



Italian Immigrants in the Southern of Brazil

The Italian Immigration had begun in the Southern of Brazil in 1875, coming from the Area of Veneto and it has continued the following years, with the arrival of Italians of almost all the Italy areas.

The result of this immigrant current, was influenced by the political and economical situation lived by the Old World, in the second half of the XVIII Century, generated in this area of Brazil, a new world, exploring the sustenance and the development. A little more than one century, from four to five generations, they transformed the wild forest, the rivers and the mountains, in sources of extraordinary progress, that nowadays are studied in the academic world, as a rare case of progress.

In this area, there's a development with life quality of a first world, living together with the Italian immigrant's culture, values, music, traditions and artistic manifestations, brought habits of the Italian homeland cultivated and practiced until today. The encounter with this culture, atmosphere and scenery, it can be used with a similar program that we suggest.

1° Day - PORTO ALEGRE / BENTO GONÇALVES (127 KM)

Reception in Salgado Filho's airport and transfer to a Wine Area, featured by the Italian immigrant's culture. Arrival and accommodation. Visit to the Italian Thematic Park Epopee, composed by actors dressed with typical clothes that tell the story of the first immigrants. The public accompanies the piece traveling by the mounted sceneries in a shed.

2° Day – REGIÃO DO VINHO (WINE AREA)

In the morning, we're going to visit Garibaldi and Bento Gonçalves's cities, respectively the largest producers of sparkling and wine of Brazil. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon we'll visit the area of "Vinhos da Montanha" (Wines of the Mountain) in Pinto Bandeira neighboring district and then we'll pursue through "Caminhos de Pedra" (Roads of Stone), an architectural and cultural group, a live history of the Italian immigration, with the stone big houses and the rescue of the habits of the first immigrants. In the evening, we're going back to the accommodation in Vale dos Vinhedos (vineyards valley). Free night.

3° Day – REGIÃO DO VINHO (WINE AREA) - VALE DOS VINHEDOS (VINEYARDS VALLEY)

After breakfast, we'll visit the Vale dos Vinhedos (Vineyards valley), a small area of a family's small wine - producing of 83 hectares inside the Wine Area featured by a group of small wine-producers with a production of fine wines that are now considered the best of Brazil, some rewarded in national and international contests. It is the only wine-producing area of the South America holder of a "IG" - Geographical Indication attributed by the European Union and recognized internationally. In this area the peculiar aspects of life, cookery and hospitality are observed, besides the work history and the Italian immigrant's dedication. Visitation to a wine-producing and also tasting of wines. Free time for lunch during the day. In the evening, we'll return to the hotel. Free night.

4° Day – BENTO GONÇALVES / PORTO ALEGRE (127 KM)

Transfer to the airport.

Included:

Transfer :: Guide :: 1 ticket to Italian epopee :: 2 lunches :: 3 nights of accommodation with breakfast in Bento Gonçalves - Hotel Villa Michelin 4* or similar

Validity until June of 2010.

OBS: During the program, an encounter with descendants' of Italian Immigrants families, that live there and that are the own Italian culture, out of Italy will be possible.