

# GETTING TO KNOW PELOTAS

What do I need to know?



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## How to get to Pelotas



# ABOUT PELOTAS

## HISTORY

The city of Pelotas was founded in 1758 and achieved its emancipation in 1812. During 260 years of history, the Princesa do Sul (Princess of the South), as Pelotas is known, acquired a culturally rich history. The emergence of the "charque" industry - charque being very similar to jerky beef - marked the beginning of the history of the city.

The name Pelotas comes from the rustic boats, made of leather and four cork sticks, which were used by indigenous people in order to get across rivers in the region. The slaves also used this type of boat in the beginning of the era of charqueadas.

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Charque was produced in facilities called charqueadas where workers would slaughter the cattle, salt the beef and hang it into strings to dry in the sun. Because of that, it was only possible to produce charque between the months of November and April. The wealth from the owners of charqueadas allowed their children to study abroad, especially in Europe. When the youngsters returned from their studies, they would bring not only the European customs and fashion but also their culture and political thoughts.

The charque industry began to fall due to the abolition of slavery that took place in 1884. Right after this period, the expansion of charque production to other cities in the state of Rio Grande do Sul ended up accelerating the decline of charqueadas in Pelotas.

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Pelotas holds one of the richest cultural and architectural heritages of the country. Houses, public buildings, streets, squares and monuments have defined the landscape of the city according to the needs of its community. The cultural heritage is shaped by the historical continuity of a community that recognizes itself and takes on its ideals and values that transcend generations, being a potential for socioeconomic development that allows several actions and enterprises that lead to job creation, income generation, and the stimulation of the local economy.

The city of Pelotas presents a long trajectory of debates related to the preservation of its cultural heritage. Such concepts allow us to have a broader vision of the historical development of the city by recognizing that no culture is more important than others.

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Today, Pelotas is the fourth most populous city in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, preserving its past while aiming for the future. Throughout its history, the city has received many immigrants from 28 different ethnic groups, mostly Portuguese, Spanish, French, Italian, German, and from different African countries. As a result of the intensive miscegenation of the inhabitants of Pelotas, the city reflects a rich cultural patrimony. In order to maintain this patrimony alive, the city invests in the preservation of its historical buildings and in events to raise awareness of the importance of cultural preservation.

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# ABOUT PELOTAS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LOCATION

- In the south of Brazil, state of

#### Rio Grande do Sul

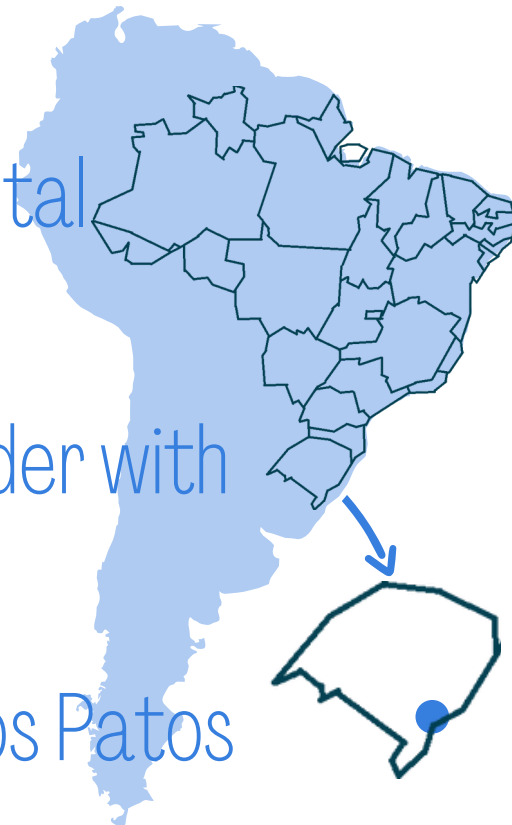
- 245 km from the capital

Porto Alegre

- 150 km from the border with

Uruguay

- Next to the Lagoa dos Patos



### POPULATION

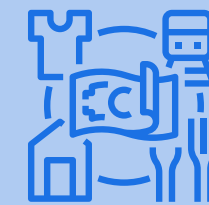
**343,132 inhabitants** (2020 estimate)



### CLIMATE

- **4 well-defined seasons**

- Average temperature of 9° C (48,2° F) in the winter (Jun-Aug) and 29° C (84,2 ° F) in the summer (Dec-Feb)



### COST OF LIVING

**To check out about cost of living, access Numbeo website:** <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Pelotas-Brazil>

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## CULTURE

The traditional sweets of Pelotas started being produced during the charque (jerked beef) cycle, which made possible the development of other activities and the emergence of a local community.

