



19th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SPELEOLOGY

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20-27 JULY 2025 - BELO HORIZONTE - MINAS GERAIS - BRAZIL

PRE- AND POST-CONGRESS TRIPS



PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 5.500,00

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DATES**Pre-Congress - PRE-03**

Start July 14, 2025, 13h00, Curitiba Airport (PR)

Ends July 19, 2025, at 12h noon, at Curitiba Airport (PR)

Post-Congress - POST-03

Starts July 28, 2025, at 13h00 at Curitiba Airport (PR)

End August 2, 2025, at 08h00 a.m. at the hotel in Ponta Grossa (PR)

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

Van for tours

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Curitiba - CWB

PRE-CONGRESS CONFIRMED
POST-CONGRESS CANCELED

The sandstone formation in the Ponta Grossa region is the result of the deposition of a large volume of sand on the seabed approximately 400 to 300 million years ago in the Devonian and Carboniferous periods. The draining of this inland sea and the lifting of its bed by tectonic forces left the sand deposit exposed, which was then cemented, in some cases with iron oxide, hence the reddish color of this sandstone. The action of tectonic activities, pluvial (surface and underground) and wind erosion sculpted the relief, giving rise to a large number of specific geomorphological features such as dolines (known as furnas in the region), canyons, stone towers, lakes and very particular rock formations; it has a unique biodiversity and modern, sustainable infrastructure. The region has landscapes of fields, forests and remnants of cerrado. This route also adds archaeology and culture to the historical diversity of the Campos Gerais region of Paraná.

BASIC ITINERARY**Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 14 - Post-Congress, July 28**

Reception at Curitiba Airport at 1pm, followed by a trip to Ponta Grossa and a visit to the UEPG Museum of Natural Sciences, both pre-Congress and post-Congress.

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 15 - Post-Congress, July 29

Visit to Vila Velha State Park, Furnas, Lagoa Dourada and Witmarsun Glacial Striations.

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 16 - Post-Congress, July 30

Visit to Buraco do Padre and Fenda da Freira.

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 17 - Post-Congress, July 31

Guartelá Canyon with an archaeological tour and a visit to the museum in Castro.

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 18 - Post-Congress, August 1

Visit to the Curucacas Refuge and Furnas Gêmeas.

Day 6: Pre-Congress, July 19 - Post-Congress, August 2

Transfer to Curitiba Airport and end of the itinerary at 12 noon at the pre- Congress. End of the itinerary at the hotel in Ponta Grossa, after breakfast in the post-Congress.



UIS Bureau Members at Vila Velha State Park in July 2023.

ARCHEIIVALDO COLZATO





General view of the sandstones formations of Vila Velha State Park.

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for easy walks of up to 8 km per day, along trails in open countryside or wooded areas, in temperatures that can vary from -03°C\ 'v to 25°C (27°F to 77°F) at this time of year.

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

We recommend wearing sneakers or hiking boots, long pants, a long-sleeved UV shirt, a hat or cap and insect repellent. Depending on the weather, it is also recommended to wear a windbreaker, gloves and a raincoat.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van and/or car airport-tours-airport pre Congress and airport-tours-post-Congress.
- Entry to attractions.
- 5 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 12, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

WEBSITES

- [Vila Velha State Park](#)
- [Witmarsun Glacier Striations](#)
- [Buraco do Padre](#)
- [Guartelá](#)
- [Castrolanda Mill](#)
- [Curucacas Refuge](#)
- [Museum of Natural Sciences](#)



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SPELEOLOGICAL TOURISM IN
THE RIBEIRA VALLEY (SP)

PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 5.300,00

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DATES

Pre-Congress - PRE-04

Start July 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at
Campinas Airport (SP)End July 19, 2025, at 13h00, at
Campinas Airport (SP)

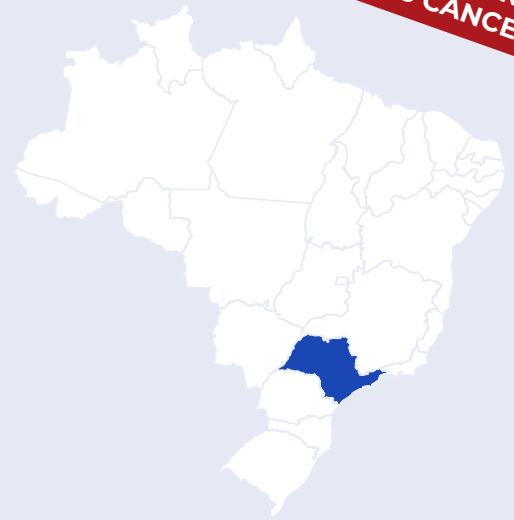
Post-Congress - POST-04

Starts July 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at
Campinas Airport (SP)End August 3, 2025 at 13h00 at
Campinas Airport (SP)MEANS OF
TRANSPORTATION

Van for tours

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Campinas – VCPF

PRE-CONGRESS CONFIRMED
POST-CONGRESS CANCELED

The subterranean domain holds some of the last untouched spaces on our planet, and for this and other reasons, caves require proper use, respect and protection. In the heart of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest, the Ribeira Valley, actions aim at minimizing the impacts of tourist visitation and the effective protection of the many caves where the activity is allowed. This is an ongoing process in permanent monitoring for the plural understanding of all the possibilities of speleotourism diagnosed, in order to generate differentiated possibilities for public use. From speleological tourism point of view, the region's caves, allow for this activity in all its nuances, ranging from mass tourism (Diabo Cave), ecotourism (Santana Cave) and adventure tourism (Água Suja Cave) to calculated risk tourism (Casa de Pedra), caves which are important in the history of the origin of the Brazilian Speleological Society. Note: this itinerary does not include calculated risk tourism.

BASIC ITINERARY

Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 13 - Post-Congress, July 28

Reception at Campinas Airport at 10 a.m., both pre-Congress and post-Congress, followed by transfer to Eldorado/SP (360 km)

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 14 - Post-Congress, July 29

Visit to the Água Suja and Cafezal caves.

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 15 - Post-Congress, July 30

Visit to the Santana, Morro Preto and Couto caves.

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 16 - Post-Congress, July 31

Visit to the Ouro Grosso caves up to the 1st waterfall and Alambari de Baixo.

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 17 - Post-Congress, August 1

Visit to the Casa de Pedra cave portal.

