

With a population of nearly 200 million and a GDP exceeding \$2 trillion, Brazil is a particularly ripe market for travel to the United States. Brazilian travelers visited the U.S. in strong numbers in 2011, continuing a five-year trend of positive growth. These visitations continue to have a significant impact on the U.S. trade balance with Brazil.

### **ARRIVALS**

- In 2011, 1.5 million Brazilian travelers visited the U.S., a 26 percent increase from 2010.
- Brazil surpassed France in 2011 as the fourth-largest overseas (excluding Canada and Mexico) inbound travel market to the U.S.

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

- Brazilian travel expenditures in the U.S. increased to \$8.5 billion in 2011, a 36 percent increase from 2010 and the fifth-largest travel export market in 2011. Average spending per visitor increased eight percent in 2011 to \$5,605, making Brazil the fourth-largest export market per visitor.
- Brazilian traveler spending is the second-largest U.S. export to Brazil, accounting for 13 percent of all exports of goods and services.
- The \$7.1 billion U.S. travel trade surplus accounted for 27 percent of the U.S. trade surplus with Brazil.
- Brazilian travel spending supported 59,100 American jobs in 2011, increasing 25 percent from 2010.

### LOOKING FORWARD

- Brazil's strong position as an inbound travel market reflects its recent economic growth and rising international investment position in the U.S.
- Brazilian visitors to the U.S. are expected to increase to 1.8 million in 2012 and continue double-digit growth for the next three years.

## **2011 Brazil Inbound Market Summary**

| Visitations (thousand)                 | 1,508   |
|--|---------|
| Annual change (%)                      | 25.9%   |
| Five-year change (%)                   | 136.0%  |
| U.S. Travel Exports (\$ million)       | \$8,453 |
| Travel receipts (\$ million)           | \$5,878 |
| Passenger fare receipts (\$ million)   | \$2,575 |
| Annual change (%)                      | 35.7%   |
| Percent of total exports               | 13.1%   |
| U.S. Travel Trade Balance (\$ million) | \$7,061 |
| Annual change (%)                      | 43.1%   |
| U.S. Jobs Supported                    | 59,100  |
| Annual change (%)                      | 24.9%   |
| Percent of jobs supported by overseas  | 7.1%    |
| travel exports                         |         |



# **U.S.** is Most Popular Destination for Brazilians

### FIVE YEARS OF DOUBLE-DIGIT PERCENTAGE GROWTH

In 2011, 1.5 million Brazilian travelers visited the U.S. – a 26 percent increase from 2010. This is the fifth consecutive year of annual double-digit percent growth in visitation. Brazil also surpassed France as the fourth-largest overseas inbound travel market in 2011. Brazil remains the largest-emerging international travel market and the fastest-growing of the top five overseas inbound travel markets to the U.S.

### U.S. PASSES ARGENTINA AS MOST POPULAR DESTINATION FOR BRAZILIANS

Moreover, the U.S. has become the most popular travel destination for Brazilians, passing Argentina in 2011. The U.S. commands a 20 percent share of all international trips departing Brazil and a 30 percent market share (MSI) of all long-haul trips (one-way flights outside of South America) departing Brazil. Moreover, the total long-haul flights have increased eight percentage points from 2007, making up 70 percent of the loss in market share that occurred between 2000 and 2007.

### **VISA WAIT TIMES DECREASE SIGNIFICANTLY**

In 2011, it took an average of 80 days for a Brazilian traveler to receive a U.S. visa. However, with policy recommendations from the U.S. Travel Association, the U.S. State Department increased its consular staff in Brazil in 2011. As visitations rose in winter 2011, average visa wait time decreased – from 77 days in November to 32 days in December. This policy shift sees shorter visa wait times coincided with increased U.S. arrivals. Average wait time was cut to six days in June 2012 (compared to 87 days in June 2011) and continues to drop.

