

Geology Field Experiences for Educators in Minas Gerais

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The State of Minas Gerais (MG) has been a center for mining gold, diamonds, iron, and other minerals since the 18th Century. In advance of the VIII GeoSciEd conference, we will provide a 6-night/5-day tour designed for classroom teachers and others to visit selected locations spotlighting the interesting geologic history of the region. Our 'headquarters' will be in Belo Horizonte (BH), the capital and major city in MG, and Diamantina, a small city four hours away that is famous for its colonial era mining history and its modern restaurants and bars.

Sat, 14 Jul -- Travel to Brazil and Belo Horizonte/BH). Welcome Meeting at Hotel Holiday Inn Savassi.

Sun, 15 Jul -- BH area -- Introduction to local geology and visit to Serra do Rola-Moça (Iron Quadrangle)



Mon, 16 Jul -- Visit to Mina de Passagem, Mariana City (gold mine museum) and Ouro Preto vicinity



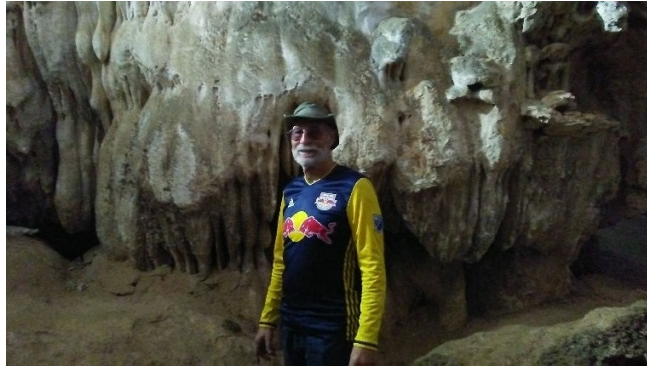
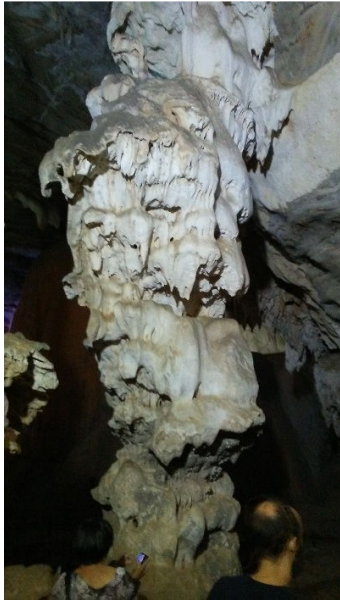
Tue, 17 Jul -- Visit to BH Minerals and Metals Museum (morning); travel to Diamantina (afternoon)



Wed, 18 Jul -- Diamantina geology field experiences, including Biri-Biri Park



Thu, 19 Jul -- Visit to Gruta de Maquiné. Return to Belo Horizonte. Travel to Campinas or Sao Paulo



Travel Arrangements include

- Flights to Belo Horizonte from Sao Paulo (14 Jul) and to Campinas from BH (18 Jul)
- Private bus with bilingual tour guide and local geology experts
- 3 days accommodation at Holiday Inn Savassi (BH) and 2 days at Pousada Pousada da Chica (Diamantina), continental breakfasts included
- Single or double accommodations available
- Lunch and dinner on own at the many restaurants available in MG
- Visitors to Brazil need to obtain proper passports and visas in advance of travel

Arrangements made in cooperation with

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Important Information

Leader: Michael Passow (Earth2Class Workshops, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observ., Columbia Univ., USA)

Duration: 5 days (July 14th-19th).

Number of participants: min 15, max 30.

Arrival: Travel to Belo Horizonte by Saturday, July 14th, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting point for participants before route Belo Horizonte to Diamantina: Hotel Holiday Inn BH Savassi

Return: Campinas downtown Thursday, July 19th, 22:00 a.m.

Transportation: Air tickets inside Brazil, Bus, travel time Belo Horizonte to Diamantina is around 4 h.

Note: Travelers have the responsibility of obtaining an appropriate Brazilian entry visa and passport.

WEB information

The following links may be useful for collecting more data about the places to be visited.

Belo Horizonte/BH, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belo_Horizonte

Biri-Biri Park, <http://visitbrasil.com/en/atracoes/biribiri-state-park.html>

Diamantina MG, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamantina,_Minas_Gerais

Gruta de Maquiné, <https://www.revolvy.com/main/index.php?s=Gruta%20de%20Maquin%C3%A9>

Iron Quadrangle, <https://www.mindat.org/loc-21133.html>

Mina de Passagem, <http://visitbrasil.com/en/atracoes/passage-mine.html>