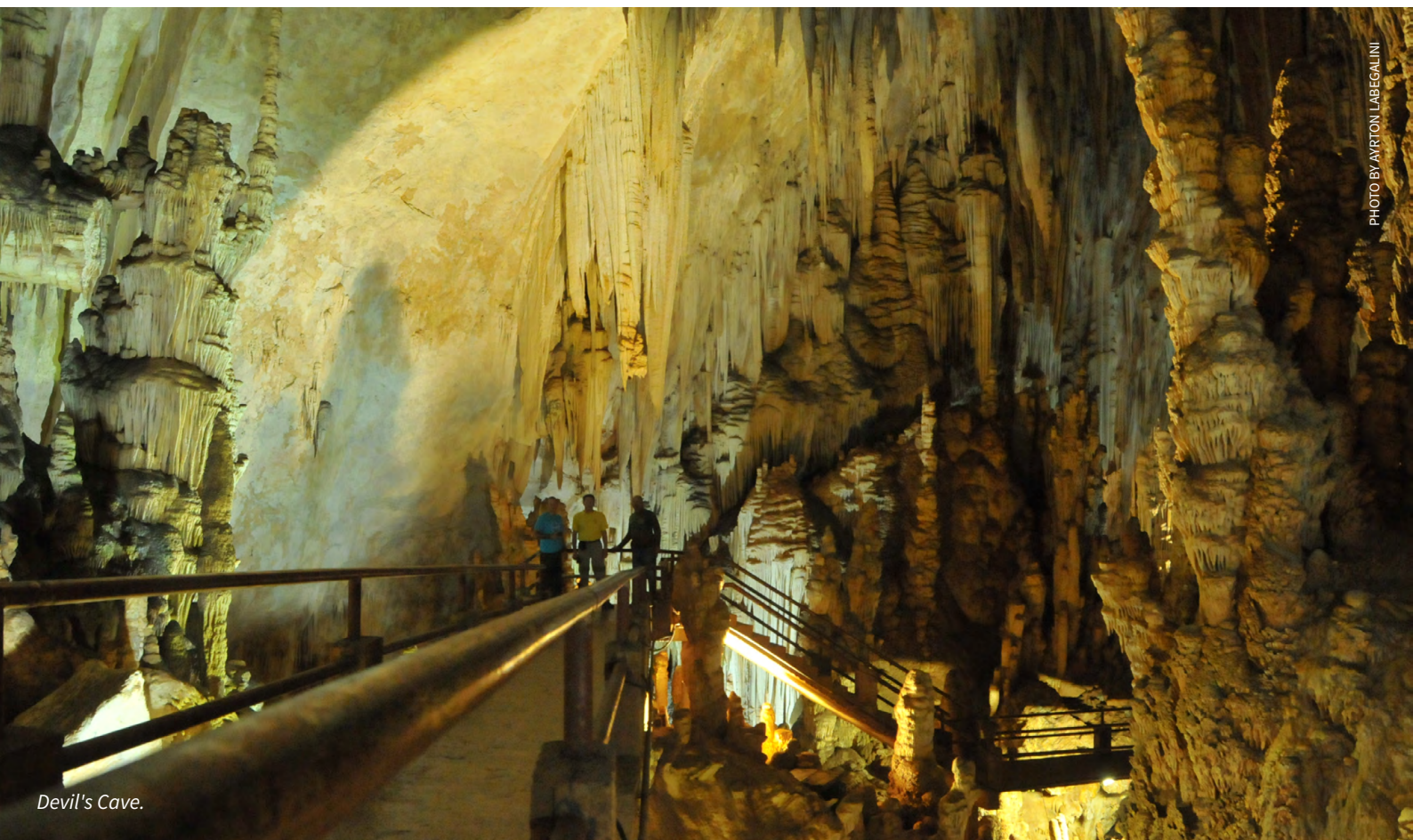
Day 6: Pre-Congress, July 18 - Post-Congress, August 2

Visit to the tourist part of the Diabo Cave.

Day 7: Pre-Congress, July 19 - Post-Congress, August 3

Transfer to Campinas Airport (340 km) and end of both the pre-Congress and post-Congress itineraries at 13h00.





Devil's Cave.

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for easy, moderate hikes with one day of heavy hiking, up to 12 km; usually open trails in the forest, temperatures can vary from -03°C to 25°C (27°F to 77°F) at this time of year.

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

It is recommended to wear hiking boots, long pants, a long sleeved UV shirt, a hat for hiking and a helmet with headlamp for the caves (the park has helmets for rent). A hiking backpack and quick-drying synthetic clothing for water between 15 and 17°C (50 and 63°F) are recommended.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van and/or car airport-tours-airport.
- Entrance to attractions.
- 6 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 12, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

WEBSITES

- [Petar Online](#)
- [Diabo's Cave State Park](#)

PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 5.300,00

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DATES**Pre-Congress - PRE-05**Start July 13, 2025, at 10h00, at
Campinas Airport (SP)End July 19, 2025, at 13h00, at
Campinas Airport (SP)**Post-Congress - POST-05**Starts July 28, 2025, at 10h00, at
Campinas Airport (SP)Ends August 3, 2025 at 13h00 at
Campinas Airport (SP)**MEANS OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Van for tours

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Campinas – VCP



The practice of speleology in the Ribeira Valley started by the German paleontologist Richard Krone (1896) to find and register new caves and later, with the arrival of French speleologists in the 1950s, to carry out the respective topographies and new explorations. The valley was certainly one of the cradles of the development of Brazilian vertical speleology and even diving techniques. As the Ribeira Valley is covered by the vastest area of preserved Atlantic Rainforest, with a high rainfall index and mountainous terrain, many of the caves have perennial and powerful watercourses, which have been the guidelines for many of the explorations in the region. In the explorations following underground rivers, some of which were started by the resurgences and others by the sinkholes, many caves were literally crossed, some very easily, others not so much, and still others with the use of a lot of vertical speleology technique. The following caves or systems are planned to be traversed on this route: Couto Morro Preto (easy), Diabo cave (demanding), Casa de Pedra (largest cave entrance in the world - 215 m), Água Suja (a single 98 m free abyss with a beautiful walk along the underground river) and Ouro Grosso (250 m descent with a sequence of abysses and waterfalls).

BASIC ITINERARY**Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 13 - Post-Congress, July 28**

Reception at Campinas Airport at 10h00, both pre-Congress and post-Congress, followed by transfer to Eldorado/SP (360 km).

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 14 - Post-Congress, July 29

Crossing the Diabo Cave.

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 15 - Post-Congress, July 30

Traverse Morro Preto - Couto (resurgence).

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 16 - Post-Congress, July 31

Crossing the Água Suja Cave.

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 17 - Post-Congress, August 1

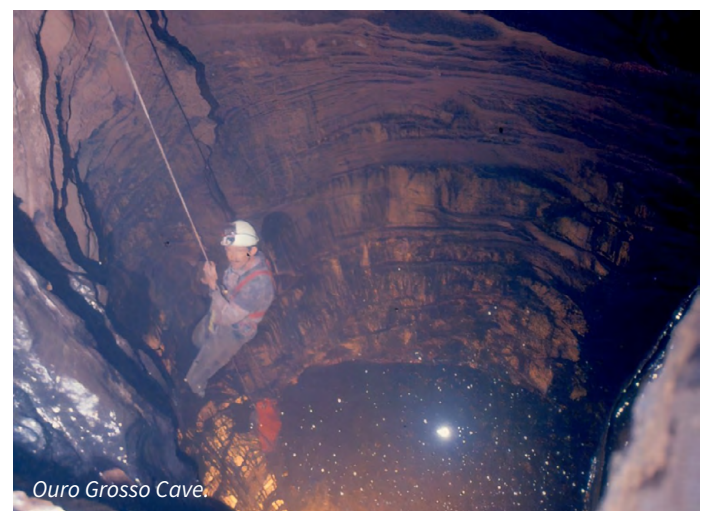
Crossing the Ouro Grosso Cave.

Day 6: Pre-Congress, July 18 - Post-Congress, August 2

Crossing the Ouro Grosso Cave.

Day 7: Pre-Congress, July 19 - Post-Congress, August 3

Transfer to Campinas Airport (340 km) and end of both the pre-Congress and post-Congress itineraries at 13h00.



Ouro Grosso Cave.

PHOTO BY JOSÉ AYRTON LABEGLINI



PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for light, medium and heavy hikes of up to 12 km, swimming ability in short sections of some caves; rugged trails usually in the open forest, outside temperatures that can vary from 0°C to 25°C (32°F to 77°F) at this time of year.

