

It's time to visit Ceará!

(or Jericoacoara and Icaraizinho as you know better...)

Insider information about Covid-19 situation in the Brazilian state of Ceará (where Fortaleza, Jericoacoara and Icaraizinho are located).

This document was prepared by ClubVentos watersports resorts, on September 3rd, 2020, and aims to provide objective information based on facts to its client base of European and North-American windsurfers and kitesurfers, to help them determine if they should travel to Jericoacoara/Icaraizinho in 2020. The information presented here is accurate today, but subject to change (for better or worse).

THE GOLDEN QUESTION: Is it dangerous to go to Jericoacoara an Icaraizinho in Brazil now?

To better answer this question, one factor must be reminded: most of the time when we travel to a foreign country, we pay attention only to the names of the country and cities, but rarely to the names of the states. Yet, in this question, this is a very relevant factor, because States' (and also cities') administration have a high level of independence in Brazil, and in the specific case of the Covid-19 combat, it was ruled by the Brazilian Supreme Court in mid-April that Governors and Mayors had full independence to take region-specific measures to fight the pandemic, and were not obliged to follow federal decisions coming from the President. Read the translated news here: <https://bit.ly/31U5zXO>

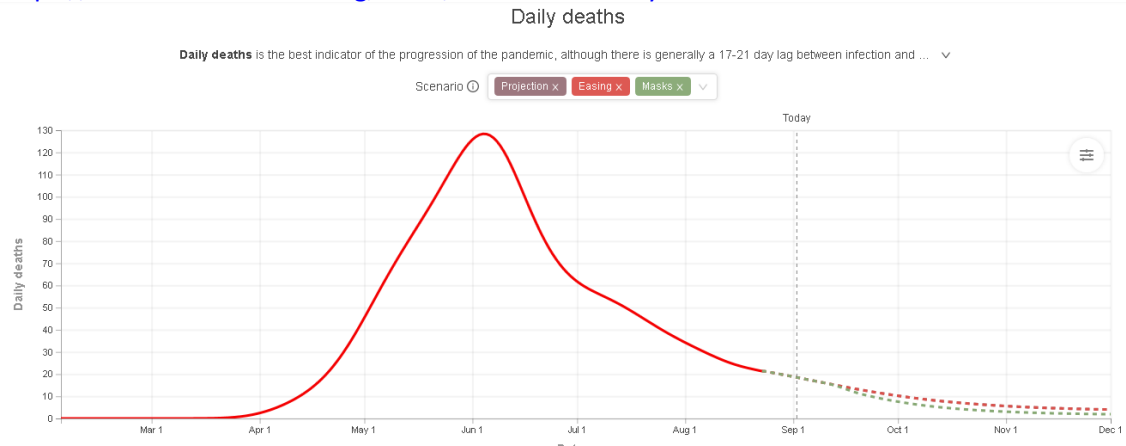
In the case of Brazil, this is very relevant because Brazil is HUGE.

More like a continent than a country: Brazil has approximately the size of Europe and is organized in [27 states](#), which are all very diverse in size, population, culture, economy, climate, education, and also in a very relevant factor in this analysis: **government efficiency**.

Jericoacoara / Icaraizinho / Fortaleza are located in the [state of Ceará](#). To put it in European perspective, it has approximately the population of Austria, and is bigger than Austria + Switzerland together. And while we prefer to be surfing than talking about politics, we must recognize that our state administration did a very good job in the pandemic management, led by our health secretary (who is also an ICU doctor) with decisions based on science evidence and not on political interests. Let's compare Ceará to the states of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo (Brazil's wealthiest states, concentrating a large part of our population, and well known abroad):

