - 10:30AM - 5PM

Retrieve

Dinner - AFTER FLYING

ACCOMMODATION



Our accommodation puts you in the heart of the city. Short walks to museums, restaurants, and parks are sure to keep you busy during the non flying hours.

Double and Single rooms are available. There is an additional **\$300 fee** for single rooms.

Poços de Caldas is known for therapeutic hot springs in bathhouses such as Thermas Antônio Carlos. Artisans craft Murano-style glassware at the Cá d'Oro and São Marcos crystal factories. To the north, Serra de São Domingos park offers city views and a cable car that ascends to the mountaintop Christ the Redeemer statue.





Breakfast will be provided each day. Fresh fruit, tea, Coffee and eggs to order will prepare you for the flying day ahead.

Dinners are not included with this tour. There are a number of wonderful restaurants close by that will offer you the chance to explore the city on your own. This also puts less stress on those pilots who wish to enjoy the soaring around sunset or fly a far distance from town. Fly until your heart desires.



TRIP DETAILS

Currency

The Real is the official currency of Brasil. You can change your money directly at the airport if you wish, or there are plenty of banks and ATMS throughout the city where we are staying. Most major credit cards are accepted throughout Brasil.

Airport Transfer

Your airport transfer is included in the trip cost. It is a 4 hour transfer from GRU to Poços de Caldas. Please arrive before 4pm on the 21st of September.



Communcation

All pilots are required to bring a 2M Radio

Verizon, T Mobile and ATT work reliably throughout the country, check with your provider for cost. We can also help procure a local SIM card if you desire.

We are requesting all pilots bring a Garmin Inreach

Weather

Temps are wonderful this time of year in the region. If cloud base goes high (4000m) a light down jacket is nice for the 40 F temps, most often though a thicker speed sleeve is sufficient.

Temps on the surface range from highs of 80-90 F and cool down to 60 F in the evening.

WHY CONVERGENCE PARAGLIDING

Everything comes together with Convergence. Flying, travel, culture, safety, learning, and logistics. With over 14 years in the adventure travel industry designing and tailoring itineraries, our owner and founder ensures that each trip is crafted to suit your needs as a pilot and as a traveler.

We are driven by service and providing life-changing flying experiences. Our entire staff genuinely cares and is motivated by a love of travel, paragliding and providing superlative guest service.

Matt Henzi

Matt has been flying for 15 years. A 2 time US national champion and US national team selection in '21. He has a passion for teaching and an intricate knowledge of the art of paragliding and loves imparting that with students.



Chris Garcia

Owner and Founder, Chris is dedicated to bringing the best out of pilots. From initial training to their first 100km flight.



Marcella Uchoa

Marcella holds 4 world records including open distance, and declared goal. A 4 x Brazilian female champion and 2 x PWC female champion She is a legend in Brazil whose dedication to the sport is unmatched.



Chris Lorimer

Chris' extensive background in an alpine environment gives way to an observational eye that is critical in the sky. An accomplished XC and adventure pilot, Chris is always looking to share his adventures and knowledge with hungry pilots.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tour Reservation: Early reservations are recommended as space is limited to 12 pilots per tour. While it may be possible to join a trip on short notice, we recommend that you sign up at least four to six months in advance.

Payment: A \$1000 deposit is required to secure your place. Deposits are non-refundable **UNLESS** a suitable replacement is found for your space. Final payment of \$3400 is due no later than July 15th. . If you desire a single room there is an additional \$300 added to the total trip cost.

Cancellation: Deposits are non-refundable **UNLESS** a suitable replacement is found for your space. Any cancellation **before** the 15th of July will result in a full refund, less the deposit amount. Cancellations after the 15th of July but before the 15th of August 2024 will result in a 50% refund of the total trip cost. Cancellations after the 15th of August will receive no refund.

It is at the sole discretion of Convergence Paragliding to determine what/who constitutes a suitable replacement.

Insurance: We strongly recommend that you protect yourself and your equipment through the purchase of a short-term travelers' insurance policy, covering baggage, accident/life and trip cancellation. Baggage is carried entirely at owner's risk, and Convergence Paragliding accepts no responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, or delayed property. Convergence Paragliding assumes no liability regarding provisions of medical care. Participants should realize that hospital facilities for serious problems may be remote and evacuation prolonged and expensive. Participants are urged to check their medical coverage to be sure it is adequate. Participants are responsible for researching the terms of their insurance coverage.

We recommend giving this article a read when determining which insurance to go for:

<https://www.cloudbasemayhem.com/unscrambling-insurance-are-you-covered/>

Limitation of Liability: These paragraphs define our responsibility with respect to all of our trips. Please read carefully.

Payment of deposit represents an acceptance by the tour member of these terms and conditions.

Convergence Paragliding, and its owners, agents and employees give notice that services provided in connection with its itineraries, including transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants, and other services, are purchased from various independent suppliers who are not affiliated with Convergence Paragliding. Although it endeavors to choose the best suppliers possible, Convergence Paragliding has no right to control their operations and therefore makes these travel arrangements upon the express condition that Convergence Paragliding and its own agents and employees shall not be liable for any delay, expense, mishap, inconvenience, bodily injury or death to person, or damage to property occasioned through the conduct or default of any company or individual engaged in providing these services. Each of these passenger conveyance companies, hotels, tour companies, restaurants, etc. is subject to the laws of the state or country where the service is provided.

Convergence Paragliding shall not be liable for bodily injury or property damage for any reason, including but not limited to acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, thefts, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulation, discrepancies or change in transit over which it has no control.

Convergence Paragliding reserves the right to substitute hotels and leaders and to alter the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable.

Convergence Paragliding reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any of our trips and may use any such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes.

Convergence Paragliding reserves the right to decline to accept or restrain from further participation any person whose actions or deportment impede trip operations or rights, welfare or enjoyment of other trip members. A refund based on cost of unused land services is the limit of Convergence Paragliding's responsibility.