The strong influence of Italian, French, German and Pomeranian colonization also contributed to a rich cuisine, focused on the production of handmade sweets and preserved foods.

In the beginning of the 20th century, the sweets from Pelotas began to be sold throughout the country, whereas before they used to be restricted to the city's wealthy families.

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### FENADOCE

Brazil's National Sweets Fair - is one of Pelotas' biggest tourist events. It happens every year at the Pelotas Event Center, located in the intersection of Avenida Presidente João Goulart with BR 116 and BR 392.

Website: <https://www.fenadoce.com.br/>

The Traditional Sweets of Pelotas are recognized as Cultural Patrimony of the Rio Grande do Sul State by the Law nº 11919/2003. In 2018, they were recognized as a Cultural Patrimony of Brazil.

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### **The Tholl Group:**

The Tholl Group (Patrimony of the Rio Grande do Sul State) was founded in 1987 in Pelotas by the actor João Bachilli, whose childhood dream was to become a "circus artist". In the 90s, Tholl had created and given some small stage performances and, in 2002, the group created its first complete performance called "Tholl, Imagem e Sonho", based upon the "Contemporary Circus" genre of performing arts.

The Tholl Group has the primary objective of developing new and successful performances while also exercising the citizenship rights of each one of its members in social inclusion and cultural projects.

Website: <http://www.grupotholl.com>

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### **Sesc Music Festival:**

In its 8th edition, Sesc International Festival of Music happened from January 15th to 26th 2018, in Pelotas. The event has as one of its objectives to motivate the development of musical production and promote international exchange and the appreciation of cultural patrimony. During the 12 days of the event, more than 500 professional musicians were involved in 50 concerts and 24 courses. Teachers and students of 15 different nationalities have been to Pelotas, coming from countries as Italy, Germany, Bulgaria, Belarus, France, Belgium, USA, Russia, Argentina, Venezuela, Colombia, Chile, Uruguay, Peru and Brazil. The 8th Sesc International Festival of Music was held by Sistema Fecomércio-RS/Sesc, and sponsored by Pelotas City Hall, Catholic Federal University, Senac College, Unisinos, Pelotas Public Library, Ospa, Expresso Embaixador, Arroz Extremo Sul, Ecosul, Biri Refrigerantes and Café 35. Website: <https://www.sesc-rs.com.br/festival/>

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# ABOUT PELOTAS

## TOURISM



### ***Public Market***

With more than 170 years, it is a building where we can find local crafts and a variety of gastronomic options, as well as a unit of the Tourist Attention Center. It is also a good option to have a beer at the end of the afternoon while listening to live music.



### ***Buildings and museums of the historic center***

The historic center is the perfect place to learn more about the architecture, culture and tradition of the city. In Pelotas, we have houses of incalculable historical value, theaters, museums (of art, natural sciences, the Sweet's Museum), the Public Library and the Public Market.

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### ***Charqueada São João***

The house built in 1810 is the only one that maintains the original architectural features and its own collection from the Charque Cycle era. The old charqueada is in a rural area of the city, and the guided visit costs R\$ 35,00.



### ***Coronel Pedro Osório Main Park***

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### ***Laranjal Beach***

It is a beach of the largest lagoon in South America and one of the most visited places by residents and tourists. Located about 15 minutes by car from the center of the city of Pelotas, it is the ideal place to watch the sunrise or sunset, as well as to practice various sand sports.

### ***Una Park***

Una Park is an open-air environment, perfect for spending the afternoon with friends and having a chimarrão or playing sports. Seeing the sunset in Parque Una is one of the most beautiful experiences!

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### ***Baronesa Museum and Park***

Baronesa Museum, founded in 1982, has a collection of more than 3,000 pieces, an external part with a park, many trees and nature, where it is perfect to have a picnic with friends and drink the famous chimarrão. The entrance to the museum is R\$ 5,00 per person.



### ***Soccer/football***

Pelotas has two professional soccer teams, Grêmio Esportivo Brasil and Esporte Clube Pelotas. Lobo, as Esporte Clube Pelotas is known, has the oldest active stadium in Brazil, called Boca do Lobo.