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Complete equipment for vertical caving, a hat for hiking and a helmet with headlamp for caving. It is recommended to wear a backpack for hiking and quick-drying synthetic clothing for water between 15°C and 17°C (50°F and 63°F).

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van and/or car airport-tours-airport.
- Entrance to attractions.
- 6 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 18 years old.

WEBSITES

- [Petar Online](#)
- [Diabo's Cave State Park](#)
- [Nature Tourism](#)



Casa de Pedra Cave.

PHOTO BY DANIEL MEZUN



RETRACING THE 19 TH CENTURY CAVE EXPLORATIONS OF DANISH PETER W. LUND (MG)

PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 3.100,00

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DATES

Pre-Congress - PRE-06

Start July 16, 2025 in Belo Horizonte

(MG) - place and time to be determined

Ends July 19, 2025 in Belo Horizonte

(MG)

Post-Congress - POST-06

Starts July 28, 2025 in Belo Horizonte

(MG)

End July 31, 2025 in Belo Horizonte

(MG)

MEANS OF

TRANSPORTATION

Minibus or van from the Mines and

Metals Museum pre-Congress and from

Minascentro post-Congress



Peter Wilhelm Lund (1801-1880) was a Danish naturalist to whom the paternity of speleology in the state of Minas Gerais is attributed, and who is also considered to be the father of Brazilian paleontology. There are hundreds of caves on a large route through which he traveled in one of Brazil's main karst regions, the Bambuí Carbonate Formation in the Rio das Velhas Hydrographic Basin. He described around 20 of them in detail with descriptions, maps and drawings. Since his death, few of them have been rediscovered by subsequent research, until in recent years it has been possible to describe again 10 caves that had been lost. On this tour, fellow speleologists (or even their family members with little or no experience) will be able to visit the main caves where various fossils have been found, including giant sloths, saber-toothed tigers and even human individuals. In addition to the caves and exuberant karst area, visitors will be able to partake of Minas Gerais's original gastronomy, see popular traditions and visit the Brazilian 'cerrado' (a kind of savannah), immortalized by one of Brazil's greatest writers, João de Guimarães Rosa. Lots of caves, history, tradition and culture in one tour!

BASIC ITINERARY

Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 16 - Post-Congress, July 28

Transfer from Belo Horizonte at 8h00 to Cordisburgo (130 km), visit to the Maquiné Cave, Guimarães Rosa Museum, Santo Amaro Cave and Lapa de Quatro Bocas (Curvelo).

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 17 - Post-Congress, July 29

Visit to Lapas do Mosquito and Lapa do Saco Comprido (Curvelo).

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 18 - Post-Congress, July 30

Visit to Lapa da Peroba, Forquilha Cave and Lapa do Curtume (Jequitibá and Baldim).

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 19 - Post-Congress, July 31

Visit to Cerca Grande State Park, Baú Cave and Sumidouro State Park, with a visit to the Sumidouro and Lapinha Caves) - return to Belo Horizonte (55 km).



PHOTO BY JOCY BRANDÃO





Cerca Grande Massif

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for light hiking, on trails of up to 2 km per day, high temperatures in the stretches outside the caves (30°C or 86°F) in a very dry seasons.

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Mandatory use: closed shoes for hiking, helmet with headlamp, long-sleeved shirt (protection against the sun and insects), long pants and leather gaiters (these will not be provided at any of the points visited, there will be the possibility of renting equipment by prior arrangement). Recommended use: backpack, sunscreen, insect repellent and cap.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van or minibus.
- Entrance to attractions.
- 3 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 12, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

WEBSITES

- [Maquiné cave](#)
- [Lund route](#)
- [Lapa Quatro Bocas](#)
- [Lapa do Mosquito](#)
- [Lapas de Peter Lund](#)
- [Forquilha cave](#)
- [Sumidouro State Park](#)
- [Cerca Grande State Park](#)



SHOW CAVES AND HISTORIC CITIES OF MINAS GERAIS (MG)

PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 5.200,00

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DATES

Pre-Congress - PRE-07

Start July 13, 2025 in Belo Horizonte (MG)

Ends July 19, 2025 in Belo Horizonte (MG)

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

Minibus or van from the Museum of Mines and Metals.



The cities of Minas Gerais are full of culture, history and natural beauty. Tourism in the state has diversified in all regions, offering unique experiences. The extension of the state is enormous and presents a variety of geological formations where natural diversity has shaped its history from the first inhabitants of Brazilian prehistory, who occupied the caves of the karst region of Lagoa Santa, to the Bandeirantes from São Paulo in search of mineral riches. The latter began a systematic occupation of the entire state from the 17th century onwards, where today we can glimpse this wealth in its beautiful, well-preserved historic towns. The Historic Towns itinerary includes Caeté, Diamantina, Mariana and Ouro Preto, the last two of which have deactivated gold mines and are open to underground tourism. In addition, the Tourist Caves that are part of the Lund Route will be visited, namely: Rei do Mato Cave, Lapinha Cave and Maquiné Cave.

BASIC ITINERARY

Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 13

Transfer from Belo Horizonte at 08h00 to Diamantina (300 km) and visit to the historic center of Diamantina.

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 14

Visit to Biribiri State Park, contextualization of the Serra do Espinhaço and visit to the Salitre Cave

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 15

Transfer from Diamantina to Lagoa Santa (180 km), contextualization of the Bambuí Group and the Lund Route, visit to the Maquiné Cave and the Rei do Mato Cave.

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 16

Transfer from Lagoa Santa to Caeté (80 km), visit to Lapinha Cave, Peter Lund contextualization and the Lagoa Santa karst.

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 17

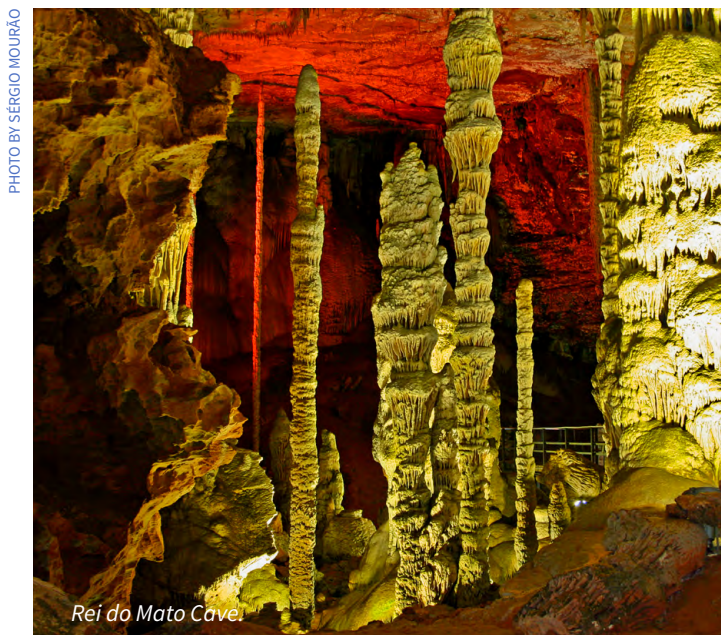
Transfer from Caeté to Ouro Preto (135 km), contextualization of the Iron Quadrangle, visit to the Caraça Sanctuary and the Nossa Senhora da Lapa Sanctuary and a music concert at the Passagem Mine.

Day 6: Pre-Congress, July 18

Visit to the 19th century mines, the Mineralogy Museum, the School of Mines, the Hall of the Speleological and Excursionist Society (SEE) and socializing in a student fraternity.

Day 7: Pre-Congress, July 19

Visit to the historic center of Ouro Preto and drive to Belo Horizonte (100 km) to end the tour.



