



The Tourism Satellite Account (TSA): Understanding Tourism and Designing Strategies

Iguazu (Argentina/Brazil/Paraguay), 3-6 October 2005

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INFORMATION NOTE

I. PLACE AND DATES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. The World Tourism Organization is organizing a Conference on **The Tourism Satellite Account (TSA): Understanding Tourism and Designing Strategies**, in cooperation with the Governments of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. The Conference will be held from **3 to 6 October 2005 in Iguazú**.

2. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 3 October at 9 a.m. and will be held at:

Hotel Sheraton
Iguazu National Park,
3370, Iguazu,
Argentina
Tel.: 5411 43 18 93 97

3. According to the Provisional Programme, the other sessions of the Conference will take place from 4 to 6 October, at:

<p>Hotel Mabú Thermas & Resorts</p> <p>Rod. das Cataratas km 3,2 – 85863-000 Cataratas do Iguaçu Brasil</p> <p>Tel.: + 5545 521 2000 Fax: + 5545 529 6361 www.hoteismabu.com.br</p>	<p>The Itaipú Hydroelectric Power Station</p> <p>Super Carretera de Itaipu Hernandarias - Paraguay</p> <p>Visitors Reception Center Rigth margin Tel.:595 061 5998754 / 5998586 Fax.: 595 061 5998045 www.itaipu.gov.py</p>
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II. REPLIES TO THE INVITATIONS

4. Participants are requested to return the attached participation forms dully filled **not later than Friday, 12 August 2005 to:**

Mrs. Dominique BERNARDET Chief, Conferences, Translation and Documentation Service World Tourism Organization Madrid Spain Fax: +34 91 571 37 33 Fax : conf@world-tourism.org	Mr. Alejandro Varela Coordinator, Multilateral Relations Tourism Secretariat, Presidence of the Nation Buenos Aires Argentina Fax: +5411 43 12 04 42 Fax: avarela@turismo.gov.ar	Mrs. Bárbara Rangel Diretoria de Estudos e Pesquisas da Embratur Foz de Iguaçu Brazil Fax: +55 61 429 77 60 Email: depe@embratur.gov.br
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III. STATUS OF PARTICIPANTS

5. The Governments of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay will take the necessary steps to facilitate the arrival and departure of participants invited by the Organization, as well as their stay. Throughout their stay, participants will enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the Agreement between the Organization and the Governments of these three countries in conformity to Article No. 32 of the WTO Statutes.

IV. FRONTIER FORMALITIES AND LAISSEZ-PASSER

a) Argentina

6. Participants should take note of the conditions of entry into Argentinean territory, which are as follows:

7. For nationals of the countries listed below, an entry visa into Argentinean territory is required:

Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria, Angola; Azerbaijan; Antigua and Barbuda; Armenia; Bahamas; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Belarus; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cambodia; Cameroon; Cape Verde; Central African Republic, Chad; China; Comoros; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Democratic Republic of the Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti; Dominica; Egypt; Eritrea; Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopie; Fiji; Gabon; Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Kiribati; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanon; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Madagascar; Malawi; Maldives; Mali; Marshall Islands; Mauritania; Mauritius; Micronesia; Mongolia; Mozambique; Morocco; Moldova; Myanmar; Namibia; Nauru; Nepal; Nigeria; Niger; Oman; Pakistan; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Qatar; Romania; Rwanda; Russian Federation, Samoa; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Sao Tome and Principe; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Solomon Islands; Somalia; Sri Lanka; Suriname; Swaziland; Syria; Sudan; Tajikistan; the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Thailand; Tanzania; Timor Leste; Togo; Tonga;

Tunisia; Turkmenistan; Tuvalu; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; Uzbekistan, Vanuatu; Viet Nam; Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

b) Brazil

8. Participants should take note of the conditions of entry into Brazilian territory, which are as follows:

A. For nationals of the countries listed below, no visa is required for stays not exceeding 90 days:

Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Hungary, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Monaco, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay and Venezuela;

B. For nationals of the countries listed below, an entry visa is required:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, São Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tadjikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

C. For nationals of the countries listed below, no visa is required for holders of a diplomatic or official passport:

Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia and Uruguay;

D. For nationals of El Salvador, no visa is required for holders of a diplomatic or official passport for stays not exceeding 90 days.

9. Participants should note that it is necessary to have a return ticket to their country of origin.

10. Where necessary, delegates are requested to contact the diplomatic or consular missions of Argentina and Brazil in their countries in order to obtain entry visas for these countries.

11. Delegates in whose countries Argentina and Brazil have no diplomatic mission are requested to contact the Secretariat of the Organization sufficiently in advance, providing all the information that will enable the correspondent authorities to arrange in due time to issue them with visas (passport details, flight number, place of departure and date of arrival).

12. Upon registration at the hotel Mabú Thermas & Resorts in Brazil, the Argentine authorities will hand over to participants a laissez-passer to cross the different borders.