# ABOUT PELOTAS

## EVENTS



The culture and tradition of the sweet of Pelotas and the title of national sweet capital are represented in the **Fenadoce** (National Sweet Fair), which takes place annually around the middle of the year. The fair already has more than 20 editions.



The city has **varied cultural events** throughout the year, involving music, art, food, literature, and history. Many of those are free and happen on the street or in parks and public places. Examples include the Sofá na Rua, the Piquenique Cultural, the Book Fair, the SESC Music Festival, the Virada Cultural and the Heritage Day.

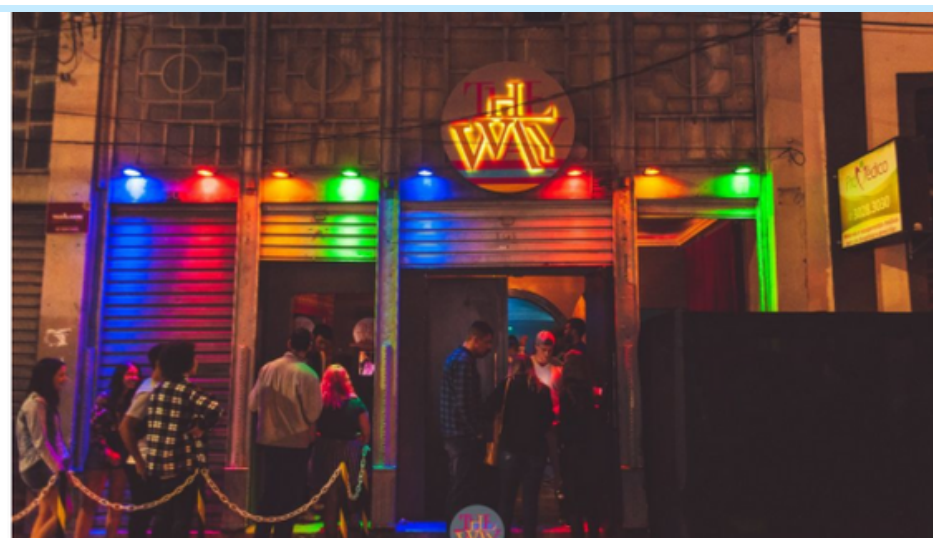


We also have the traditional **Carnival** festival in the city and in nearby cities. Groups of friends usually organize to spend a few days commemorating in the "bloquinhos" of Pelotas and in the cities of Jaguarão and São Lourenço do Sul.

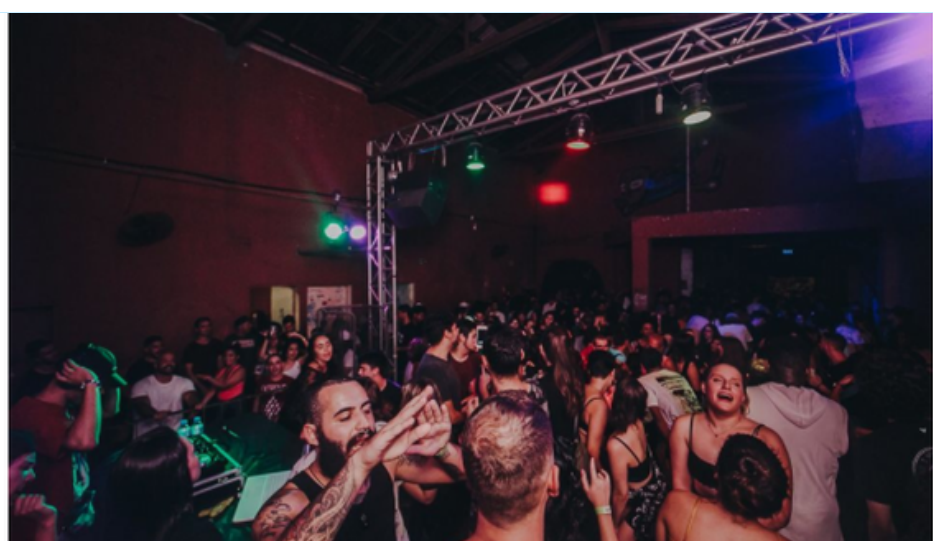


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## PARTIES



The Way is a party aimed at the LGBTQ + public and is located in the center of Pelotas. The party has a ticket that varies from R\$ 30 to R\$ 40, but it is an open bar environment, with 5 hours of free drink. It has varied styles of music, different Drag Queens performances, and also has theme parties.