Rei do Mato Cave

PHOTO BY SÉRGIO MOURÃO



PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for easy walking on trails of up to 2 km per day, high temperatures outside the caves (30°C or 86°F) and in very dry seasons.

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Mandatory use: closed shoes for hiking, helmet with headlamp long-sleeved shirt (protection against sun and insects), long pants and leather gaiters (these will not be provided at any of the points visited, there will be the possibility of renting equipment by prior arrangement). Recommended use: backpack, sunscreen, insect repellent and cap.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van or minibus.
- Entrance to attractions.
- 6 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 12, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

WEBSITES

- [Rota Lund](#)
- [Diamantina](#)
- [Biribiri State Park](#)
- [Serra do Espinhaço](#)
- [Serra da Piedade](#)
- [Santuário do Caraça](#)
- [Passagem de Mariana Mine](#)
- [Lapa de Antônio Pereira](#)
- [Ouro Preto](#)
- [School of Mines Museum](#)



CAVES IN QUARTZITE IN THE IBITIPOCA MOUNTAIN RANGE (MG)

PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 4.200,00

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MEANS OF

TRANSPORTATION

Minibus or van from Minascentro



DATES

Post-Congress - POST-08

Start July 28, 2025 in Belo Horizonte (MG)

End August 01, 2025 in Belo Horizonte (MG)

The Ibitipoca State Park boasts great scenic beauty associated, among other factors, with the quartzite karstification process. This process includes more than 60 registered caves, approximately 70% of which have been photographed, making up the largest and most important quartzite karst area in Brazil. The most important caves in the park are the Martimiano II Cave (4,170 meters long horizontally, the largest Brazilian quartzite/siliciclastic rock cave) and the Bromélias Cave (3,447 meters long), which in the 1990s was the largest quartzite cave in the world. The Park's natural caves have similar characteristics to the corresponding caves in Venezuela, South Africa and Australia. In addition to the caves, other karst features occur in the park, such as semi-circular collapse dolines, some of which are means of underground access, as well as cliffs and waterfalls. The park has a fair number of endemic plant species, including a remarkable variety of lichens, orchids and bromeliads that are easily found on the hiking trails and near the entrances to the caves. The fauna is made up of a wide variety of birds (more than 350 species have been observed), as well as mammals such as the maned wolf (*Chrysocyon brachyuru*) and primates, including the saua monkey (*Callicebus nigrifrons*).

BASIC ITINERARY

Day 1: Post-Congress, July 28

Transfer from Belo Horizonte at 08h00 to Conceição do Ibitipoca (320 km)

Day 2: Post-Congress, July 29

Visit to Manequinho cave and Martimiano II cave.

Day 3: Post-Congress, July 30

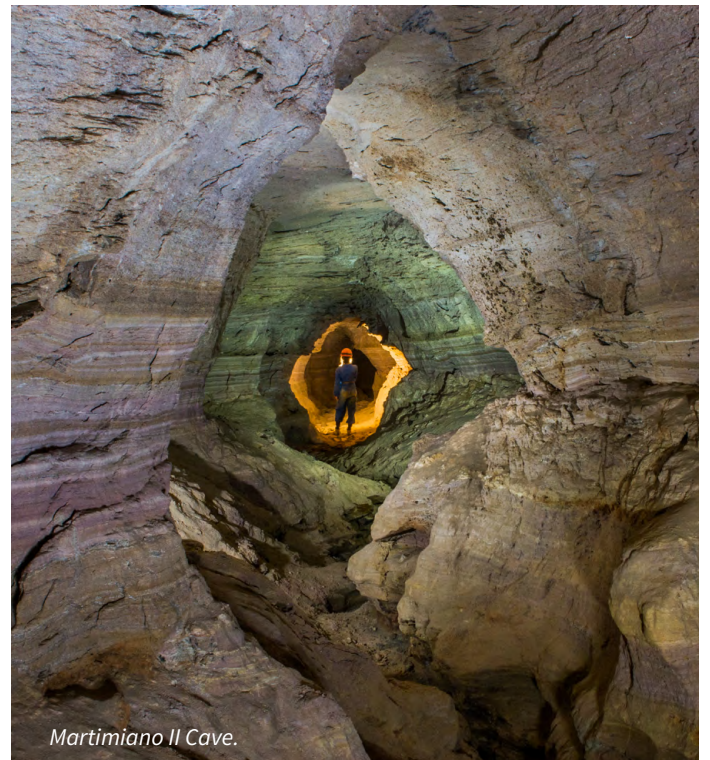
Visit to Bromélias Cave and Casas Cave.

Day 4: Post-Congress, July 31

Visit to Pião peak, Viajantes Cave, Pião Cave, Cathedral Cave, Sacristy Cave and Bocão Cave.

Day 5: Post-Congress, August 1

Travel between Conceição do Ibitipoca and Belo Horizonte, for the end of the program.



Martimiano II Cave.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL LOURENÇO





Manequinho Cave.

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for light, medium hikes of up to 02 km; trails usually open in the forest, temperatures that can vary from -03°C (at dawn) to 25°C (27°F to 77°F) at this time of year.

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Mandatory use: Hiking or caving boots, helmet with main and backup lighting, hiking backpack, gloves, hat or cap, sunscreen, long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Recommended use: Caving overalls, sunglasses, PFF2 mask and insect repellent.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van van or minibus.
- Tickets to attractions.
- 4 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 16, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

WEBSITES

- [Ibitipoca State Park](#)
- [Ibitipoca Tour](#)

PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 3.700,00

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DATES**Pre-Congress - PRE-09**

Starts July 13, 2025, at 07h00, at the Intercity Hotel, in Montes Claros (MG)

Ends July 19, 2025, at 13h00, in Montes Claros (MG)

Post-Congress - POST-09

Starts July 27, 2025, at 18h00, at Montes Claros Airport (MG)

End August 2, 2025, at 17h00, in Montes Claros (MG)

MEANS OF**TRANSPORTATION**

Van and/or cars for tours

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Montes Claros – MOC



From south to north, the São Francisco River cuts through Brazil's largest speleological province, the Bambuí Speleological Province. This province is characterized by a sedimentary package of limestone rocks more than 200 metres thick, with a fine and practically sub-horizontal stratigraphy. These geological features have allowed the tributary networks of the São Francisco River to excavate gigantic, practically horizontal caves with large galleries. The Peruaçu River, located in the north of Minas Gerais state, excavated a series of caves along its normal course and tributaries before discharging its waters into the left bank of the São Francisco River. In total, there are around 140 speleological sites, most of which show signs of prehistoric human occupation, making it one of the largest concentrations of archaeological sites on th planet, as well as being home to the Xacriabás indigenous tribe. This route will take you through five of the six caves located in the channel of the Peruaçu River, as well as visits to countless other caves, shelters and archaeological sites along the 17 km of the main canyon.

BASIC ITINERARY OF PRE-09**Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 13**

Reception at the Intercity Hotel in Monte Claros at 07h00, followed by land transfer to the Peruaçu Caves National Park (220 km) and a presentation.

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 14

Visit to the Caboclos Cave and Archaeological Site, crossing of the Brejal Cave and visit to the Carlúcio Cave (optional).

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 15

Boquete route, Monte Sião shelter, Mundo Inteiro viewpoint,

Arco do André, Amphitheater (optional), Cascudos Cave, Troncos Cave and Desenhos archaeological site.

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 16

Visit to the Indio, Bonita, Buraco dos Macacos Caves and dinner in Itacarambi.