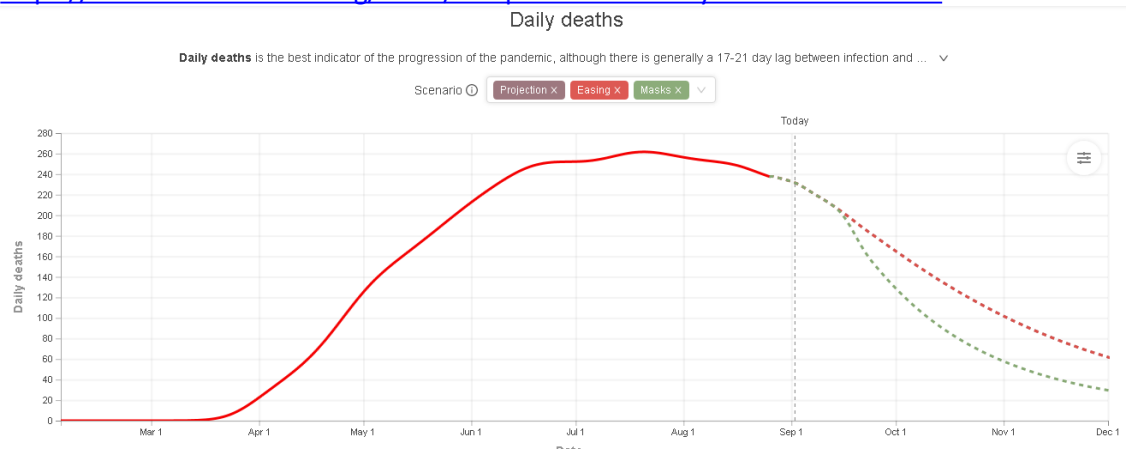
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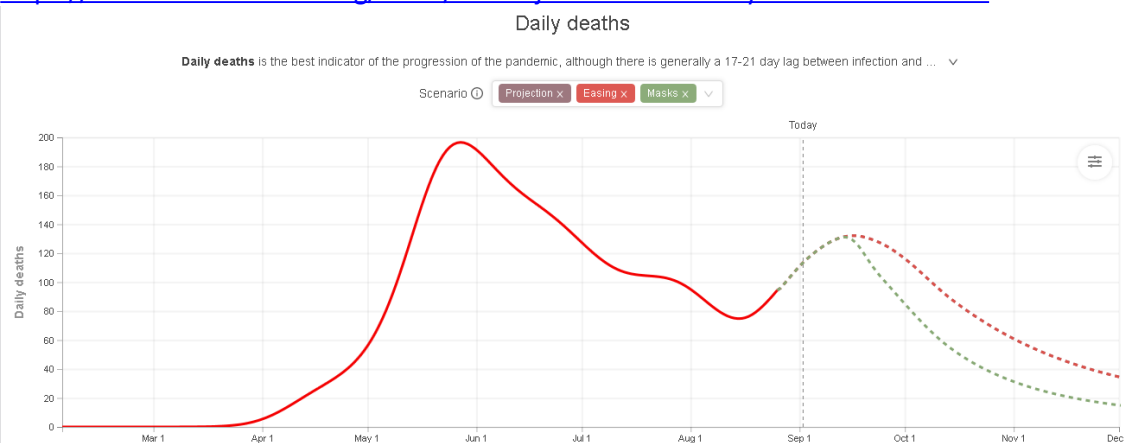
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Rio de Janeiro:

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All graphs above are from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, from the University of Washington, USA. They are providing some of the most precise and detailed information / forecast about the Covid-19 pandemic for all areas of the world. Their data collection and forecasting model is being constantly improved as they process more data. You can read more about IHME here: <http://www.healthdata.org/covid/press-releases>

We have used "daily deaths" graphs in the comparison above, as it is the best indicator of the progression of the pandemic, since it does not depend on tests. You can check the up-to-date situation in the links above the graphs.

So as you can see, we have a very different situation between the 3 states:

