

## Learn More About Brazil

# INTERNET LINKS

### General Information on Brazil

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/places/find/brazil>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil>

### Music and Dance in the Northeast

#### **Typical music of the Northeast**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRV8huCvMIg>

**Drum groups (Baterias)** of the Samba Schools in Rio. Note that these performances are staged before a huge audience in the Sambadrome in Rio, not in small towns.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XX5389I-wBI&feature=youtu.be>

**Reisado and Bumba Meu Boi** – Reisado is a carnival performance associated with the feast of the Three Kings. Bumba-Meu-Boi celebrates an old Iberian story of a bull, lost and found, killed and resurrected. The performance takes various forms, but is found throughout the Northeast. This performance takes place in Recife.

<http://youtu.be/ZbL0pYhmg0U>

**Frevo** – Typical Dance of Carnival in the Northeast, especially connected with the carnival in Recife

<http://youtu.be/F4Xkb-RMrL4>

#### **Afro- Blocos – Carnival Groups**

Ilê Aiyê is one of the first Afro-Blocos or African Carnival groups of Salvador, Bahia. This video shows the groups educational mission of working with the young people of one of the poorest and most African areas of Salvador, both with music and education.

<http://youtu.be/onWzWtbc8EA>

### Vaqueiros

The vaqueiros, or cowboys of the Northeast, live and work in the dry sertão, or backlands. These videos show a few scenes from their lives:

<http://youtu.be/IbIGsqwLV1g>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3SCTTJndkw>

## African Retentions

Djembe drummer in South Africa; his work will demonstrate the sources of Brazilian drumming.

<http://youtu.be/5UcpRb8JjCI>

Sowande – a Detroit djembe drummer performing in Chapel Hill, NC

<http://youtu.be/U96Xa6nZCA4>

Body Percussion

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXMHWAGBGGE&feature=youtu.be>

Call and Response

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INtHit\\_PcMI&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INtHit_PcMI&feature=youtu.be)  
<http://youtu.be/sq19BZRKmLI>

Hambone

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BCzIjY-taY&feature=youtu.be>

Stepping

<http://youtu.be/sYWPZA5ZOak>

Samba de Roda – an authentic expression of Brazilian dance dating from the time of slavery; it's especially present in the area near Salvador called the Reconcavo, an area of old sugar plantations where many customs from colonial times continue to be celebrated.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z42pA3xaegk>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEjtt-felmg>

Styles from Africa – this video has French titles and show a variety of beautiful, complex hair styles from Africa or based on African models

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xc24Alo76iE&feature=youtu.be>

Designs from Africa – block prints showing the complexity and beauty of fabric designs based on wood block printing.

<http://youtu.be/zYL3kO5gCeo>

Folk tales from Africa – Anansi and the turtle

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ugi5KYfQO-0&feature=youtu.be>

Folk tales from Brazil - The Rabbit and the Wolf

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCW6QNLVMO&feature=youtu.be>

## Capoeira

Capoeira – a martial art form with African roots but developed in Brazil during the time of slavery. Highly stylized with gymnastic movement and dance forms, it was forbidden and criminalized for decades, until it was reintroduced in Salvador by two Capoeira masters during in 1930s.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHnPkKZxcmQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0SnAdqaY1U>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H0D8Valli0&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwbuDYcrUOo&feature=youtu.be>

<http://youtu.be/pGtvpzzN86s> Capoeira

Capoeira: T.A.B.C.A.T. is a local Detroit group practicing the art of Capoeira

<http://detroitcapoeira.com>

## Faith

The Church of the Bonfim, dedicated to Jesus Christ, is a popular church associated with prayers and miracles. The video begins with ribbons tied to the fences in front of the Church, a sign of devotion to the Lord of the Bonfim, Jesus Crucified and to Oxala, the oldest of the orixás of Candomblé. (The ribbons say: Remembrance of the Church of the Bonfim)The first video also shows the chapel inside the church hung with ex-votos, the wax arms and legs and the photographs left at the shrine as a symbol of answered prayers.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvKdmbaVU\\_U&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvKdmbaVU_U&feature=youtu.be)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIGMQFsrZJE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0NutQfykEQ>

The ceremony of the washing of the steps of the Church of the Bonfim (Lavagem do Bonfim) occurs every January. Though the narration is in Portuguese, one can see the large crowds that come to celebrate the washing of the steps of the church each year, and the white-clad women of Candomblé who perform this ritual of cleansing.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjCKz0H6pD0>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0NutQfykEQ>

## Candomblé

Women in Candomblé in Bahia

Using Ruth Landis’ famous book on Candomblé called “The City of Women” this video introduces some of the important women in the Candomblé temples in Bahia.

<http://youtu.be/mUhvXFiC7g>

### Candomble Ceremony

This video shows the beginning of a Candomble ceremony, with white clad women and men dancing and chanting for the orixas.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTENhg-QtdU&feature=youtu.be>

This second video begins with the presentation of the orixas: Ogum in blue and white; Oxossi with a hunter's hat; Omolu dressed in a outfit of straw; Nana, Xango; Yansan in red and white; Oxum in gold and Yemanjá in blue; and two figures of Oxala in white with a silver staff.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0UO03O-T5s>

### Popular Festivals

Wonderful video of popular celebrations in Bahia, including Bumba-Meu-Boi, washing of the Church of the Bonfim, washing of the statue of Zumbi, a parade in the little town of Maragojipe, the feast of Yemanjá at the edge of the sea in Salvador, the feast of St. Barbara with everyone dressed in red and white, and finally carnival in Maragojipe.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyieEH8rIYw>

### Detroit Connections

First Congregational Church of Detroit:

Actual Underground Railroad stop, now a living museum. This is the website of the Church

<http://www.friendsoffirst.com/home/>

Detroit Historical Museum Exhibit on Underground Railroad is one of the signature exhibitions of the Historical Museum

<http://detroithistorical.org/detroit-historical-museum/exhibitions/exhibitions>