
Plaza Premium Lounge and Aerotel open at RIO

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Travelers through Tom Jobim International Airport in Rio de Janeiro can now enjoy a premium independent airport lounge and a transit hotel.

[RIOgaleão](#), the managing company of Rio Airport, this week noted the grand opening of the first [Plaza Premium Lounges](#) and [Aerotel](#) in South America.

The lounges are located in Terminal 2 on Level 3 of the international departures pier (airside), level 1 of the domestic departures pier (airside), and Level 2 of the parking garage (landside). They are 1,300 square meters, 950 square meters and 350 square meters, respectively. The three Plaza Premium Lounges have a combined seating of 570 and are open to travelers in any class for a fee. The vibrant *Carioca* design is reflected in the use of furniture, murals, carpet to graffiti artwork, bringing memories of the Copacabana beach and other landscapes of the city.



Food and beverage offerings developed by Plaza Premium's Executive Chef are a variety of hot and cold authentic dishes at the buffet counters and live cooking stations. Cheese bread and tapioca, which are coupled drinks appreciated by both Brazilians and foreigners at the bar lounge, including the famous *caipirinha*.



Travelers can enjoy international newspapers and magazines, to multi-national TV channels. There are also complimentary Wi-Fi, electrical outlets, USB sockets to recharge and stay connected, as well as Plaza Premium's signature honeycomb seating, meeting and VIP rooms, as well as an exclusive outdoor terrace to experience the extra privacy soon after arrival or before takeoff. Flight information displays are installed prominently across major lounge zones to keep travelers abreast of their latest flight schedule. For those who choose to refresh, fully equipped powerful hot shower facilities are readily available, one of which is specifically designed for the disabled to take care of their needs.

On Level 3 of the international departures pier (airside) in Terminal 2, Aerotel Rio de Janeiro was built for travelers with long layover time at the airport or taking flights in the late evening. The boutique sized airport transit hotel has 16 guestrooms in the airside of Rio Airport. It has also incorporated local elements in its shop front design to give travelers an exotic touch in the airport environment.



The basic lounge use package of Plaza Premium Lounge (International Departures), (Domestic Departures), and (Arrivals) starts at BRL240 (US\$71) for 2 hours and BRL99 (US\$30) for 1 hour in Domestic Departures and Arrivals, with a time-limited offer at BRL150 (US\$44) for International Departures and Arrivals and BRL85 (US\$25) for both Domestic Departures and Arrivals. As for Aerotel, the basic 1-hour, 3-hour and 6-hour packages start at BRL150, BRL300 and BRL450, respectively. Both

Aerotel and the international departures lounge open round-the-clock while the domestic departure lounge opens daily between 7 am and 10 pm. Plaza Premium Lounge (Arrivals) operates between 2 pm to 10 pm every day. Eligible credit card holders and selected lounge membership access programs will also be granted complimentary access to these three Plaza Premium Lounges in Rio Airport.