Galpão Satolep is located in the Porto district, it is an alternative environment free of prejudices. Usually the parties take place on Fridays and Saturdays and each party has a theme of musical styles. The price of the ticket is usually quite cheap, around R\$ 10 and sometimes the entrance is free, so it is a very affordable party.

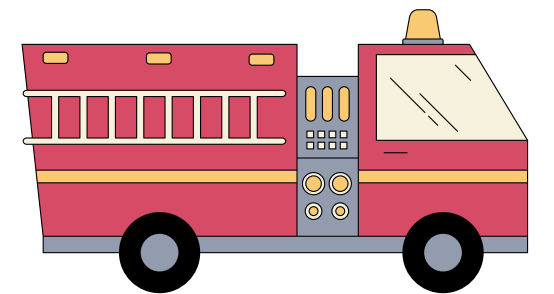


Degrau Rey Club, better known as DS, is a more traditional party that has a very varied audience in terms of age. The most played musical styles are sertanejo and funk. The parties are held four times a week and the entrance price is around 10-20 reais, but you can get a return ticket that you use to enter for free on your next visit to the place.

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance (SAMU) .....	192/ (53) 3225-0032
Firefighters .....	193 / (53) 3222-2222
Regional Police Station .....	(53) 3222-9561
Civil Police .....	197 / (53) 3222-2000
Tourist service center .....	(53) 32258256
Municipal Secretary of Health .....	(53) 3284-9510
Women's police station .....	(53) 3225-6888



# USEFUL INFORMATION

## MOBILE APPS

Delivery services



Tourism



Transportation



# USEFUL INFORMATION

## CLIMATE

The weather in Pelotas is humid subtropical or temperate. Summers are warm with regular rainfall, with highest temperatures between 36°C (96,8 °F) and 39°C (102,2 °F). Meanwhile, winters are relatively cold with frosts and fogs happening frequently during this time of the year. The average low temperatures of winter in Pelotas winter are around 5°C (41 °F) and 10°C (50 °F).

Therefore, if you are coming between June and September, don't forget to bring winter clothes. Houses and buildings in Pelotas do not have heating systems, which means that it is cold during these months even in indoor places.

	Janeiro	Fevereiro	Março	Abril	Mai	Junho	Julho	Agosto	Setembro	Outubro	Novembro	Dezembro
Temperatura média (°C)	23.7	23.8	22.5	19.8	16.5	14.1	13.1	14.3	15.5	17.9	20	22.1
Temperatura mínima (°C)	21.2	21.3	20.1	17.2	14.1	11.5	10.4	11.4	12.9	15.4	17.1	19.3
Temperatura máxima (°C)	26.6	26.6	25.3	22.8	19.4	17.3	16.5	17.8	18.7	20.9	23.1	25.3
Chuva (mm)	115	122	111	125	107	111	118	119	146	142	104	105
Umidade(%)	75%	76%	77%	76%	79%	81%	80%	80%	79%	78%	74%	74%
Dias chuvosos (d)	10	10	10	8	7	7	7	7	8	9	7	8
Horas de sol (h)	8.7	8.3	7.4	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.7	6.5	6.9	8.4	9.0

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## MONEY EXCHANGE

The best way to obtain information on currency exchange is on the website of the Central Bank of Brazil. You just have to enter the currency you use in your country and convert to the Brazilian real (BRL)

<https://www.bcb.gov.br/conversao> Data da cotação 16/09/2020

Valor: 100,00 Converter de: Dólar dos Estados Unidos (USD) Para: Real (BRL)

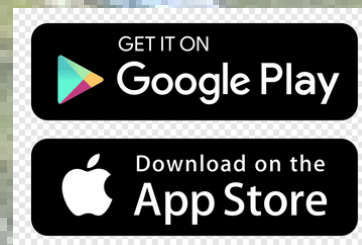
**Resultado da conversão**

<b>Conversão de:</b> Dólar dos Estados Unidos/USD (220) <b>Valor a converter:</b> 100,00	<b>Para:</b> Real/BRL (790) <b>Resultado da conversão:</b> 525,26
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**Note:** The central bank of Brazil does not make any type of currency exchange, it is only to have information about the day of the exchange market. It is possible to exchange money at any Brazilian airport or at different exchange offices located here in Pelotas

