



**FIAP 2026**

**BRAZIL**

37th FIAP Congress



# **37<sup>th</sup> FIAP CONGRESS**

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
August 1–8, 2026

A photographic and cultural journey through Brazil



Mario Howat

## Rio de Janeiro — An Invitation to See

In August 2026, Rio de Janeiro awaits you with open light, a generous horizon, and stories asking to be seen. From August 1 to 8, photographers from around the world will gather in Brazil for the FIAP Congress – Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique, hosted by the Brazilian Confederation of Photography, with the Hotel Villa Galé Rio de Janeiro as its home.

This is not just a congress.

It is a pause in time — to observe, to walk, to listen, and to photograph.

Throughout the week, alongside FIAP plenary sessions, Rio de Janeiro and the city of Niterói become a living photographic territory. Each visit has been carefully conceived as an encounter between photographers and the essence of Brazil — not as a performance, but as experience. Music drifting through the streets, the rhythm of samba, the improvised gestures of football, the movement of gafieira dance halls, the pulse of Carnival, the presence of the sea and the beaches. Everything unfolds naturally, without rehearsal, in front of the lens.

To photograph Rio is to engage with vivid contrasts: nature spilling into the city, the city pulsing through human layers, silence giving way to celebration. It is about waiting for the right light, the precise moment, the exchanged glance. Here, photography goes beyond technique — it becomes relationship.

During this week, you are invited to look beyond the postcard. To walk through communities, to observe everyday life, to approach stories with respect, and to photograph Brazil through presence, listening, and connection. The scenarios are not meant to direct your gaze, but to expand it.

In 2026, Rio de Janeiro becomes, symbolically, the **Capital of Photography**. A place where cultures cross paths, languages blend, and images are born from a universal gesture: looking at the world with attention.

Bring your camera.

Bring your time.

Rio will take care of the light.



Normilson Oliveira

## Saturday | August 1, 2026

### **MORNING/ AFTERNOON / EVENING**

- All-day registration & airport transfers.
- Pickup service available at Galeão Airport and Santos Dumont Airport.
- Accommodation: Vila Galé Rio de Janeiro ★ ★ ★ ★

12:30 - 14:30 - Lunch at the hotel

#### **Distribution of welcome kits and credentials**

19:00 - 22:00 - Dinner at the hotel

Rest at the Hotel or enjoy free time (nearby open-air market)

**Early Check-in:** Subject to room availability at the hotel, early check-in may be arranged for congress participants.

Please note that an additional fee may apply for early arrival, in accordance with the hotel's policy:

- From 10:00 to 12:00: 25 EUR per room.
- 12:00 to 13:00: 13 EUR per room.

Early room release is subject to availability at the time of arrival.

Participants are kindly advised to contact the organization or the hotel in advance to verify availability and applicable conditions.

**Photo Opportunity:** On Saturdays, very close to the hotel, you can stroll through an open-air market selling local products, handicrafts, and antiques. Feel free to wander through the nearby streets or simply relax by the hotel's pool.



Lu Brito

**Sunday | August 2, 2026**

### ***HISTORIC CENTER***

- **Morning**

- 06:30 - 08:00 - Breakfast at the hotel.
- 08:30 - **Depart for a guided tour of Rio de Janeiro's Historic Center – the birthplace of photography in Brazil.**
  - (Paço Imperial, Casa França-Brasil, CCBB, historic churches, etc.) Creative District of Rio de Janeiro Downtown.
  - **The participants will be divided into groups to optimize the activity.**
- 10:30 - 11:15 - **Opening Ceremony** of the New FIAP Exhibition Center (Centro Carioca de Fotografia).

- **Lunch**

- 13:00 - 14:30 - Lunch.

- **Afternoon**

- 15:00 - 17:30 - Photographic Experience — Royal Portuguese Reading Room & Municipal Theatre. Selected moments of the program will feature professional models and live cultural performances, offering unique opportunities for expressive portraits and dynamic photography.
- 18:00 - Return to the Hotel.