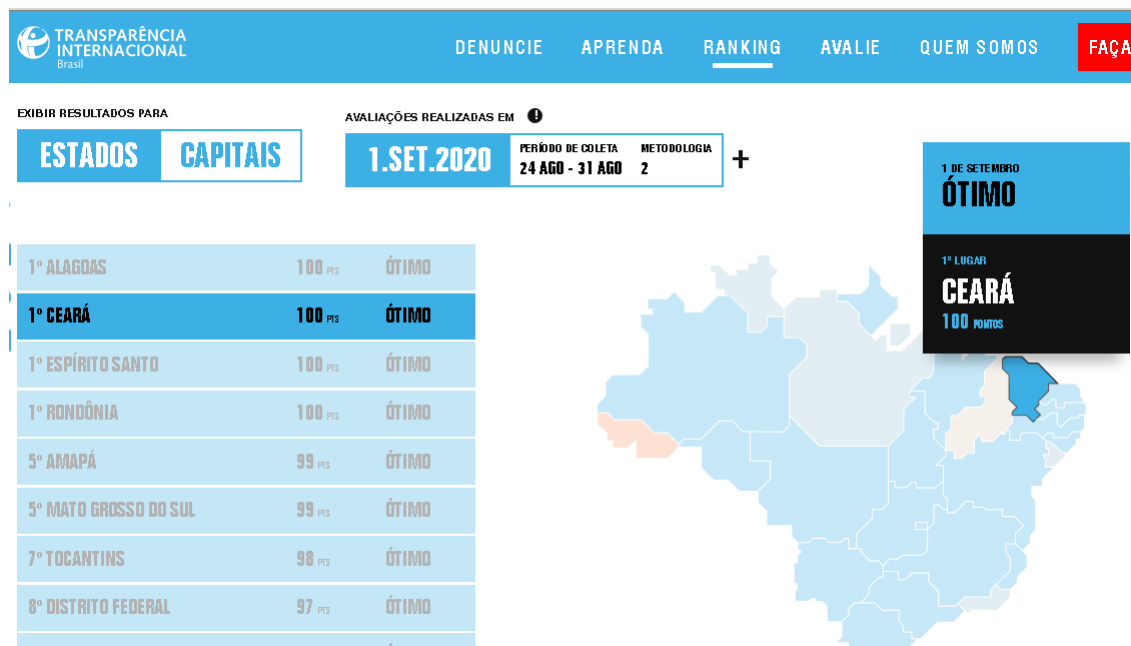
Ceará had its peak in early June, and has since been on a consistent drop with no second wave, even with business activities gradually reopening since July. Numbers are already very low and IHME forecast shows a future trend of continued decrease to even lower levels in the upcoming months. The pattern is similar to many European countries where the pandemic has been controlled.

Meanwhile you see **Sao Paulo** still with very high numbers and the graph stuck at the peak of the curve for the last 3 months, with no significant decrease yet. And this is the richest state of Brazil with an economy 15 times bigger than Ceará. Because of its [population size](#) (by far the most populous state of Brazil), it plays a heavy role in keeping the “total Brazil numbers” high. Political news often mention the state governor more focused in self promotion during Covid, and in clashing with the president (his political opponent), as he aims for presidency in 2022.

And in **Rio de Janeiro** (the 3rd most populous state of Brazil) there is quite a complex situation as the pandemic seems to be getting out of control, with the graph pointing to a second wave as Covid deaths start to increase again. Meanwhile this week’s headlines show the state governor removed from office by a court decision, with his health secretary arrested, both facing criminal charges of corruption and money-laundering for stealing funds from Rio’s health budget. <https://bit.ly/3hUnseF>

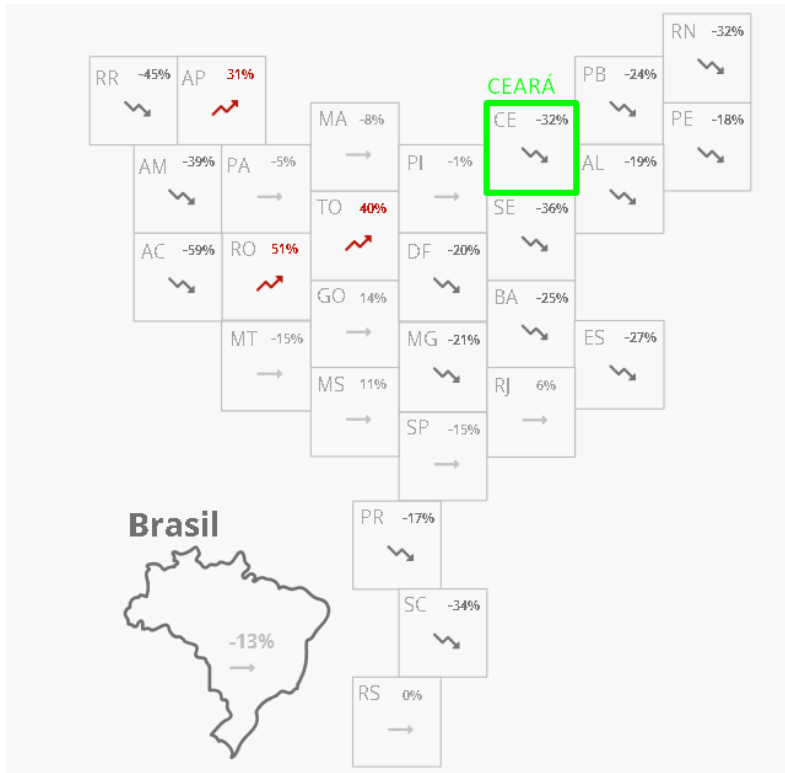
The paragraphs above summarize a probable relation between “government quality” and “pandemic severity” in each state. And while Rio’s governor is risking jail for stealing public money from the health sector, Ceará has been awarded this week by “Transparency International” with the maximum grade (100 points) in transparency related to Covid-19 management.

