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Use this sheet when you first get to each place in your journey around Brasil. This gives some context to the challenge the teams will be undertaking.

Rio de Janeiro is one of the most visited cities in the Southern Hemisphere and is **known for** its natural settings, Carnival, samba, bossa nova, and balneario beaches such as Barra da Tijuca, Copacabana, Ipanema, and Leblon.

The city, which is also colloquially known as Sampa or Terra da Garoa (Land of Drizzle), **is known for** its unreliable weather, the size of its helicopter fleet, its architecture, gastronomy, severe traffic congestion and skyscrapers. **São Paulo** was one of the host cities of the 1950 and the 2014 FIFA World Cup.

Florianopolis is known as “the Magic Island”

Fables from years ago tell tales of witches and sorcerers casting spells and curses on locals. Legend says that the boulders off the beach of Praia de Itaguaçu were once witches before they were turned to stone.

Bonito This small aquatic playground in the southwestern corner of Mato Grosso do Sul has few attractions of its own, but the natural resources of the surrounding area are spectacular, and local authorities have taken the high road in their regulation and maintenance. There are caves with lakes and amazing stalactite formations, beautiful waterfalls and incredibly clear rivers surrounded by lush forest where it's possible to swim eyeball to eyeball with hundreds of fish.

The **Amazon rainforest**, alternatively, the **Amazon jungle**^[a] or **Amazonia**, is a **moist broadleaf tropical rainforest** in the **Amazon biome** that covers most of the **Amazon basin** of South America. This basin encompasses 7,000,000 km² (2,700,000 sq mi), of which 5,500,000 km² (2,100,000 sq mi) are covered by the **rainforest**. This region includes territory belonging to nine nations and 3,344 formally acknowledged **indigenous territories**.