- **Evening**

- 19:30 - 23:00 - FIAP WELCOME DINNER.



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## Monday | August 3, 2026

- **Morning**

- 06:30 - 08:00 - Breakfast at the hotel.
- 08:30 - 12:30 - FIAP General Assembly - Session I.
- 12:30 - 14:30 - FIAP General Assembly Lunch at the Hotel.
- 14:30 - 17:30 - FIAP General Assembly - Session II.

- **Accompanying guests:**

- **Tijuca Forest – An urban forest in the heart of the city.**

- 08:30 - Bus departure for the Tijuca Forest tour.

- **Lunch**

- 13:00 - 14:30 - Lunch at the Tijuca Forest Venue.

- **Afternoon**

- 14:30 - 17:00 - Everyday Rio – Photographic tour: Quinta da Boa Vista.
  - 17:00 - Return to the hotel.

- **Evening**

- 19:00 - 22:00 - Dinner at the hotel.



Lucas Xerel

**Tuesday | August 4, 2026**

***NITERÓI & SAMBA***

• **Morning**

- 06:30 - 08:00 - Breakfast at the hotel.
- 08:15 - Departure by bus to Niterói.
- 09:00 - 11:30 - Visit to Niemeyer Path and MAC – Museum of Contemporary Art.

• **Lunch**

- 12:00 - 13:30 - Lunch at a Brazilian Steakhouse.
- Special attention will be given to diferente dietary habits and restrictions. Although the venue is a steakhouse, vegetarian, vegan, halal, and gluten-free options will be available.
- Participants are kindly requested to indicate any dietary requirements during registration or in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

• **Afternoon**

- 14:30 - 17:30 - Visit to Forte São Luiz – Fortaleza de Santa Cruz – Sunset Photography. Cultural Performances & Photographic Opportunities At this location, Brazilian cultural performances will take place, offering exceptional moments for photography against the stunning historic backdrop of the Forte São Luiz and the Fortaleza de Santa Cruz. Participants are encouraged to explore these dynamic scenes and capture expressive images in one of the most scenic settings of the Congress.

• **Evening**

- 18:30 - 20:00 - Dinner.
- 20:30 - 22:30 - Photography at the Viradouro Samba School rehearsal.
- 23:00 - Return to the Hotel.



Paulo Rapoport



Rogério Soares

## Wednesday | August 5, 2026

### **ICONS OF RIO**

- **Morning**

- 05:00 - Bus transfer to Christ the Redeemer.
- 05:30 - 08:30 - Photography at Christ the Redeemer.
- **08:30 - Official FIAP Group Photography at Christ the Redeemer.**
- 08:45 - Return to the hotel.
- 09:00 - 10:00 - Breakfast.
- 10:30 - Transfer to the Lapa Arches. **Participants will be divided into groups to ensure the best experience for all.**
- 10:30 - 12:00 - Samba and capoeira performances at the Arcos da Lapa - a unique opportunity to photograph movement, culture, and iconic architecture in one setting.
- Visit to the Selarón Steps.

- **Lunch**

- 13:00 - 14:30 - Lunch at the Hotel.

- **Afternoon**

- 15:00 -18:00 - FIAP General Assembly - Session III.

- **Accompanying guests:**

- 14:30 - 17:30 - The participants will be divided into groups to optimize the activity: Santa Teresa Tram – for a visit to the Santa Teresa neighborhood.
- 17:30 - Return to the hotel.

- **Evening**

- 19:00 - Bus transfer to dinner at Rio Scenarium.
- 23:30 - Return to hotel.



Carlos Cesa Pereira da Cunha



Leandro Lucas

Thursday | August 6, 2026

### **SEA, FOOTBALL & SUGARLOAF SUNSET**

- **Morning**

- 05:00 - Transfer to Arpoador beach.
- 06:00 - Sunrise at Arpoador beach.
- 06:00 - 09:00 - Free time for photography at the beach. Suggestions: Copacabana fishermen, Stand-up paddle photo session (beach lifestyle concept with Sugarloaf in the background).
- 09:30 - Breakfast at Copacabana Fort .
- 10:00 - **Opening of the 37th FIAP Black and White Biennial Exhibition.**
- 10:30 - 12:00 - Free time for photography at Copacabana beach - Independent Photographic Time/Personal Exploration.

