





Second Forum on Domestic Violence and the 1980 Child Abduction Convention

With a focus on the Operation of Article 13(1)(b)

Fortaleza, Brazil, 27-30 October 2025

Centro de Eventos do Ceará

Practical information for in person participants

1. Introduction

Welcome to Fortaleza, capital of the Brazilian state of Ceará, a coastal city with a tropical climate, nearly year-round sunshine, and a rich cultural scene. This guide has been prepared to make your stay practical, safe, and unforgettable.

2. Practical Information

Official Currency: Real (R\$).

Power Outlets: Brazilian standard (Type N, 220V). Adapters may be needed.

Language: Portuguese; in hotels and tourist restaurants many speak English and Spanish.

Climate: Hot all year round (average 27°C/80.6°F). Light clothing, sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses are recommended.

We recommend that all participants bring identification (a valid passport or ID card for Brazilian nationals) for the registration process.

3. Transportation and Mobility

Licensed taxis are recommended for safety.

Ride-hailing apps, such as **Uber** and **99** also operate efficiently.

Pinto Martins Airport (FOR) is 10 km from downtown Fortaleza.

Tip: Avoid hailing taxis on the street; prefer official taxi stands or apps.

<u>Licensed Taxi Companies and Cooperatives:</u>

- Coopertáxi Fortaleza: Tel. +55 (85) 3243-2222
- Cooperta Cooperativa de Táxi Aeroporto: Tel. +55 (85) 3392-1500
- Rádio Táxi Fortaleza: Tel. +55 (85) 3253-3030

Please note:

Brazil will provide complimentary transportation from the event venue to the four hotels listed below (see point 6).

This service is offered to facilitate participants' mobility and ensure a smooth transition after each day. Detailed schedules and pick-up points will be informed during the event.

4. Safety

Avoid displaying valuables in busy or crowded areas.

Stick to well-trafficked beaches and areas with good facilities.

Use reliable transportation (licensed taxis or ride-hailing apps).

5. Essential Services

Police (*Polícia Militar*), for emergencies: 190

SAMU (Public emergency ambulance service): 192

Fire Department: 193

Pinto Martins Airport (Information desk): +55 (85) 3392-1030

Hospital Geral de Fortaleza (public hospital): +55 (85) 3101-4444

6. Suggested Accommodation

Blue Tree Towers Fortaleza

Address: Av. Historiador Raimundo Girão, 1002 - Meireles, Fortaleza - CE (NEAR THE BEACH)

Tel: (85) 3466-5519

Ibis Fortaleza Centro de Eventos

Address: R. Firmino Rocha Aguiar, 1799 | Tel: (85) 3208-4400 (NEAR THE VENUE)

Holiday Inn Fortaleza

Address: Av. Historiador Raimundo Girão, 800 - Praia de Iracema, Fortaleza — CE (NEAR THE BEACH) — Tel: (85) 99957.5430

Bristol Guararapes Hotel

Address: Av. Washington Soares, 670 - Edson Queiroz, Fortaleza - CE, 60810-300. Tel: (85) 30350018. (NEAR THE VENUE)

7. Gastronomy - Selected Restaurants

Seafood:

- Coco Bambu Address: Av. Beira Mar, 3698 | Tel: (85) 3241-3388
- Colher de Pau Address: R. Frederico Borges, 206 | Tel: (85) 3242-2145

Brazilian/Regional Cuisine:

- Cantinho do Frango Address: R. Torres Câmara, 71 | Tel: (85) 3247-5054
- Carneiro do Ordones Address: Av. Senador Virgílio Távora, 2190 | Tel: (85) 3248-2903

<u>International cuisine:</u>

- La Bella Itália (italian food) Address: Av. Almirante Barroso, 812 | Tel: (85) 4008-4515
- Misaki (Japanese food) Address: Av. Desembargador Moreira, 1011 | Tel: (85) 3244-7929

Casual/Modern Options:

- Mercado dos Peixes Address: Av. Beira Mar, s/n (Mucuripe)
- *Picanha do Cowboy* Address: Av. Pontes Vieira, 2450 | Tel: (85) 3267-6767

Cafés and Light Meals:

- Café Santa Clara Address: Shopping Iguatemi | Tel: (85) 3261-2222
- Le Pain Le Café Address: Av. Desembargador Moreira, 1011 | Tel: (85) 3224-8750

8. Must-See Tourist Attractions

Praia do Futuro (safe swimming, well-equipped beach huts and umbrellas).

Avenida Beira-Mar (the waterfront of Fortaleza, with restaurants serving local seafood and its popular beachfront craft market, the Feirinha Beira Mar).

Centro Dragão do Mar de Arte e Cultura (a cultural complex with exhibition halls, a theatre, a library, a cinema and a planetarium).

Mercado Central (a central market, where you can buy artisan crafts and souvenirs).

Catedral Metropolitana de Fortaleza (Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Joseph).

Beach Park (largest water park in Latin America, located in the city of Aquiraz, about a 30-minute drive from Fortaleza).

9. Safe and Well-Equipped Beaches

Praia do Futuro (featuring large, safe beach huts and umbrellas for rent).

Porto das Dunas (near Beach Park).

Cumbuco (great for water sports, 30 km/ 18.6 miles from Fortaleza).

10. Cultural and Social Tips

Brazilians are warm and usually greet with a smile and a handshake.

Schedules can be flexible; always confirm appointments.

Ask for bottled mineral water (do not drink tap water).

Try local fruits, such as the cashew apple, soursop, and acerola, and be sure to have some coconut water.