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 17

Traverse the Janelão Cave and the Bichos Cave.

Day 6: Pre-Congress, July 18

Visit to the Rezar Cave, transfer to Januária (50 km), with beaches on the São Francisco River and a cultural tour.

Day 7: Pre-Congress, July 19

Transfer to Montes Claros Airport (170 km), end of the tour at 13h00.



Cave of Janelão.

PHOTO BY LEO GIUNCO



Cave of Janelão.

BASIC ITINERARY OF POST-09

Day 1: Post-Congress, July 27

Pick up at Montes Claros Airport at 18h00 and transfer to hotel and a presentation.

Day 2: Post-Congress, July 28

Transfer to Peruaçu Caves National Park (220 km), lecture and cultural presentation.

Day 3: Post-Congress, July 29

Visit to the Caboclos Cave and Archaeological Site, crossing of the Brejal Cave and visit to the Carlúcio Cave (optional).

Day 4: Post-Congress, July 30

Boquete itinerary, Monte Sião shelter, Mundo Inteiro viewpoint, Arco do André, Amphitheatre (optional), Cascudos Cave, Troncos Cave and Desenhos Archaeological Site.

Day 5: Post-Congress, July 31

Visit to Índio, Bonita, Buraco dos Macacos caves and dinner in Itacarambi.

Day 6: Post-Congress, August 1

Traverse the Janelão Cave and the Bichos Cave.

Day 7: Post-Congress, August 2

Visit to the Rezar Cave, transfer to Januária (50 km), with beaches on the São Francisco River and a cultural tour. Transfer to Montes Claros (170 km) finishing at 17h00.

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for long hikes of up to 10 km a day, on rough trails with many descents and ascents, with blocks and loose stones, high temperatures in the stretches outside the caves (30°C or 86°F) in a very dry season.

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Mandatory use: closed hiking shoes, helmet with headlamp, long pants and gaiters (provided by the park). Recommended use: hiking backpack, long-sleeved shirt (insect protection), sunscreen, insect repellent and cap.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van and/or car airport-tours-airport.
- 6 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 16, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

WEBSITES

- [Brazilian Government's official guide to visiting the Peruaçu Caves National Park](#)
- [Peruaçu Canyon nominated for UNESCO World Heritage Site](#)
- [Complete Guide to the Peruaçu Caves National Park](#)
- [Cinematographic Travel \(Tourism\)](#)
- [Peruaçu Caves National Park](#)
- [Tourism in Januária](#)
- [Globo Television /Terra da Gente report](#)
- [Biotropicos Institute report](#)



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DATES**Pre-Congresso - PRE-12**Start July 12, 2025, at 10h00, at
Brasilia Airport (DF)End July 19, 2025, at 15h00, at
Brasilia Airport (DF)**Post-Congress - POST-12**Starts July 28, 2025, at 10h00, at
Brasilia Airport (DF)Ends August 4, 2025, at 15h00, at
Brasilia Airport (DF)**MEANS OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Van for tours

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Brasília – BSB



The 1970s saw the start of numerous expeditions to the caves of Goiás, especially in the municipality of São Domingos, where several rivers cross the limestone massif. In decades of exploration, large caves were discovered, registered and topographed; several rivers in the region had their respective sinkholes in different caves, while other caves were registered in many of the known resurgences; the continuity of several of the underground rivers was identified, and the connection between sinkholes and their respective resurgences was sought. To this day, five major cave systems make up the São Domingos traverses: Angélica-Bezerra Caves (14,100 km), São Vicente (16,390 km), São Mateus (22,600 km) Terra Ronca-Malhada (7,500 km) and São Bernardo- Palmeiras (5,610 km) This itinerary will include some of the traverses, including São Vicente, which is undoubtedly the most technical and sporty of them all.

BASIC ITINERARY**Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 12 - Post-Congress, July 28**

Reception at Brasília Airport at 10h00, followed by transfer to São Domingos (450 km), both pre-Congress and post-Congress.

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 13 - Post-Congress, July 29

Start of the Lapa do Angélica traverse, with overnight stay in the cave.

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 14 - Post-Congress, July 30

Completion of the 14 km Lapa do Angélica traverse, with the crossing of two waterfalls and richly ornamented halls.

Pre-Congress, July 15 - Post-Congress, July 31

Visit to Lapa de São Vicente 1, with a visit to the 5th waterfall (15 meters high), known as Iguaçu. Total distance: 4km.

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 16 - Post-Congress, August 1

Visit to the Terra Ronca I cave and rest.

Day 6: Pre-Congress, July 17 - Post-Congress, August 02

Start of the São Mateus Cave crossing with entrance via São Mateus III and overnight stay in the cave.

Day 7: Pre-Congress, July 18 - Post-Congress, August 3

Completion of the 10 km traverse of the São Mateus Cave, which in total is 22 km long.

Day 8: Pre-Congress, July 19 - Post-Congress, August 4

Transfer from São Domingos to Brasília (450 km) and end of the tour at 15h00, both pre-Congress and post-Congress.

PHOTO BY ALLAN CALUX



Terra Ronca II Cave.



São Matheus Cave.

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for long, heavy hikes, up to 5 km per day, on rough trails with many descents and ascents, with boulders and loose rocks, very technical cave traverses with lakes and waterfalls, high external temperatures (30°C or 86°F) in very dry seasons and water temperatures of 23°C (75°F).

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Mandatory use: footwear and overalls for speleology, helmet with headlamp, complete vertical caving kit, sleeping bag, backpack and water canteen. Recommended use: hiking backpack, long-sleeved shirt (insect protection), sunscreen, insect repellent, cap, thermal insulation mat and tent (optional).

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van and/or car for airport-tours-airport
- Entrance to attractions.
- 7 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age 18 years

WEBSITES

- [TransPortal](#)
- [Incredible Experiences](#)



SANDSTONE CAVES IN THE CHAPADA DOS GUIMARÃES REGION (MT)

PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 3.800,00

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MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

Van and/or car for tours

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Cuiabá – CGB



DATES

Pre-Congress - PRE-15

Start July 14, 2025, at 14h00, at

Cuiabá Airport (MT)

Ends July 19, 2025, at 12h noon, at

Cuiabá Airport (MT)

Post-Congress - POST-15

Start July 28, 2025, at 14h00, at

Cuiabá Airport (MT)

End August 2, 2025, at 12h noon, at

Cuiabá Airport (MT)

The state of Mato Grosso, Brazil's third largest, covers three important Brazilian biomes (Amazon, Cerrado and Pantanal) and has a spectacular geospeleological diversity. Therefore, the speleological itinerary for the 19th ICS in this state takes place in two regions: 1) the municipality of Chapada dos Guimarães, in the Aroe Jari cave complex in sandstone and quartzite regions. The itinerary in this location is made up of four caves: Aroe Jari (for a long time considered the largest sandstone/quartzite cave in Brazil), Kiogo Brado, Pobo Jari and Lagoa Azul, as well as a circuit of crystal-clear waterfalls and viewpoints in the Chapada do Guimarães National Park, with fantastic views of the Pantanal plain; and 2) the municipality of Nobres, in a carbonate region, adjacent to the Lagoa Azul Cave State Park, made up of several caves. The itinerary in this location includes three caves: Lagoa Azul Cave, Duto do Quebó and Cerquinha, as well as floating in crystal-clear waters on the Salobra River (Enchanted Kingdom and/or Enchanted Aquarium).