- **Lunch**

- 12:30 - 13:00 - Lunch at a venue on Copacabana Beach.

- **Afternoon**

- 14:00 - 15:30 - Transfer to Sugarloaf Mountain.
- 16:00 - 17:30 - Sunset at Sugarloaf Mountain.
- 18:00 - Transfer to the Hotel.

- **Evening**

- 19:30 - Dinner at Hotel.
- 21:00 - 23:00 - **FIAP Evening:** Awards Ceremony of the 37th FIAP Black and White Biennial and “Best of the Best” Projection Showcase.



Gabriel Pinheiro



Luis Teixeira

**Friday | August 7, 2026**

### ***ROOTS, HISTORY & CLOSING CEREMONY***

- **Morning**
  - 06:30 - 08:00 - Breakfast at the hotel.
  - 08:30 - Bus transfer and division of participants into groups.
  - 09:00 - 12:30 - Photographic visits to Pedra do Sal (Salt Stone) and Little Africa, Morro da Providência, São Bento Monastery, Museum of Tomorrow, Port Area Street Art.
- **Lunch**
  - 13:30 - 14:00 - Lunch at a venue in the Rio Port District.
- **Afternoon**
  - 14:30 - Transfer to City of Samba.
  - 15:00 - 17:00 - Photography at City of Samba Experience.
  - 17:30 - Return to the Hotel.
- **Evening**
  - 19:30 - Transfer to the Municipal Theatre.
  - 20:00 - Official Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner.



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## Saturday | August 8, 2026

### **Departure**

- **Morning**
  - 06:30 - 10:00 - Breakfast at the hotel.
  - Hotel check-out is until 12:00 noon.
  - Airport transfers.

*Program subject to operational adjustments and weather conditions.*



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Luis Teixeira Mendes

## General Information

- **Inclusions**

- Airport pick & drop off.
- 7 nights hotel accommodation in Vila Galé Rio de Janeiro Hotel ★ ★ ★ ★
- All Congress Activities as per the program.
- Transfers and tours by comfortable air-conditioned vehicles.
- Services of a professional English-Speaking Guide on all transfers and Excursions.
- Entrance fee to all attractions as per the itinerary.
- Bottled Local Mineral Water during the transfers.
- Meals as indicated in the above program.
- Local Mineral Water and one soft drink are included in your meals. Alcohol can be settled separately.

- **Exclusions**

- Meals or beverages not expressly mentioned in the program.
- Alcoholic beverages and additional drinks.
- Brazil visa costs, if required.
- Activities undertaken during free or independent time.
- Medical expenses.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Tips and gratuities.



Marcos Sanchez

## General Information

- **Accommodation**

Vila Galé Rio de Janeiro ★ ★ ★ ★

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- Hotel website: <https://www.vilagale.com/br/hoteis/rio-de-janeiro/vila-gale-rio-de-janeiro>

- **Travel Health Insurance**

- Participants are kindly advised to take appropriate care of their personal safety and to ensure they have adequate travel and health insurance coverage for the entire duration of the 37th FIAP Congress and any optional extensions. Please note that the organizers (Brazilian Confederation of Photography) and FIAP cannot be held responsible for any accidents, injuries, losses, or damages that may occur to participants or their personal belongings during the event.