https://transparenciainternacional.org.br/ranking/?utm_source=UCC&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Ranking+4+rodada&utm_term=link1



So as we can see above, when we look at Brazilian states separately, we see very different situations and results regarding Covid-19 crisis management. Unfortunately, some very populous states of Brazil like Sao Paulo still have high or increasing numbers, and this keeps

the global numbers of the country high and creates a very negative image of the country abroad. Here is another useful page about Covid in Brazil, showing the situation of each state (Google translated page from Brazil's biggest news channel). The arrows point the variation of daily deaths over the last 7 days : <https://bit.ly/32Sc7FY>



Daily deaths trend comparing current week to the previous.

Screenshot of 03.09.2020.

This image is updated on a daily basis. For the latest info, click on the link above.

IMPORTANT: this document is not a marketing piece trying to sell you a vacation. We are here just presenting you information from reliable sources, so you can make an informed decision if you want to come to Jericoacoara/Icaraizinho in 2020. Covid still exists everywhere, but you are exposed to a very different risk level depending on where you go, anywhere in the world. Our point is that Brazil is too big to be seen as a single place with the same situation everywhere, but this is not so easy to see, especially as a foreign observer. The fact is that we have now a radically diverse Covid-19 situation between different Brazilian states, and this means a very different risk, when you, for example, compare a trip to Sao Paulo with a trip to Jericoacoara.

Answers to other important questions:

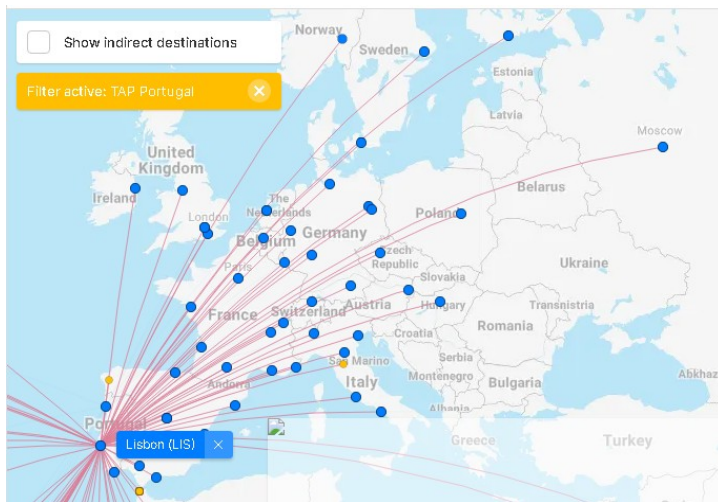
WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN JERICOACOARA AND ICARAZINHO NOW?

Jericoacoara and Icaraizinho had their official reopening on August 8th. Hotels, shops, restaurants and activities are back to normal, respecting Covid-19 security measures, especially rules for businesses and employees. Restaurant tables have minimum distance. Hotels cannot occupy 100% of the rooms. You will need to use face masks sometimes, especially in closed places like supermarkets or in the hotel reception. But since in both towns most of the living spaces are very “open, wide and ventilated”, you have plenty of opportunities to be safe with your family and friends without having to wear a face mask all the time. The coronavirus is much harder to spread/infect in open places with strong wind.

But apart from that: sun is shining, wind is blowing, and there is much less sailors in the water than usual.

IS IT DIFFICULT TO GO TO FORTALEZA NOW?

Airlines have been following closely the coronavirus situation in Ceará, especially those with international flights into FOR. As the Ceará state covid numbers show a steady improvement since June, with no second wave even after commercial activities were restored, the usual flight schedules are being gradually restored.



TAP is already flying 2x/week FOR-LIS, and will return to 5x/week as usual in October. **TAP** is the most used airline by our European customers, due to its dense network of connecting flights from Lisbon to several cities in Europe

Direct flights to FOR from Paris (**Air France**), Amsterdam (**KLM**), and Madrid (**Air-Europa**) will also return in October.