BASIC ITINERARY

Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 14 - Post-Congress, July 28

Reception at Cuiabá/MT Airport at 14h00, followed by transfer to Chapada dos Guimarães/MT (80 km) both pre-Congress and post-Congress.

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 15 - Post-Congress, July 29

Visit to the waterfalls located in the Chapada dos Guimarães National Park.

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 16 - Post-Congress, July 30

Visit to the Aroe Jari cave complex, Kiogo Brado, Lagoa Azul, Pobo Jari (40 km from the town of Chapada dos Guimarães).

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 17 - Post-Congress, July 31

Morning transfer from Chapada dos Guimarães to the Bom Jardim district in the municipality of Nobres (180 km); accommodation at the Pousada. After lunch, visit to the Blue Lagoon cave and possible floating on the Salobra River (Enchanted Kingdom and/or Enchanted Aquarium).



General view of Chapada dos Guimarães

PHOTO BY JOSÉ A. LABEGALINI





Aroe Jari Cave

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 18 - Post-Congress, August 1

Visit to the caves: Duto do Quebó and Cerquinha, as well as possible floats on crystal-clear rivers.

Day 6: Pre-Congress, July 19 - Post-Congress, August 2

Transfer from Bom Jardim (Nobres/MT) to Cuiabá/MT Airport (130 km), followed by the end of the itinerary, both pre-Congress and post-Congress at 12 noon.

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for easy walks of up to 8 km per day, along trails in open countryside or wooded areas, in temperatures that can vary from -03°C/v to 25°C (27°F to 77°F) at this time of year.

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

We recommend wearing sneakers or hiking boots, long pants, a long-sleeved UV shirt, a hat or cap and insect repellent. Depending on the weather, it is also recommended to wear a windbreaker, gloves and a raincoat.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van and/or car airport-tours-airport pre Congress and airport-tours-post-Congress.
- Entry to attractions.
- 5 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 12, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

WEBSITES

- [Vila Velha State Park](#)
- [Witmarsun Glacier Striations](#)
- [Buraco do Padre](#)
- [Guartelá](#)
- [Castrolanda Mill](#)
- [Curucacas Refuge](#)
- [Museum of Natural Sciences](#)



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MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

Van and/or bus for tours

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Lençóis – LEC



DATES

Post-Congress - POST-17

Start July 27, 2025, at 16h00, at
Lençóis Airport (BA)

End August 3, 2025, at 14h00, at
Lençóis Airport (BA)

The Chapada Diamantina is located in the central part of Bahia state and is one of the main destinations for outdoor tourism in Brazil, so much so that it is now home to a number of geopark projects. Among its many natural attractions, caves occupy a prominent place in this region, as they are found in very different lithologies and contexts. In some of these caves there are important archaeological records - with cave paintings, as well as very peculiar records of diamond mining, which has been carried out in the region since the 19th century and was often practiced inside caves installed in sandstone rocks, so that many of them were emptied or even enlarged by this activity. Ongoing research has shown the importance of karst processes in carving out the relief in the mountains supported by sandstones and meta-sandstones, thus we can find karst valleys, sinkholes and many other karst features carved into this lithology. However, what impresses visitors the most in this region are the monumental caves set in carbonate rocks which, without a doubt, represent the region's main tourist attractions and are among the largest in Brazil.

BASIC ITINERARY

Day 1: Post-Congress, July 27

Reception at Lençóis Airport (BA) at 16h00, followed by a transfer to Iraquara (80 km).

Day 2: Post-Congress, July 28

View of Toca do Sol and crossing of Lapa Doce (complete circuit, from Arco de Pedra to the exit at Santa Rita).

Day 3: Post-Congress, July 29

Visit to Torrinhã Cave (longer circuit, check out the possibility of going to the needle room) and Fumaça Cave.

Day 4: Post-Congress, July 30

Drive up to Fumaça waterfall (Brazil's 2nd largest waterfall). On the way back, a stop at Morro do Pai Inácio - to contemplate and understand the terrain.

Day 5: Post-Congress, August 31

Visit to the Lapão Cave (complete traverse of the cave, starting from the sinkhole). Then a visit to the Muritiba Municipal Park, with a swim in the Serrano river.

Day 6: Post-Congress, August 1

Drive to Poço Azul cave, with flotation in the cave lake. Then on to Igatu. Visit to the ruins of the garimpo or walk along the Pombos River to see the sinkhole and Cego valley.

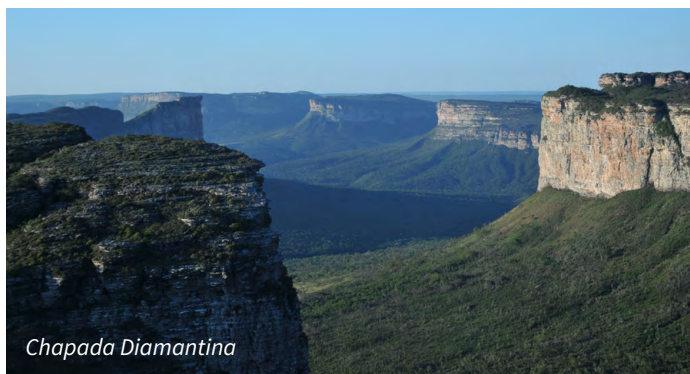
Day 7: Post-Congress, August 2

Drive to Itaetê - visit the Poço Encantado and Lapa do Bode. Return and accommodation in Igatu.

Day 8: Post-Congress, August 3

Transfer to Lençóis and end of the tour at Lençóis Airport at 14h00.

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Chapada Diamantina



Aerial view of Torrinha Cave entrance

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for short and medium hikes of up to 3 km per day, and one day of long, heavy hiking (6 km and steep gradients), on trails over limestone outcrops, or in open country in the sun and also inside caves, high temperatures in the stretches outside the caves (up to 40°C or 86°F).

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Hiking boots, long pants, a long-sleeved UV shirt, a hat for hiking and a helmet with headlamp for caving. Recommended use: hiking backpack, long-sleeved shirt (insect protection), sunscreen, insect repellent and cap.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van and/or car airport-tours-airport.
- Entrance to attractions.
- 7 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 16, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian

WEBSITES

- [Chapada Diamantina Guide](#)
- [Chapada Diamantina National Park](#)
- [Poço Azul](#)
- [Lapa Doce](#)
- [Geological and Paleobiological Sites of Brazil](#)
- [Serra do Sincorá Geopark proposal](#)
- [Poço Encantado](#)
- [Poço Encantado](#)
- [Torrinha Cave](#)
- [Pratinha Cave](#)
- [Brazilian Journal of Geomorphology](#)



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**MEANS OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Van and/or bus for tours

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Petrolina – PNZ

DATES**Post-Congress - POST-19**

Start July 28, 2025, at 19h00 at

Petrolina Airport (PE)

End August 4, 2025, at 18h00 at the

hotel in Petrolina (PE)



Of the twenty largest caves in Brazil, thirteen are in the state of Bahia, and the two largest are in the Caatinga of the north-central part of the state, in the Salitre Formation of the Una Group. The Toca da Boas Vista cave with its 114 km of topography and the Toca da Barriguda cave with 35 km, are relatively close to each other (less than a km as the crow flies) and are practically flat and labyrinthine. Further south in the same formation is the Brejões Cave with its majestic parabolic-shaped entrance portico, a hundred meters high, galleries of comparable size to the entrance portico and skylights that illuminate the interior of the cave. To complement this itinerary, you can also visit the Toca dos Ossos, an important Miocene paleontological site, the Convento Cave and the Sumidouro Caves (or Bridges); visit the Sobradinho Hydroelectric Power Station with a boat trip across one of the largest artificial lakes in the world; and finish off with some relaxing moments in one of the region's wineries enjoying a chilled sparkling wine.

