

ARTISTIC RESIDENCIES

PARANÁ & AMAZON

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WHY BRAZIL?

Brazil is a country of continental dimensions and extraordinary **cultural diversity**.

Here, Indigenous, African, and European ancestral traditions converge in **music**, **crafts**, and **storytelling**. Breathtaking biodiversity coexists with a vibrant contemporary art scene, while pressing environmental questions unfold alongside dynamic urban centres and idyllic rural landscapes.

This unique combination makes Brazil an exceptional destination for artists and creative groups seeking to **explore**, **create**, **experiment**, **reconnect** with nature, and **encounter** new perspectives — or simply find the space and inspiration to let their art **flow**.





TWO WORLDS

We will initially host artistic residencies in two regions:
one in the **North** and one in the **South** of Brazil.

*The northern option is in the heart of the **Amazon** rainforest, in Alter do Chão, home to some of Brazil's most traditional communities and breathtaking landscapes shaped by nature.*

*The southern option is Paraná, a state of exuberant nature, culture, architecture, and history. It is home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Iguaçu Falls**.*



ALTER DO CHÃO

Amazon Rainforest
northern Brazil
river communities
beaches & rivers
Equatorial climate

PARANÁ

Atlantic Forest
southern Brazil
contemporary culture
mountains
subtropical climate

PARANÁ *Nature*







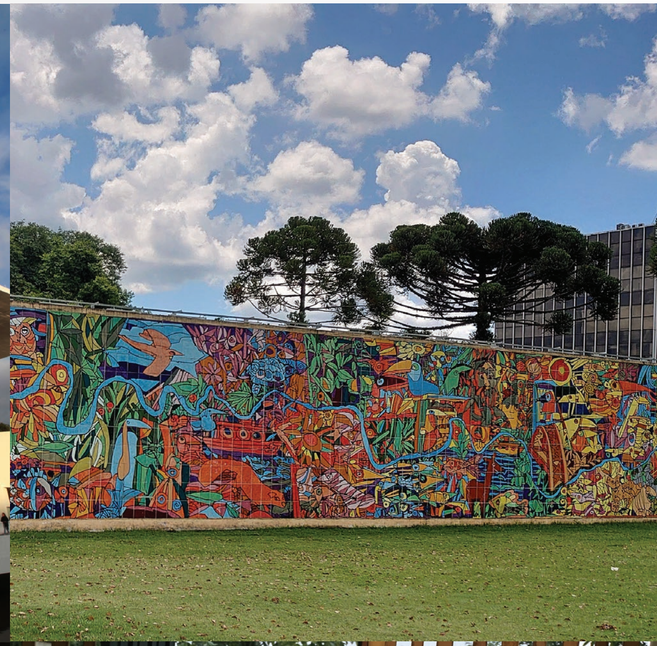



PARANÁ *Cultural Life*

















PARANÁ *Inspiration*

















PARANÁ

Perfect for those interested in:

- Ecology
- Landscape
- Traditional practices
- Sound
- Botanical research
- Rural communities
- Integration of nature & contemporary world

Main places:

- Curitiba
- Morretes
- Paranaguá
- Foz do Iguaçu
- Guartelá
- indigenous roads
- Atlantic forest

ALTER DO CHÃO *Nature*










ALTER DO CHÃO *Cultural life*










ALTER DO CHÃO *Inspiration*










ALTER DO CHÃO

Perfect for those interested in:

- Raw nature
- Water
- Spirituality
- Soundscapes
- Botanical research
- Indigenous communities
- Human adaptation

Main places:

- Alter do Chão
- Santarém
- Tapajós & Amazon rivers
- local villages
- river beaches
- forest enclaves
- Amazon forest

ARTISTIC POSSIBILITIES

Visual Arts

- *ecology*
- *land art*
- *photography*
- *drawing*
- *sculpture*
- *ceramics*
- *painting*

Performative Arts

- *site-specific work*
- *dance*
- *ritual & contemporary performance*
- *field recording*
- *sound art*
- *composition*
- *solo musicians and ensembles*

Writing

- *essays*
- *fiction*
- *poetry*
- *environmental storytelling*

Film

- *documentary*
- *experimental cinema*
- *animation*

Research

- *environmental humanities*
- *anthropology*
- *design*
- *architecture*

Both options offer opportunities such as workshops, school visits, artist talks, collaborations, open studios, and exchanges with local creative artists. Specific requirements can be discussed according to the project's needs and availability.

Here is some practical information:



Accommodation in Paraná can be arranged in privately rented flats, hotels, or guesthouses in both urban and rural areas. In the Amazonian location, accommodation is only available in traditional hammocks, adapted with mosquito nets. **Meals** in Paraná can be taken at local restaurants or prepared at the accommodation. In the Amazon, meals will be served in loco. Certain international and ethnic foods may be available in Paraná, but not in the Amazon. Any food allergies or dietary requirements must be communicated to the host before the residency begins. **Internet** access is available in Paraná. In the Amazon, internet is available at the accommodation but can be unstable, and there is no internet access in the forest.



The nearest **airport** in Paraná is Curitiba (CWB), while in the Amazon, it is Santarém (STM).



The **climate** in Paraná is predominantly subtropical, with well-defined seasons. Winters can be very cold with negative temperatures depending on the region, while summers can reach 40°C. In the Amazon, there are two main seasons: winter (very rainy) and summer (dry). Temperatures remain high throughout the year and humidity can be extremely high, which can damage equipments without proper precautions. In general, no repairs services are available in the Amazonian location.



The official **language** of Brazil is Portuguese, although Indigenous languages are still spoken by some communities in both Paraná and the Amazon. When necessary, we can provide translation services in Spanish, English, Italian, and Chinese. The **currency** in Brazil is the Brazilian Real (BRL). Foreign currencies are not accepted, and digital payment methods are the most common.



Transportation within Brazil is usually by airplane, bus or boat. Train travel is not used for long distances.
Disability accessibility in Paraná is very good, but the Amazon offers very limited accessibility for those with physical disabilities.



Brazil's public **healthcare** system is **free and universal**, including for non-residents. Emergency care can be provided through the public system, but all residents are required to have comprehensive **travel insurance**. Hospitals and clinics in Paraná are generally of good quality and widely available. In the Amazon, the venue offers only basic first aid, and the nearest clinic is approximately 30 km from the venue. For non-severe cases, traditional **Indigenous treatments** such as herbs, teas, ointments, and rituals, may be available.



Many countries benefit from **visa**-free entry to Brazil. However, please check the visa requirements for your nationality before applying for funding schemes.

FUNDING & SUPPORT

Many artists successfully fund international residencies through mobility grants, cultural exchange programmes, and other forms of institutional support. Depending on your country of residence and artistic field, **potential sources** of funding may include:

- *Mobility grants and artist travel funds*
- *Cultural institutes*
- *National arts councils*
- *Foundations and philanthropic organisations*
- *Universities and academic institutions*
- *Embassies, many of which have active cultural programmes in Brazil*
- *International artist exchange programmes*

We are happy to offer up to three free, non-binding meetings to discuss your artistic ideas, explore how a residency in Brazil might support your practice, and identify potential funding opportunities. If needed, we can also provide **supporting documentation** to assist with your application, including:

- *Invitation letters*
- *Project and institutional support*
- *Budget information*
- *Proposed residency schedule*
- *Accommodation information*
- *Institutional background and information*
- *Information about local partners and potential collaborations*

Our aim is to make the process as accessible as possible and to support artists in developing both their residency proposals and their funding applications.

If you are interested in booking an online meeting, please send an email to **contact@wgconnections.com** with a brief description of your project idea, and we will get in touch!


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