Customers coming from North-America that want to avoid a connection in RIO or SAO (which are operating normally now) will have an **American-Airlines** route from MIA via MAO (Manaus) starting in November. The direct MIA-FOR flight returns daily in January, with 2 options of airline: **Latam** and **Gol**.

Find at the end of this document an updated flight schedule (as of today September 3rd) of the main direct international flights to FOR. You can also check for updates at: <https://www.flightconnections.com/flights-from-fortaleza-for>

WHAT IS CLUBVENTOS DOING ABOUT THE PANDEMIC?

ClubVentos is making sure every security measure is being strictly followed:

Inside the clubs:

- Contactless temperature measurement at the entrance of the clubs to avoid entrance of persons with fever.
- Our staff is wearing masks/face-shields at all times. Everyone was trained to work under Covid-19 safety protocols.
- The number of restaurant tables and sunbeds has been reduced and are further apart, keeping a safer distance between customers.
- All tables are sanitized after usage, all dishes and silverware are sterilized and wrapped separately.
- Several sanitizers (70% gel alcohol) available along internal and external areas.



Ronaldo is waiting for you!

Airport transfers:

- Vehicles providing transfers FOR-JERI / FOR-ICA are disinfected with an ozone generator before departure.
- Drivers wear face masks at all times.
- Air conditioning is not used, and windows are open to ventilate.
- Hand sanitizers (70% gel alcohol) available in the car.

COVID-19 PCR EXAMS FOR RE-ENTRY IN EUROPE:

Most European countries are imposing a self-quarantine (of 10-14 days at home) for residents returning from certain countries (Brazil included at the moment), except if they present a recent Covid-19 PCR type exam done less than 72h before boarding the return flight. Read more at: <https://reopen.europa.eu>. PCR exams are the most accurate type of Covid-19 test. It is not a quick test bought in a drugstore. Instead it requires a (painless) collection of material from the nose with a special swab, which must be sent to a lab for processing.

The physiotherapy clinic inside ClubVentos Jericoacoara, led by licensed physiotherapist Elisa Vaz, has teamed up with one of the largest labs in Fortaleza to provide PCR tests for departing guests without requiring them to go to Fortaleza. Exam material will be collected in her clinic 2 days before departure, and sent to the lab for processing. Exam result will be made available by the lab via internet before departure, in Portuguese (useful for Lisbon entry) and English. Guests interested in this service should request it upon arrival. This service is not available in Icaraizinho.

Some countries also offer the option to make the PCR exam after arrival in your home country to interrupt the self-quarantine. You should check the rules of your country at <https://reopen.europa.eu> at the time of travel, because the rules are changing all the time. It is possible that by the time you finish your vacation, Brazil may have already been removed for the list of countries requiring PCR exams on return, as the Covid-19 situation improves in the country.

CLUBVENTOS OPERATION IN 2020 SEASON:

Due to the limitations imposed by the coronavirus crisis, ClubVentos services will operate under the following schedule:

Jericoacoara:

- Rental (windsurf and kitesurf): October 1st – January 31st
- Lessons (windsurf/kitesurf): weekends-only before October. Daily on October 1st – January 31st
- All other services (gear storage, restaurant, bar, surfshop, physiotherapy, tours): daily, year-round.

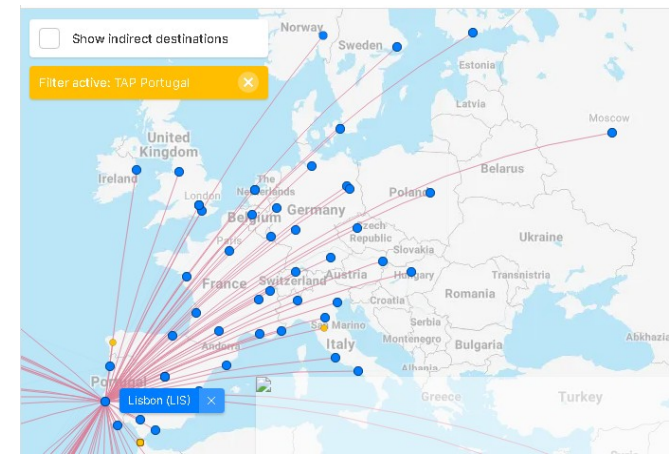
Icaraizinho:

- Rental and Lessons(windsurf and kitesurf): October 15th – December 15th
- Storage(windsurf and kitesurf): October 15th – December 15th

