

WORLD CUP IN BRAZIL: AIRLINES TO KEEP USUAL PRICES



The Brazilian National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) evaluated applications of the leading airlines in the country - TAM, Gol, and Azul Brazilian Airlines - who have pledged not to charge excessive tariffs during the World Cup.

ANAC stated that one week before and after the World Cup (June 6 - July 20) the airlines will offer more connections for the football fans. The flight tickets are on sale since January 17th.

Among the five most requested and approved routes are Galeao (Rio de Janeiro), Ezeiza (Argentina), Brasilia-Guarulhos (Sao Paulo), Fortaleza, Guarulhos, Santos Dumont (Rio)-Guarulhos (Sao Paulo) and Galeao-Aeroparque (Buenos Aires, Argentina).

Similarly, the association of hotels in the Brazilian metropolis of Rio de Janeiro agreed not to charge higher prices for hotel rooms at the time of the championship. However, many tourists that have booked rooms for the World Cup expressed **complaints about the high prices of hotels in other locations where the matches will take place.**

Juliana Pereira, representative of the National Consumer Secretariat (Senacon), under the Ministry of Justice said: "We understand that the prices of the time around the World Cup will be higher, but they cannot be abusive. The World Cup is an opportunity to exalt the image of the country beyond our borders."

Brazilian authorities expect that 600,000 foreigners will come to see the matches along 3 million domestic fans coming from different parts of the country to see the World Cup (June 12 - July 13, 2014).

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