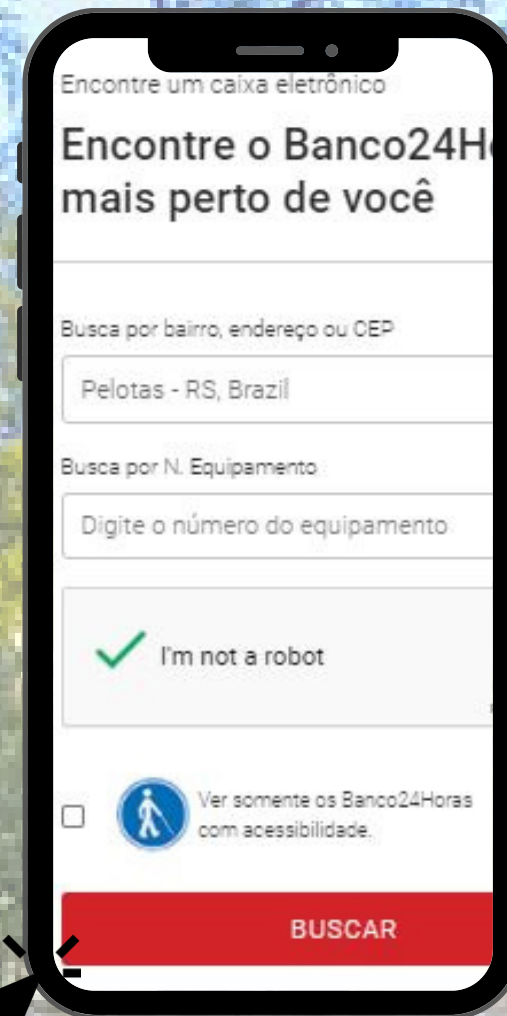
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## 24H ATMS

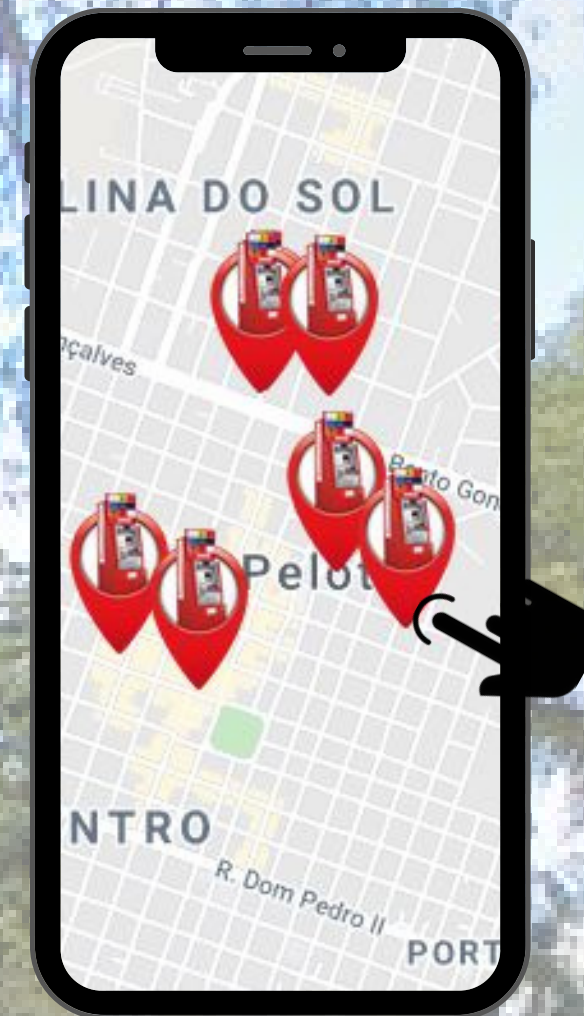


[www.banco24horas.com.br/](http://www.banco24horas.com.br/)

**Access the bank's website or mobile application 24 hours**



**Enter zip code or current location**



**Select the closest ATM for you**

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## TRANSPORTATION

### CITY BUSES - PRATI - CTCP



Pelotas students are able to apply for PRATI Student's Card in order to pay only 60% of the bus ticket value. To obtain the card, the student must present their Passport and CPF with a copy of each document and a School or University Registration Certificate that shows the student's schedule and the date of the beginning and end of the semester.