V. AIR TRANSPORT AND RECEPTION

13. Argentina and Brazil are negotiating special air transport fares for participants. Detailed information concerning discounts provided by airlines will be shortly communicated in another Information Note.

14. Participants will be met either at the airport of Puerto Iguazú (Argentina), or at the airport of Foz de Iguaçu (Brazil) by a reception service set up by the Ministries of Tourism of the respective countries, which will help them to complete the formalities for entering their territory and provide transport from the airports to the hotels upon arrival and departure. Signs will be placed at several prominent places in the airports.

15. To enable the local authorities to organize this service, participants are requested to complete and return the attached participation form indicating their arrival, departure and accommodation details.

16. A shuttle service will also be scheduled for the registration of participants, the working sessions and the social events in the three countries of the Iguazú zone.

VI. ACCOMMODATION

17. Special rates, taxes not included, have been obtained for the following hotels in Brazil. Participants in the meeting are requested to make the reservation directly with the hotel, indicating their condition of participant of the WTO Conference.

Hotel	Tel. / Fax	Single room including breakfast	Double room Including breakfast
HOTEL MABU Rod. Das Cataratas, Km 3,2 85863-000 – Cataratas do Iguaçu / PR – Brazil	Tel.: + 55 45 521 2000 Fax: + 55 45 529 6361 www.hoteismabu.com.br	R\$ 320,00	R\$ 350,00
HOTEL RAFAIN Av. Olímpio Rafagnin, 2357 - P. Imperatriz - Cx. P. 252 85862-210 – Foz do Iguaçu / PR – Brazil	Tel.: + 55 45 520 9494 Fax: + 55 45 526 3030 Rafain.palace@rafainpalace.com.br www.rafainpalace.com.br	R\$ 143,00	R\$ 162,00
HOTEL CARIMÃ Rod. Das Cataratas, Km 10 Foz do Iguaçu / PR – Brazil	Tel.: + 55 45 521 3000 Fax: + 55 45 529 7007 / 529 6049 carima@hotelcarima.com.br www.carima.com.br	R\$ 221,00	R\$ 247,00 (+ 81,00 additional)
HOTEL BOURBON CATARATAS Rod. Das Cataratas, Km 2,5 85853-000 – Foz do Iguaçu / PR – Brazil	Tel.: + 55 45 529-0123 Fax: + 55 45 529 0000 Bourbon.iguassulfalls@bourbon.com.br www.bourbon.com.br	Master Single: R\$385,00 Superior Single: R\$ 357,00	Master Double: R\$ 385,00 Superior Double: R\$ 357,00

N.B. : the exchange rate in April 2005 is 2,710 Brazilian Reals for 1 USD.

18. Participants who wish to stay at the Sheraton hotel in Argentina are requested to contact the WTO Secretariat as soon as possible.

VII. REGISTRATION AND BADGES

19. The registration desk will be open at the **Mabú Thermas & Resorts** hotel, Brazil, on **Saturday 1 October** and **Sunday 2 October**, from **9 a.m. to 1 a.m.** and from **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**, and on **Monday 3 October** from **8.30 a.m.** at **Sheraton hotel** in Argentina.

20. WTO will hand over participants their badges for the Conference.

21. Participants are requested to wear these identification badges in the three countries, in the areas reserved for the meetings, as well as for all social events.

VIII. WORKING LANGUAGES

22. The working languages of the meeting will be English, French, Spanish and Portuguese and simultaneous interpretation will also be provided in these four languages.

IX. WORKING DOCUMENTS

23. The World Tourism Organization has created the following web-site: www.world-tourism.org/TSAconf2005 where main working documents prepared in advance will be published. Other documents will be distributed on the spot.

24. For any other additional information please contact the Conference Secretariat at: tsaconf2005-info@world-tourism.org.

X. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

25. A provisional list of participants, based on the replies referred to in paragraph 2 above, will be drawn up **on Monday, 26 September**. The final list of participants, prepared on the basis of the data entered by delegates and observers in their registration forms, will be distributed later.

XI. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

26. Details on the social programme will be given in a forthcoming Information

Note and will be published on the Conference website.

XII. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Local currency and rate of exchange:**

- Argentina's official currency is the peso (ARS). The rate of exchange applicable in April 2005 is 2,89 ARS to 1 US dollar.
- Brazil's official currency is the real. The rate of exchange applicable in April 2005 is approximately 2,710 reals to 1 US dollar.
- Paraguay's official currency is the guarani (PYG). The rate of exchange in April 2005 is 6,28 Guarani for 1 US dollar.

- **Climate** : The average temperature in this area is 25° C.

- **Official language** : Portuguese is the official language of Brazil, and Spanish is the official language of Argentina and Paraguay

- **Clothing**: Light and casual clothing is recommended. For meetings, women generally wear normal business attire and men a jacket and tie.

- **Local time**: GMT - 3 in Argentina and Brazil; and GMT - 2 in Paraguay.

- **Electricity**: The electric current in the three countries is 220 volts.