U.S. Overseas Inbound Traveler Markets

| Col | untry          | 2011<br>(thousand) | 2011/10<br>% chg |
|-----|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Tot | tal Overseas   | 27,883             | 5.8%             |
| 1   | United Kingdom | 3,835              | 0.0%             |
| 2   | Japan          | 3,250              | -4.0%            |
| 3   | Germany        | 1,824              | 5.7%             |
| 4   | Brazil         | 1,508              | 25.9%            |
| 5   | France         | 1,504              | 12.1%            |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

**2011 Brazilian Long-Haul Destinations** 

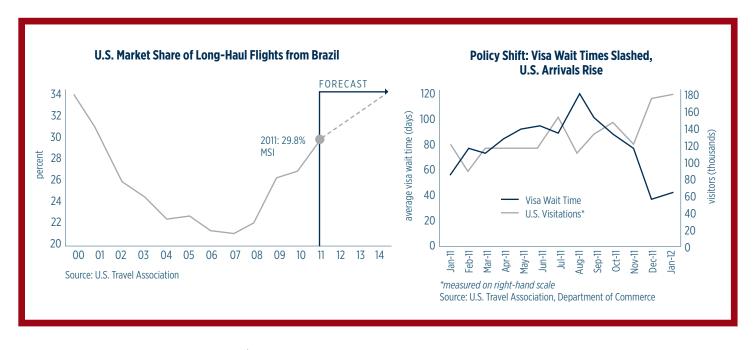
| Country         | Arrivals<br>(thousand) | Share<br>% |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------|
| Total Outbound  | 7,539                  |            |
| Total Long-Haul | 5,055                  | 100.0%     |
| United States   | 1,508                  | 29.8%      |
| France          | 895                    | 17.7%      |
| Italy           | 296                    | 5.9%       |
| Spain           | 287                    | 5.7%       |
| United Kingdom  | 268                    | 5.3%       |

Source: Tourism Economics

**U.S. Visa Average Wait Times** 

| Consulate      | 2012<br>avg<br>days | Mar | Jun | Sep |
|----------------|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Brasilia       | 87                  | 8   | 4   | 3   |
| Recife         | 55                  | 16  | 3   | 3   |
| Rio de Janerio | 72                  | 7   | 3   | 3   |
| Sau Paulo      | 105                 | 46  | 14  | 7   |
| Brazil Average | 80                  | 19  | 6   | 4   |

Source: U.S. Travel Association



# Travel Contributes to U.S. Trade Surplus with Brazil

### SUBSTANTIAL AND INCREASING BRAZILIAN SPENDING

In 2011, Brazilian travelers spent a total of \$8.5 billion in the U.S., marking a 36 percent increase from 2010. Average spending per Brazilian visitor also increased eight percent to \$5,605 in 2011 – nearly twice the amount spent by travelers from the United Kingdom or France. Brazil's total travel spending ranks third out of all overseas U.S. travel export markets. Brazil is also the fastest-growing travel export destination of the top five international export markets, growing in double digits.

### TRAVEL IS SECOND-LARGEST EXPORT TO BRAZIL

Brazilian traveler spending in the U.S. is the second-largest U.S. export to Brazil, representing 13 percent of total goods and service exports. This surpasses most other exports by a wide margin and leaves travel second only to the chemical industry.

### U.S. DOMINATES BRAZILIAN TRADE BALANCE

Travel generated a \$7.1 billion trade surplus with Brazil in 2011, which accounted for more than one-quarter of the overall U.S. trade surplus with Brazil. This trade surplus was created by a dominant U.S. position in travel exports relative to travel imports. Brazilian travelers spend six times more on American goods and services than U.S. travelers pay for Brazilian goods and services.

### **BRAZILIAN TRAVELERS CREATE U.S. JOBS**

U.S. travel exports to Brazil spur U.S. job creation. Brazilian travel spending directly supported 59,100 jobs in 2011 – seven percent of the 837,100 jobs supported by overseas traveler spending in 2011.