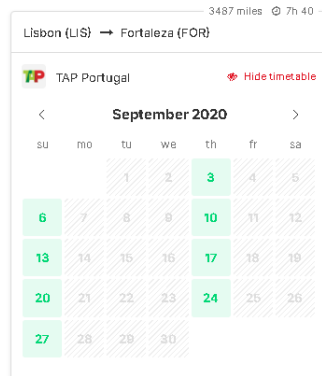
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TAP – FROM LISBON

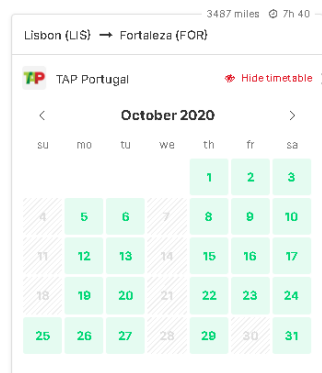
TAP is the most used flight for most customers from Europe, due to its dense network of connections to other European cities.



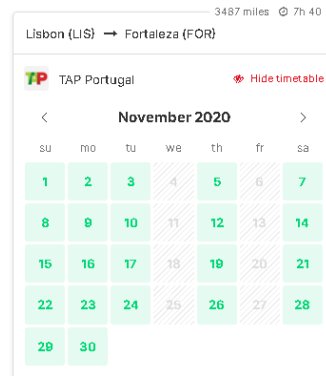
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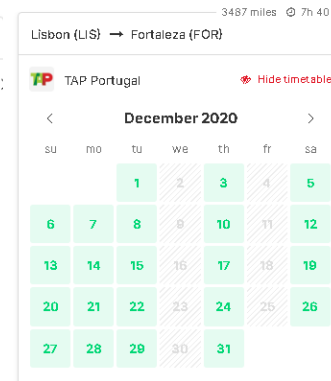
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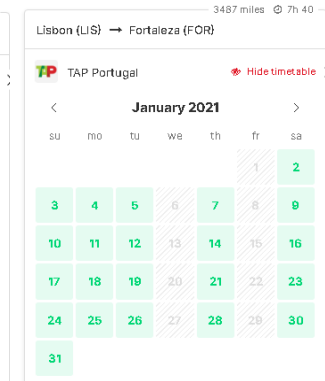
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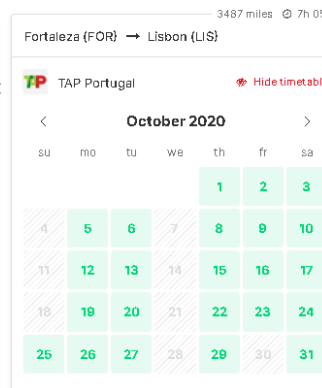
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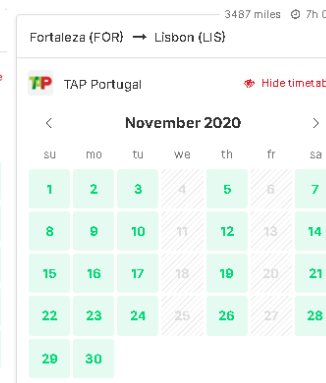
