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From Burlington Lakeshore to Brazil

In Brazil you live for the moment

Ola Gente! Tudo Bem? Hi everyone! My name is Megan and this is my first beaver tail! I can't believe I am finally writing one of these, it is kind of surreal because it seems just yesterday I discovered the Beaver Tails and now I am on my own exchange writing my own! Anyway, I am here to talk about Brazil, hopefully you enjoy reading this.

Let me say, if you are an outbound that has just figured out your host country is Brazil, you are in for a treat. Brazil is an amazing country with great weather and has some of the best people in the world. I had no idea what was in store when I received Brasil, and truth be told Brasil was my last choice, but I've had the best time so far. When I arrived in Brazil, I was welcomed by a group of about 12 people. There was the other inbounds that had already arrived, my family, the out bounds and a few others. It was a pretty amazing first few days, but sadly my host brother left for Mexico five days after. A few things I learned about Brazil in those first few days is that they are people who like to live in the moment but that makes them very unpunctual! If you want to be somewhere at 5 pm, you will most likely arrive there 30 or 45 minutes later. It kills me sometimes in the mornings, when I wait for my host family and I end up being 10 minutes late for school.

When school started, I had the best first experience. My brother took me a day before to show me the school. When I walked towards my class, I guess someone saw me so they gathered everyone else and they all waited for me at the doorway of the class. Then when I got to the group of them and said a simple "Hi" they all yelled out and welcomed me. All I could really do was laugh and smile because they were crazy! I have made some great friends at school; Brazilians welcome any exchange student with warm arms so don't be worried about making friends! Since they are really touchy, you can hug

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people of the other gender and give kisses on the cheek all you want! In the beginning, I was getting confused because I thought people were dating since they were so touchy to each other, but everyone does it!

I am located in the city of Aracaju, which is located in the North East of Brazil. The North East is probably the best part to go to when you get sent to Brazil! The North doesn't have as many other countries influencing it, as an example there are a lot of Germans in the south. The North is practically just Brazilians and no descendants of other nationalities, so there is a lot of rich Brazilian culture here unlike the South. We have forro dancing which is something you can't understand until you have danced it but it is very typical to the North east. Plus, since it is mostly Brazilians here in the North, people are mostly tan with dark eyes and dark hair. If you are light eyed, light skinned and have a hair colour that isn't black or brown, you gain so much attention.

So hopefully you enjoyed my first beaver tail, I hope it isn't too short! Well I guess you will just have to read my next Beaver Tail then if you want more information about Brazil! The time is going by so fast that it will only feel like a few weeks before I have to start on the next one!

Tchau (Good Bye),

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