

RIO GRANDE DO SUL is the southernmost state in Brazil, and borders Uruguay and Argentina, reflected in its gaucho culture. Large numbers of German and Italian immigrants have also influenced local culture. It is largely a temperate, yet humid climate with four distinct seasons. The industrial sector is the largest component of GDP at 43%, followed by the service sector at 41%. Agriculture represents 16% of GDP (2004). Rio Grande do Sul exports: footwear 18%, soybeans 14%, tobacco 13.6%, vehicles 8%, frozenmeat 7.2%, chemicals 6.8%, and leather 5% (2002).

BRAZIL: Sunday 17th March		
14:55 – 21:05	Fly Gol from Bonito to POA	
	Hotel Van or walk to hotel (500m)	
Overnight	Intercity Hotel Porto Alegre (11 rooms booked)	9 paid, 2 pay at checkin
BRAZIL: Monday 18th March		
08:30	Leave Hotel	
09:00 – 11:30	Visit to SLC headquarters – visit to understand business strategy (production, governance)	https://www.slcagricola.com.br/
	Drive and lunch on the way to Flores da Cunha	
15h30 - 17h30	Visit at a winery Cooperative in Flores da Cunha	https://novaalianca.coop.br/
	Drive	
Overnight	Vacaria – Pampa Hotel booked (4 twin, 4 triple, 1 indiv for the best snorer 😊)	
BRAZIL: Tuesday 19th March		
7h30	Leave Hotel	
7h45 - 11h30	Vacaria Dairy Grana Padano cheese, Apple orchard and packing house	https://rasip.com.br
12h15	Drive 45 min and lunch at Carraro Family Farm	
13h15-15h15	Visit Carraro Organic Family Farm and Agroindustry	https://www.hfcarraro.com.br/
	Visit to the waterfall park (on evaluation)	https://www.instagram.com/parquedascachoeirasvacariars/
Overnight	Vacaria – Pampa Hotel	
BRAZIL: Wednesday 20th March		
7h30	Leave Hotel	
8h00-11h15	Sementes Com Vigor in Muitos Capões	www.sementescomvigor.com/
12h	Drive and lunch in Lagoa Vermelha	
13h15	Drive 1h15	
14h30	Biotrigo/GDM - A brand from the GDM group, leader in wheat breeding in Brazil and South America. Passo Fundo	https://biotrigo.com.br/
Overnight	Passo Fundo – Hotel Germanias booked	
BRAZIL: Thursday 21st March		
7h15	Leave Hotel	
10h00	Dalia Alimentos	https://dalia.com.br/
12h	Drive & lunch on way	
16:30	Arrive at Airport	
18:25 – 20:10	Flight POA – GRU (Azul) – not Michael Taylor	
	Uber or Hotel Van to Panamby Hotel	