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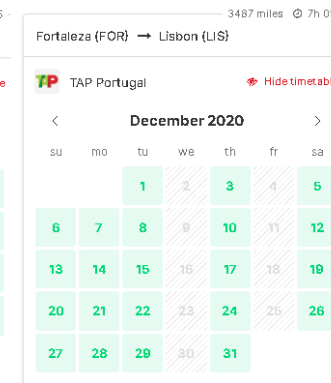
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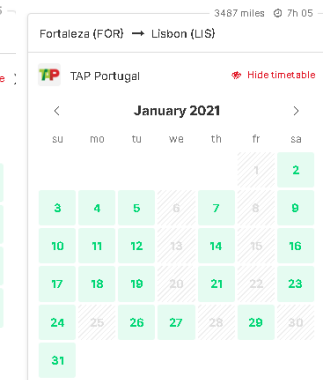
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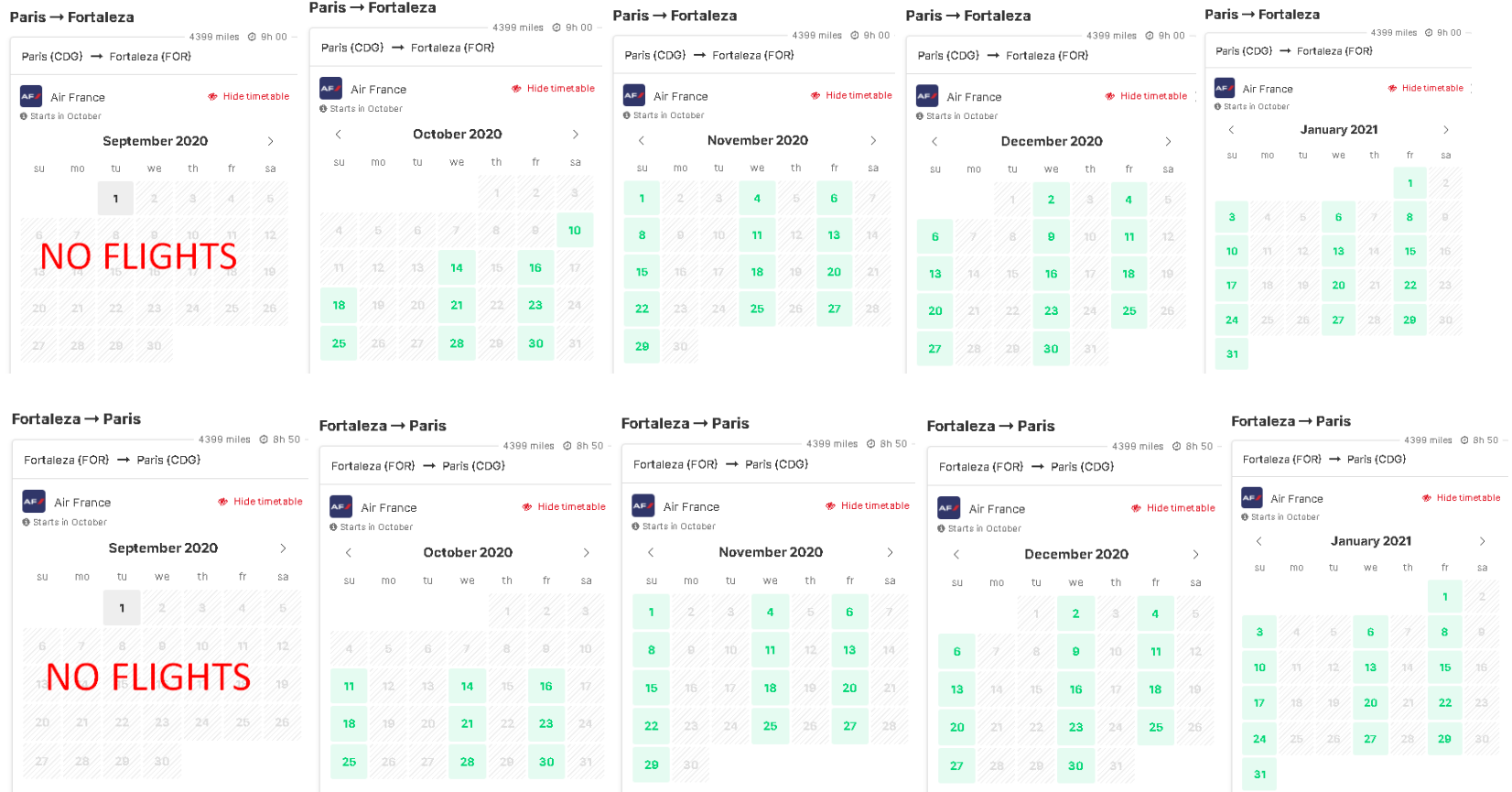
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AIR FRANCE – FROM PARIS



KLM – FROM AMSTERDAM

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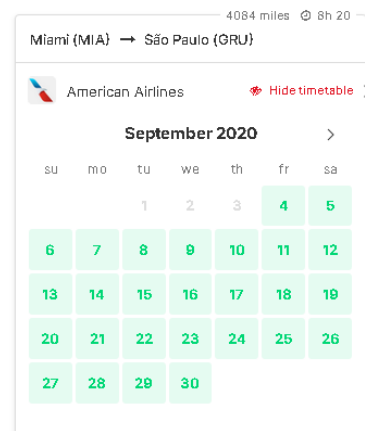
- If you want to come before November, you must connect in Rio or São Paulo (several airlines)
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- Starting in January, direct daily flights to Fortaleza are available, with Gol and Latam

