

## Follow Up

We hope that this immersion experience will touch your heart and that the connections you make with MKLM missionaries and the Brazilian people will last a lifetime.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners offer opportunities for follow-up reflection, continued growth and action in global solidarity – and for spiritual discernment and discovery of God's call to mission and service.

## Logistics and Costs

Total: \$ 2,175 (ground cost plus registration fee). Roundtrip international airfare is not included. Program fee covers all lodging and meals, transportation within the country, medical insurance with medical evacuation, English-Brazilian/Portuguese speaking guides, cultural activities and flight and fees to Rio de Janeiro. Airfare cost from Miami is approximately \$ 800.



Make sure your passport is valid through December 2018!

## Sign Up Now

Deadline: February 8, 2018

**To make a reservation**, please request a registration form by e-mailing or calling (see contact information on back cover).

Submit it to *Friends Across Borders* with a copy of your passport and your \$ 250 deposit.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Brazil!**

## Contact Us Today!

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# BRAZIL Immersion Program

June 8 – 17, 2018





## Spiritual Journey

Maryknoll Lay Missioners invites you to experience a spiritual journey into compassion and an immersion into the lives, culture, faith and history of Brazilians. This is an extraordinary invitation to you to witness mission work that responds to basic needs and helps to create a more just and compassionate world.



*Bem-vindo, Bem-vinda! - Welcome to Brazil!*

**S**occer, Carnival, and the Amazon Rainforest: these are three things people usually associate with Brazil. Despite being the host of the latest Olympics, the daily reality for many is harsh. Many face unemployment or underemployment, violence, precarious housing, and poor public health and education services in the current economic and political turmoil. Though a country of great wealth and resources, Brazil has one of the worst income distributions in the world.

São Paulo is one of the largest cities in the world. It is a city of contrasts. Populated by the fantastically wealthy, a large number of working poor, and a growing middle class, there are over 1 million people living in slums, public housing, or overcrowded tenements, and an estimated over 15,000 people living in the streets. While public education in the city fails to meet the needs of the young, basic healthcare is also lacking for much of the population.

## Preparation

Prior to leaving Friends Across Borders will provide an orientation which will include a detailed presentation about the program and cross-cultural education and important cultural norms to follow during the experience.

The level of urban violence remains high and the public transportation system is inadequate for the population. At the same time, São Paulo boasts a diverse immigrant population, vibrant arts scene, and a bustling nightlife.

São Paulo will serve as our home base as we visit Brazil. Maryknoll Lay Missioners and the broader Maryknoll Community will be our hosts. Their ministries are responses to the urban needs of the marginalized including high risk children and adolescents, immigrants, prisoners, and refugees.

*Expand  
Your  
Horizons!*

## What We Will Do There

The trip will focus on the following activities:

1. Visits with MKLM missioners to projects including prison ministry, center for elderly, center for homeless, children and youth education, services for refugees, parish pastoral ministry, and theater for immigrants.
2. Visits with Brazilians to learn about their lives – eating and celebrating with them, and seeing life through their eyes.
3. Participation in local liturgical celebrations, experiencing the faith and the history of Christianity in Brazil.
4. Learn about the history of slavery and people of African descent in Brazil.
5. Attend cultural events to experience the richness of Brazilian life.
6. Visiting an Artisan market and go shopping.
7. Overnight visit to Rio de Janeiro, host of the latest Olympic Games, and home to some of the most beautiful cultural aspects of Brazil.

*Deepen  
Your  
Faith!*