

# Tourist and Traveler Safety Guide

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Rio de Janeiro is a beautiful, vibrant city filled with amazing culture, history, and people. However, in the interest of your safety we have provided this guide to help you in what might be different surroundings for many of our TAGLaw and TIAG members.

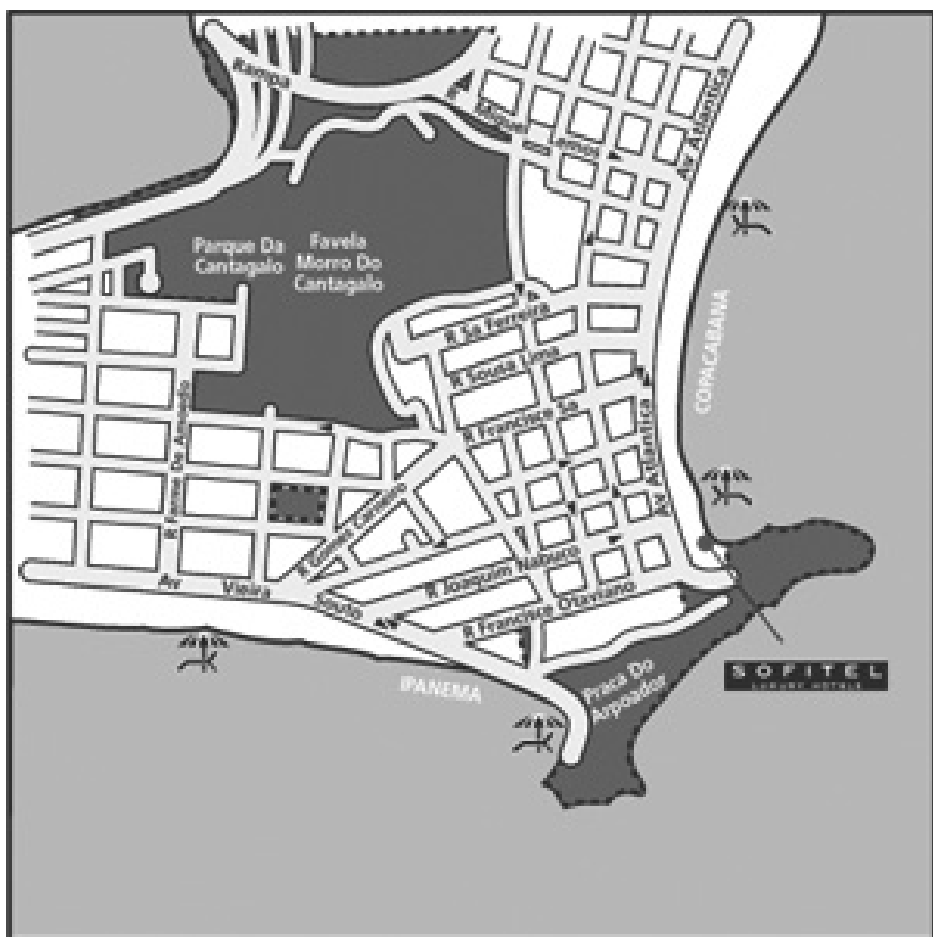
- While in public, refrain from wearing expensive jewelry or expensive looking watches, anything that contains gold, silver, precious stones or diamonds. Gangs specifically target people who wear high end (Rolex, Cartier etc.) watches. As an example, wearing any more jewelry than a wedding band will raise your profile.
- Verify who is at your hotel room door before you open the door.
- Never accept a ride from someone you have just casually met even if they seem helpful.
- Keep a minimal amount of cash with you and limit the number of credit cards you carry.
- Stay with a group of people as much as possible and limit the times you venture out alone. Avoid isolated areas on the beach or in the rainforest. Always let someone know where you are going.
- Avoid walking the streets at night – take a taxi to your desired location, and return in a taxi as well. Public buses should be used with extreme caution at night.
- Do not openly display any electronic device especially expensive cameras, video cameras, laptops or iPads while in a public setting or walking on a public street. These are high theft items and will attract unwanted attention.
- If you make purchases, it is advisable to return to the hotel and secure the items in your hotel room and not walk on the street with the items you just bought.
- Stay near people/populated areas as much as possible. If you feel uncomfortable for any reason, immediately seek safehaven in a building with people.
- If confronted by an individual who has a weapon, stay calm and simply hand over your valuables. Do not resist. Death may result from resistance. Many muggers have weapons, and may be under the effect of crack cocaine. They will not hesitate to harm you if you resist.
- Contact your country's consulate for emergency security related assistance.

## **Recommended Hospital**

Hospital Samaritano, Rua Bambina, 98, Botafogo, Zona Sul  
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## **Hotel Contact Details**

Hotel Sofitel Rio de Janeiro Copacabana  
Avenida Atlantica, 4240 Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro (*map on reverse side*)  
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From Tom Jobim International Airport (GIG), take the Linha Vermelha highway toward Zona Sul. Continue on the beltway toward Santos Dumont Airport (SDU) and take Aterro do Flamengo toward Copacabana beach. Turn right onto Av. Atlantica and continue as faras Posto Seis