**U.S. Travel Export Markets** 

| Со | untry          | 2011<br>(\$ million) | 2011/10<br>% chg |
|----|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| To | tal Exports    | \$152,746            | 13.5%            |
| 1  | Canada         | \$23,964             | 14.6%            |
| 2  | Japan          | \$14,755             | 2.3%             |
| 3  | United Kingdom | \$11,974             | 5.9%             |
| 4  | Mexico         | \$9,429              | 6.0%             |
| 5  | Brazil         | \$8,453              | 35.7%            |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

**Average Traveler Spending** 

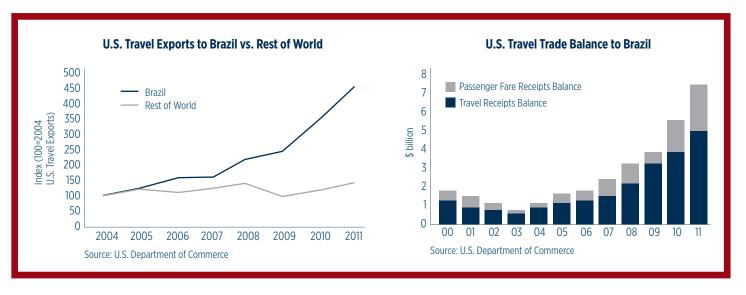
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| Co | untry        | 2011<br>(\$) | 2011/10<br>% chg |
| 1  | China        | \$7,107      | 7.9%             |
| 2  | India        | \$6,664      | 7.7%             |
| 3  | South Africa | \$6,276      | 7.7%             |
| 4  | Brazil       | \$5,605      | 7.8%             |
| 5  | Argentina    | \$5,443      | 7.7%             |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

**U.S. Exports to Brazil by Industry** 

| Ind | ustry                                | 2011<br>(\$ million) |
|-----|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Tot | al U.S. Exports to Brazil            | \$64,542             |
| 1   | Chemicals                            | \$10,213             |
| 2   | Travel                               | \$8,453              |
| 3   | Transportation<br>Equipment          | \$6,894              |
| 4   | Computer & Electronic Products       | \$6,592              |
| 5   | Machinery<br>(excludes electrical)   | \$6,022              |
| 6   | Telecom Services*                    | \$4,201              |
| 7   | Business & Professional<br>Services* | \$3,196              |
| 8   | Financial Services*                  | \$2,428              |
| 9   | Minerals & Ores                      | \$2,170              |
| 10  | Fabricated Metal Products            | \$1,849              |

\*2010 data; 2011 unavailable Source: U.S. Department of Commerce



# **Brazil's Economic Surge Leads Travel Growth**

### WITH ECONOMIC GROWTH COMES MORE INTERNATIONAL VISITS...

As Brazilians' discretionary incomes increase, so does their ability to travel abroad. In this respect, Brazil's GDP and consumer spending has surged. Within the past five years, Brazil's real GDP growth averaged four percent per year, and the growth of the country's international travel has averaged 22 percent per year.

### ...AN EXCHANGE RATE ADVANTAGE

As the exchange rate improves against the dollar, travel spending increases to the U.S. In light of a seven-year U.S. trade surplus with Brazil, the Brazilian currency, the real, appreciated remarkably against the dollar. From 2001 to 2011, the real appreciated nearly 50 percent against the dollar from \$0.41 per real to \$0.61 per real. Travel to the U.S. has increased by 16 percent per year in the same period.

#### ...AND GREATER INVESTMENT

Brazilians also continue to invest in the U.S., resulting in increased business travel. In 2011, direct investment in the U.S. (less U.S. treasury purchases) increased 34 percent over the previous year to \$3.7 billion.

### ARRIVALS WILL CONTINUE MEDIUM-TERM SURGE

Looking forward, Brazilian visitation to the U.S. is expected to continue its double-digit annual percentage growth for the next three years, increasing 18 percent to 1.8 million arrivals in 2012. Sustaining its strong economic performance, Brazil is expected to increase its lead on France and inch closer to becoming the third-largest overseas inbound market to the U.S.

#### **Brazil: 2011 Economic Snapshot**

| Real GDP* (\$ billions)<br>annual change (%)                  | <b>\$944.6</b> 2.7%  |
|---|----------------------|
| Real consumer<br>spending* (\$ billions)<br>annual change (%) | <b>\$816.7</b> 3.5%  |
| Exchange rate (\$/BRL)<br>annual change (%)                   | <b>\$0.61</b> 5.1%   |
| Inflation (%)<br>annual change (% pts)                        | <b>6.7%</b> +1.7%    |
| Unemployment (%)<br>annual change (% pts)                     | <b>6.0%</b><br>-0.8% |