Doglas Moraes

## Participation Fee

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Single Occupancy	1800 EUR
Double Occupancy	1600 EUR



Carlos Camino

## Registration

Registration	
Pre-registration opens:	15 February 2026
Pre-registration closes:	14 March 2026
Final registration opens:	24 March 2026
Final registration closes:	15 April 2026
Payment deadline	15 April 2026



João Salamonde

## Cancellation policy

Cancelation policy	
Before 15/04/2026	90% Refund
Before 30/04/2026	50% Refund
Before 15/05/2026	20% Refund
Before 30/05/2026	0% Refund

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## About the FIAP Congress and Participant Selection

The **FIAP Congress** is an **official institutional event of FIAP**, distinct from FIAP Photomeetings or other photographic gatherings.

While Photomeetings are primarily focused on photographic activities and cultural exchange, the **FIAP Congress brings together official delegates** to participate in **General Assemblies and decision-making processes**, including matters subject to **voting rights** within the Federation.

Due to the **institutional nature of the Congress** and **venue capacity limitations**, participation in the **37th FIAP Congress in Rio de Janeiro** is limited to **150 participants**.

In order to ensure **balanced international representation** and equitable participation among FIAP member countries and operational members, **FIAP has established a two-step registration process**:

- 1. Pre-registration phase**

Interested participants are invited to submit a pre-registration request.

- 2. Selection and confirmation phase**

FIAP will review all pre-registrations and confirm participation, with the objective of maintaining a fair distribution of delegates and participants across countries and FIAP member entities.

Final confirmation of participants will be communicated directly by FIAP at a later stage.

This selection process reflects **FIAP's institutional responsibility** to preserve diversity, representativeness, and effective governance within the Congress.



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**EXTENSION TOURS**

## Extension Tours

- **Photographic tours**
  - Piauí Backlands
  - Jaguars in Pantanal
- **Tours**
  - Lençóis Maranhenses
  - Salvador e Praia do Forte and
  - Foz do Iguaçu
  - Amazonia Jungle Lodge

Information about the post-congress tours will be available in a separate document.



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Estefan Radovicz

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### LOCATED IN THE HISTORIC CENTER OF RIO DE JANEIRO

The Vila Galé Rio de Janeiro hotel, which opened in December 2014, is set in the historic center of the so-called “wonderful city”, in the famous Bairro da Lapa quarter, with its bohemian ambiance and being the stop for the carioca artists and musicians.

With 292 accommodation units, this hotel in Rio de Janeiro is divided into two wings: the Collection Wing, a building resulting from the restoration of an old 19th century palace, which houses the suites that preserve the palatial charm; and the Lapa Towers Wing, a 13-storey tower that houses the accommodation units with a more modern style.

With a decor inspired by Samba, Bossa Nova and the Portuguese-Brazilian culture, the Vila Galé Rio de Janeiro has a “Versátil” restaurant, with a cuisine inspired by national and international dishes, besides offering the “Massa Fina” menu every Saturday night. It also features two bars – one by the pool and a more emblematic one, featuring vintage decorative pieces, dedicated to Vinicius de Moraes, in a tribute to the Brazilian singer.

In this hotel in Rio de Janeiro, make sure you also enjoy the outdoor pool, which invites you to relax while sipping a refreshing drink, or the Satsanga spa, which features a gym, massage room and hydromassage.

Internet access is free of charge throughout the entire Vila Galé Rio de Janeiro hotel, which also offers a convention center with eight halls, in a building that was designed to host all kinds of events.

In order to enjoy the atmosphere of Lapa and its main attraction points, take a walk up to Arcos da Lapa (with the tram to Santa Teresa) and to the Escadaria Selarón steps. Nearby, be sure not to miss the São Sebastião Cathedral, the Municipal Theater (Teatro Municipal), the Museum of Image and Sound (Museu da Imagem e do Som), the Nossa Senhora do Carmo da Lapa Church or the Cecilia Meireles Theater, as well as the Rio Antigo antique fair, on Rua do Lavradio street.

When the evening comes, do not miss the famous and bustling bars “Rio Scenarium” and “Carioca de Gema”.

This hotel’s location in Rio de Janeiro, also very close to the city’s financial center, allows for easy access to Santos Dumont Airport, Maracanã Stadium and the Sambadrome.