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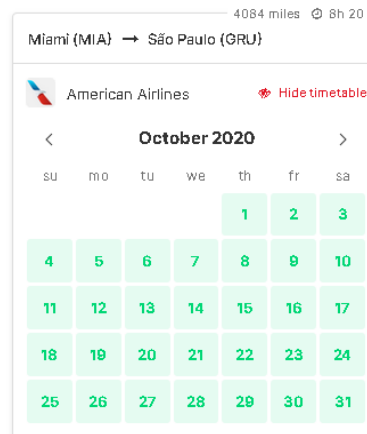
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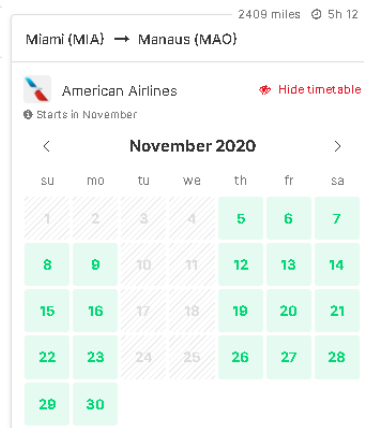
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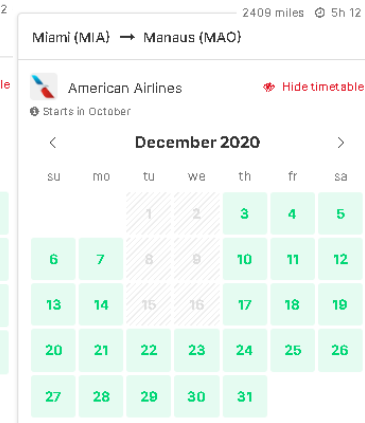
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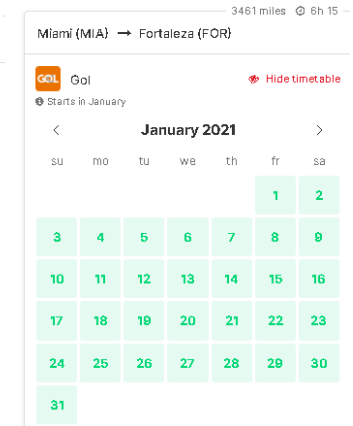
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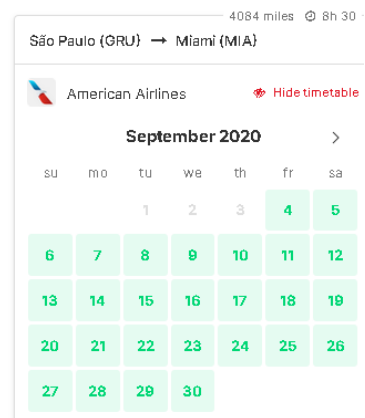
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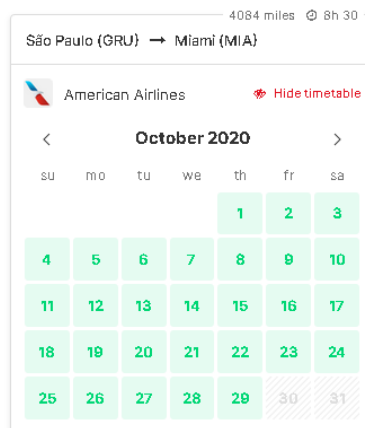
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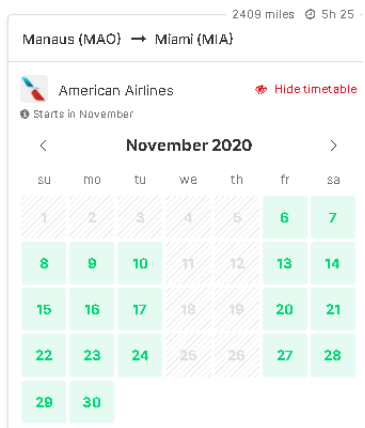
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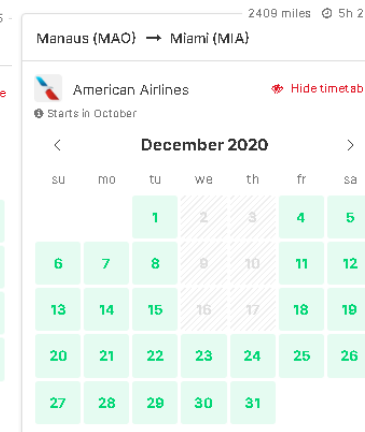
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