BASIC ITINERARY**Day 1: Post-Congress, July 28**

Reception at 19h00 at Petrolina Airport (PE).

Day 2: Post-Congress, July 29

Transfer from Petrolina to Ourolândia (310 km) and visit to Toca dos Ossos.

Day 3: Post-Congress, July 30

Visit to the Brejões Cave.

Day 4: Post-Congress, July 31

Transfer to Laje dos Negros (130 km) and visit to Convento Cave.

Day 5: Post-Congress, August 1

Visit to Toca da Boa Vista.

Day 6: Post-Congress, August 2

Visit to Toca da Barriguda.

Day 7: Post-Congress, August 3

Transfer to Petrolina (150 km) with passage over the Sumidouro Bridges.

Day 8: Post-Congress, August 4

Visit to the Sobradinho Hydroelectric Plant and a local winery, end of the tour in the evening.



Aerial view of the karst in the Brejões region



Cave of Brejões

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for long hikes, up to 10 km per day, on rough trails with many descents and ascents, with loose rocks, high temperatures in the stretches outside the caves (30°C or 86°F) and in a very dry season.

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Mandatory use: hiking shoes and caving overalls, helmet with headlamp and water canteen. Recommended use: hiking backpack, long-sleeved shirt (insect protection), sunscreen, insect repellent and cap.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van and/or car airport-tours-airport.
- Entrance to attractions.
- 7 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 16, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian

WEBSITES

- [Caves, Karst and Speleological Heritage in the Chapada Diamantina, Bahia, Brazil](#)
- [Toca da Boa Vista](#)
- [Brejões Cave](#)
- [Brejões Cave](#)
- [Sobradinho Hydroelectric Plant](#)
- [Petroloina](#)
- [Wineries](#)

THE AMAZON FOREST AND THE CAVES IN FERRUGINOUS ROCKS IN CARAJÁS (PA)

PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 4.400,00

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DATES

Pre-Congress - PRE-22

Start July 14, 2025, at 13h00, at Carajás Airport (PA)

End July 18, 2025, at 16h00, at Carajás Airport (PA)

Post-Congress - POST-22

Starts July 28, 2025, at 13h00, at Carajás Airport (PA)

End August 1, 2025, at 16h00, at Carajás Airport (PA) 7h00, at the hotel in Fortaleza (CE)

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

Van for the tours

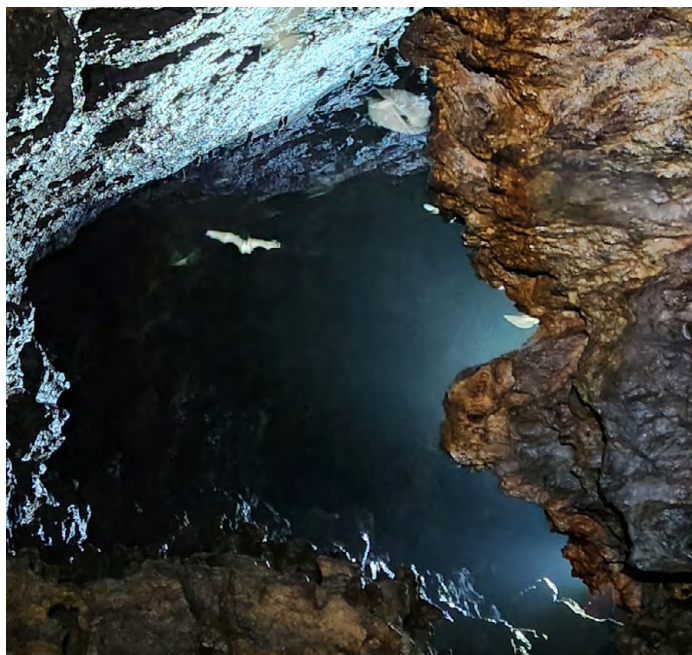
Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Carajás – CKS



The Carajás National Forest has multiple interests: environmental, plant and mineral extraction. It is a gigantic region, part of the Amazon rainforest, with a beautifully rugged terrain and the largest iron ore extraction on the planet. In the iron-rich lithologies of Carajás, the caves are home to a rich variety of specialized species with restricted distribution - the troglobites - and have unique bio-speleogenesis, minerals and speleothems.

PHOTO BY JOSÉ AIRTON LABE GALINI



BASIC ITINERARY

Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 14 - Post-Congress, July 28

Reception at Carajás Airport at 13h00, both pre-Congress and post-Congress; visit to the BioParque park.

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 15 - Post-Congress, July 29

Visit to the iron caves in the Serra Norte; Birdwatching, including the harpy eagle (*Harpia harpyja*), one of the most imposing and endangered birds of prey in Brazil.

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 16 - Post-Congress, July 30

Visit to Serra Pelada, the largest gold mine in the world, located in the municipality of Curionópolis; visit to the iron caves of Serra Leste.

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 17 - Post-Congress, July 31

Visit to the S11D mine and surrounding caves, including the Labyrinth of Máfica Cave, the largest iron-ore cave in the world with traces of Pleistocene fauna occupation.

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 18 - Post-Congress, August 1

Visit to the Ferruginous Fields National Park, the protected area with the highest density of ferruginous caves in the world. End of the itinerary at 16h00 at Carajás Airport, both pre-Congress and post-Congress. afternoon at the beach.

Day 9: Pre-Congress, July 19- Post-Congress, August 5

End of the itinerary in Fortaleza after breakfast at 07:00 at the hotel, both pre-Congress and post-Congress.



Vale da Lua Cave

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for short and medium hikes, up to 2 km per day, on open trails in the forest and inside caves, high temperatures in the stretches outside the caves (38°C or 100.4°F).

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

As the proposal involves visiting non-touristy caves and iron landscapes, it is recommended that participants bring full caving equipment (overalls, boots, helmet, headlamp and gloves). Mandatory use of gaiters (will be provided) Recommended use: hiking backpack, long-sleeved shirt (insect protection), sunscreen, insect repellent and cap.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van or minibus airport-tours-airport
- Entrance to attractions.
- 4 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 18 years.

WEBSITES

- [FLONA de Carajás](#)
- [BioParque Vale Amazônia](#)
- [PARNA Campos Ferruginoso](#)

PRICE (REAIS) R\$ 5.500,00

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99135-0684**DATES****Pre-Congress - PRE-23**Start: July 15, 2025 at 08h00 at the
Hotel Ibis Styles Manaus (AM)End: July 19, 2025 at 09h00, at the
Ibis Styles Manaus Hotel (AM)**Post-Congress - POST-23**Starts July 28, 2025, at 08h00, at the
Hotel Ibis Styles Manaus (AM)End August 1, 2025, at 14h00, at the
Hotel Ibis Styles Manaus (AM)**MEANS OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Van for the tours

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Manaus – MAO



Amazon experiences - imagine a city in the Amazon rainforest, on the banks of a river. This city exists, it's called "Manaus": it's the capital of the state of Amazonas. The city is surrounded by water, its main waterway being the giant Negro river, which flows into the Solimões river and forms the Amazonas river. Manaus is a destination to visit with plenty of time to get a broad sense of the city and its surroundings, feel a bit of the natural atmosphere and really get to know the forest, dividing your stay between the city and the jungle in the same trip, including everything from historical and cultural circuits to interesting gastronomic experiences. From Manaus you can go up and down the rivers, admire the green tones of the forest, smell the tropical fruits and discover the wonders of this ecological paradise. In Presidente Figueiredo, 130 km from Manaus, a 2.3 km walk in the middle of the Amazon Rainforest allows you to take a refreshing dip in the resurgence of the Refúgio do Maruaga Cave or in the waterfall that falls in front of the Judeia Cave entrance. As this tour is outsourced to Amazon Express Viagens e Turismo, not all visits are exclusive to the 19 th ICS Group.