**Address:** Av. Bento Gonçalves, 3384 - Centro, Pelotas/RS

**Telephone Number:** 0800-609-2999 / (53) 3026-5555

**Website:** <http://www.pratipelotas.com.br/cartoes/estudante>

# HOW TO GET TO PELOTAS

FROM NORTH AMERICA, ASIA, EUROPE AND AFRICA

1



You can get to Brazil through the three most important airports in the country:

Guarulhos International Airport - São Paulo

Galeão International Airport - Rio de Janeiro

Brasília International Airport - Brasília

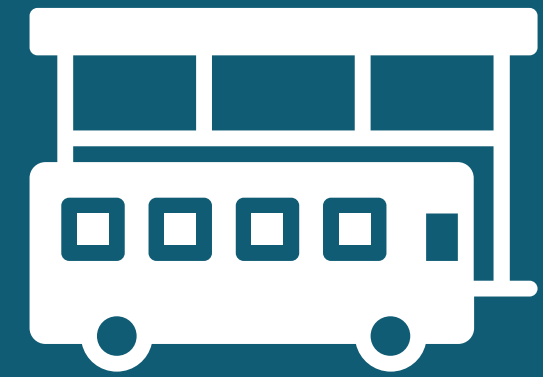
2



Connection flight with the city of Porto Alegre (Salgado Filho International Airport)

Taxi or Uber service from the airport to the Porto Alegre bus terminal.

3



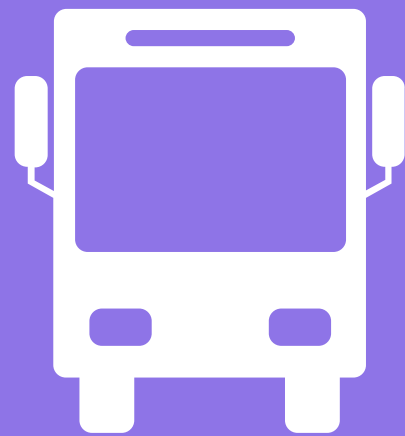
Land connection to the Pelotas bus terminal.



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FROM SOUTH AMERICA (ARGENTINA, URUGUAY OR CHILE)

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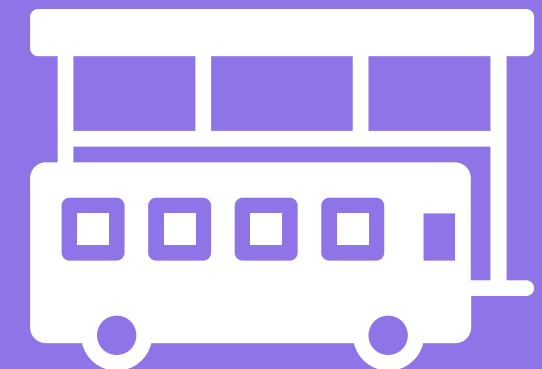
From Uruguay it is the closest and fastest way to get to Pelotas from the south, taking a bus in the city of Montevideo on the Tres Cruces highway.

2



The trip lasts about 9 hours.

3



Final destination Pelotas bus terminal.

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## OTHER OPTIONS OF ARRIVAL

1



Connecting flight with the city of Porto Alegre (Salgado Filho International Airport), from the three main airports in the country (Brasilia, São Paulo or Rio de Janeiro)

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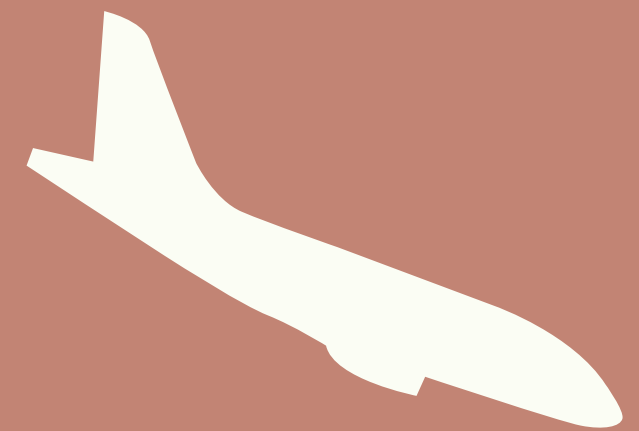
Transfer or scale

Salgado Filho International  
Airport



João Simões Lopes Neto  
International Airport

3



Final destination João Simões  
Lopes airport.

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## OTHER OPTIONS OF ARRIVAL

1



You can get to Brazil through the Guarulhos International Airport - São Paulo

2

Get a direct flight to Pelotas

Available on Mondays,  
Wednesdays, Fridays and  
Sundays



João Simões Lopes Neto  
International Airport

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Final destination João Simões  
Lopes International airport.



For more information:  
<https://wp.ufpel.edu.br/international/>

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