\*In Constant 2000 U.S. Dollars
Source: World Bank, Tourism Economics

# Full Circle: Brazilian Net Direct Investment Position in the U.S.\*

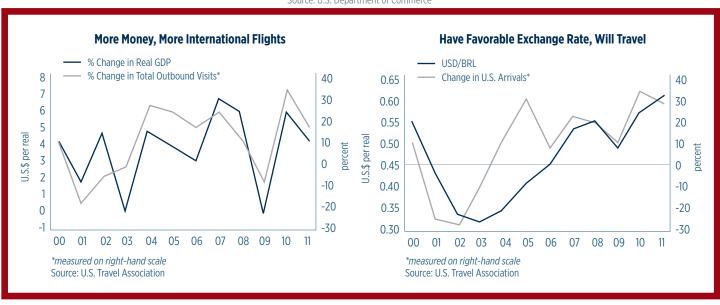
| Year | \$ million |
|------|------------|
| 2005 | \$985      |
| 2006 | -\$468     |
| 2007 | \$492      |
| 2008 | \$278      |
| 2009 | -\$1,539   |
| 2010 | \$2,742    |
| 2011 | \$3,664    |

\*Excluding U.S. Treasury purchases Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

**Brazil Arrivals Forecast** 

| Year | Arrivals<br>(thousand) | change<br>(%) |
|------|------------------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 1,508                  | 25.9%         |
| 2012 | 1,780                  | 18.0%         |
| 2013 | 2,029                  | 14.0%         |
| 2014 | 2,212                  | 9.0%          |
| 2015 | 2,411                  | 9.0%          |
| 2016 | 2,579                  | 7.0%          |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce



# **2011 Brazilian Traveler Characteristics Survey Results**

### **GENERAL TRAVELER CHARACTERISTICS**

- One-quarter of Brazilian traveler respondents traveled to the U.S. for the first time, which is slightly below the overseas average of 28 percent.
- Brazilian travelers stayed in paid accommodations for an average of 10 nights.
- On average, Brazilian visitors stayed 17 nights in the U.S. –
   a 12 percent increase from 2010 and visited 1.5 states.
- Half of Brazilian travelers surveyed visited the Middle
   Atlantic region 13 percentage points above the overseas
   traveler average. New York City was the primary port of entry for these travelers, claiming 48 percent of all respondents –
   15 percentage points higher than the overseas traveler average.
- Twelve percent of respondents traveled through a prepaid package. Nearly one-half of Brazilian traveler respondents used a travel agency and/or personal computer for tripplanning information. One-quarter used airlines directly and/or friends and relatives.
- Brazilian travelers' average household income was \$91,300 a decrease of 10 percent from 2010.

### LEISURE VS. BUSINESS TRAVEL

- Nearly four-fifths of all Brazilian travelers stated that leisure and recreation was one purpose of their travel. Leisure travel was the primary purpose for two-thirds of all Brazilian traveler respondents. The percentage of Brazilians traveling for leisure purposes was much higher than the overseas traveler average (68 percent and 53 percent, respectively).
- One-fifth of all Brazilian travelers stated that business was one purpose of their travels, while 16 percent mentioned their primary purpose was for business/professional reasons.

### TRAVELER ACTIVITIES

- The top two activities\* for nearly all Brazilian traveler respondents were:
  - 1. Retail Shopping
  - 2. Restaurant Dining
- Approximately half of Brazilian travelers mentioned participating in:
  - 3. Visiting Historical Places
  - 4. Amusement/Theme Parks
- Rounding out the top ten activities of Brazilians travelers were:
  - 5. Sightseeing in Cities
  - 6. Visiting Art Gallery/Museums
  - 7. Concert/Play/Musical
  - 8. Visiting Small Towns
  - 9. Cultural Heritage Sites
  - 10. Visiting National Parks

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- The top three transportation modes utilized were:
  - 1. Rented Auto
  - 2. U.S. Airlines
  - 3. Taxi/Cab/Limousine
- Just more than one-quarter of Brazilian travelers used public transportation. Brazilian travelers rented cars and flew on U.S. airlines much more frequently than the overseas average.

\*multiple responses allowed

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Travel and Tourism Industries Survey