BASIC ITINERARY OF PRE-23**Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 15**

Reception at the Ibis Styles Manaus Hotel in Manaus at 08h00. Lunch stop (not included in the package). Visit to MUSA (Amazon Museum) at 14h00.

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 16

08h30 - Amazon Experience Tour, with a visit to the Floating Platform for the Contemplation of Botos (freshwater dolphins), observation of the meeting of the waters (Rio Negro - dark waters and Rio Solimões - muddy waters), visit to an indigenous

community, visit to the Janauari Ecological Park, contemplation of Amazonian fauna and flora.

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 17

07h00 - Tour Presidente Figueiredo (130 km) to visit the sandstone caves in the region: Refúgio do Maroaga Cave, Judeia Cave, Palácio Galo da Serra Cave and Onça Cave.

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 18

08h30 - Flavors of the Amazon and Science Forest Tour - starts with a visit to the Bombons Finos da Amazônia Factory (bonbons with exotic flavors), a visit to the National Institute for Amazonian Research (INPA), followed by ice cream tasting of the most varied flavors of fruit from the region. Free afternoon 16h30 - Presentation for alligator watching night tour.

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 19

End of the itinerary after breakfast at the hotel at 09h00.





BASIC ITINERARY OF POST-23

Day 1: Post-Congress, July 28

Reception at Manaus Airport at 12 noon, followed by transfer to the Ibis Styles Manaus Hotel; City Tour of Manaus

Day 2: Post-Congress, July 29

08h30 - Amazon Experience Tour, with a visit to the Floating Platform for the Contemplation of Botos (freshwater dolphins), observation of the Meeting of the Waters (Rio Negro with dark waters and Rio Solimões with muddy waters), visit to an indigenous community, visit to the Janauari Ecological Park, contemplation of Amazonian fauna and flora.

Day 3: Post-Congress, July 30

07h00 - Tour Presidente Figueiredo (130 km) to visit the sandstone caves in the region: Refúgio do Maroaga Cave, Judeia Cave, Palácio Galo da Serra Cave and Onça Cave.

Day 4: Post-Congress, July 31

08h30 - Flavors of the Amazon and Science Forest Tour - Starts with a visit to the Bombons Finos da Amazônia factory (exotic-flavored bonbons), a visit to the National Institute for Amazonian Research (INPA), followed by ice cream tastings of the region's most varied fruit flavors. Free afternoon 16h30 Presentation for alligator-watching night tour.

Day 5: Post-Congress, August 1

Visit to the Amazon Museum (MUSA) and end of the tour at 14h00 at the hotel.

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for short to medium hikes of up to 3 km per day on open forest trails, high temperatures in the stretches outside the caves (up to 30°C or 86°F).

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Hiking boots and helmet with headlamp for the day you visit the caves. Recommended use: hiking backpack, bathing suit, long-sleeved shirt (insect protection), sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat or cap, for hiking on the forest trails.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van airport-tours-airport
- Entrance to attractions.
- Boat transportation on the waterways
- 4 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 12, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

WEBSITES

- [Manaus Tourism](#)
- [Presidente Figueiredo waterfalls](#)
- [Presidente Figueiredo Caves](#)
- [Encontro das águas](#)



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DATES

Pre-Congress - PRE-25

Start July 13, 2025, at 09h00, at
Brasilia Airport (DF)

Ends July 19, 2025, at 16h00, at
Brasilia Airport (DF)

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

Van and/or cars from Brasília airport
and in the São Desidério region.

Airports used:

- Belo Horizonte – CNF
- Brasília – BSB



Gigantic caves, rare speleothems, the largest underground lakes and halls in Brazil, unique hydrological phenomena and a geological history dating back more than 40 million years: these are some of the characteristics that define the São Desidério karst. Amid the landscape of an extensive plateau covered in sandstones and cerrado-type vegetation (Brazilian savannah), beautiful dolines with vertical limestone walls up to 70-90 m high lead to an imposing system of caves and underground rivers, like an oasis in the middle of the sertão (semi-desert of northeastern Brazil). In the town of São Desidério, we will stay in a cozy eco-lodge with a swimming pool and a large open garden area. Three cave systems will be explored during our visit (João Rodrigues, Manoel Lopes and Cânion da Beleza). There will be two days of longer and more intense cave traverses, which will certainly last a full day of exploration, including important stretches of swimming (with a buoy), descents into dolines with rope techniques, traversing large halls with piles of boulders and crawling over mud, sand or blocks. Days of less intense physical activity will be alternated with visits to geological and archaeological sites, beautiful karst landscapes and water recreation in the local rivers to rest and prepare for a new, more intense crossing the following day. Throughout all these itineraries, curiosities about the history of speleological explorations in the region, the culture and knowledge of the local inhabitants and the geological evolution of the caves and the relief will be discussed.

BASIC ITINERARY

Day 1: Pre-Congress, July 13

Reception at Brasília International Airport (DF) at 09h00, followed by a land transfer to the city of São Desidério (600 km).

Day 2: Pre-Congress, July 14

Visit to the limestone lapiá fields, the Lagoa Azul Municipal Park,

the Catão Cave, lunch with traditional cuisine, the João Baio rhythmic spring and the Buraco do Inferno doline viewpoint.

Day 3: Pre-Congress, July 15

Traverse the Buraco do Inferno cave from Cemitério Lagoon (all day).

Day 4: Pre-Congress, July 16

Visit to the Beleza Canyon, cave paintings, Beleza Cave and water recreation on the banks of the Grande river.

Day 5: Pre-Congress, July 17

Traverse the Garganta do Bacupari cave (full day).with a swim in the Serrano river.

Day 6: Pre-Congress, July 18

Visit to the Sopradeira and Manoel Lopes caves (full day).

Day 7: Pre-Congress, July 19

Land transfer to Brasília (600 km, 8 hours) and end of the tour at the airport at 16h00.



Garganta do Bacupari Cave

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Buraco do Inferno da Lagoa do Cemitério Cave

PREREQUISITES

Health and fitness for hiking outdoors, for 1 hour outside the caves, on trails in the middle of the forest, with an easy to medium level of difficulty, in temperatures of 30- 40°C (86-104°F) and a dry climate season. Willingness to spend 4-8 hours in caves, with air and water temperatures between 25-27°C (77-81°F).

EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL USE

Mandatory use: closed hiking shoes, helmet with headlamp, spare light and spare batteries (autonomy of up to 10h inside the cave), complete vertical caving equipment and knowledge of basic single rope techniques, long pants or light caving overalls, gaiters (provided by the organization) and caving backpack. Recommended use: hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Transportation by van and/or car for the airport-tours-airport transfer.
- Entrance to attractions.
- 6 overnight stays with breakfast.
- Food: lunch, trail snacks, and dinner every day.
- Gaiters.
- Vertical caving kits can be rented to those interested, with prior arrangement.

REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age of 16, as long as accompanied by a parent or legal guardian

WEBSITES

- [Lagoa Azul Municipal Park](#)
- [São Desidério tourism](#)
- [Expedition Reports – Blog Terrasub](#)

