

Accommodation of Foreign Minors in Brazil (Without Parents)

This document outlines the mandatory documentation required for **foreign minors traveling from the United States, Europe, or Mexico** who will stay in a hotel in Brazil **without the presence of their parents or legal guardians**, in accordance with Brazilian law (Child and Adolescent Statute – ECA).

This document outlines the mandatory documentation required for foreign minors traveling from any country worldwide who will stay in a hotel in Brazil without the presence of their parents or legal guardians, in accordance with Brazilian law (Child and Adolescent Statute – ECA).

1. Identification Document

- Valid **passport** of the minor.
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2. Parental Authorization Letter

A written authorization signed by **both parents or legal guardians**, containing: - Minor's full name, date of birth, and passport number - Parents' or legal guardians' full names and identification details - Name and city of the hotel - Exact check-in and check-out dates - Clear statement authorizing the minor to stay at the hotel **without the parents** (or identifying the accompanying adult, if applicable) - Parents' or legal guardians' signatures

3. Authentication of the Authorization (Mandatory)

As the United States, European countries, and Mexico are signatories to the **Hague Apostille Convention**, the authorization must follow the steps below:

United States

- Authorization **notarized by a U.S. Notary Public**
- **Hague Apostille** issued in the United States

Europe

- Authorization **notarized by a local notary**
- **Hague Apostille** issued in the country of origin

Mexico

- Authorization **notarized by a Mexican notary**
- **Hague Apostille** issued in Mexico

Consular legalization is not required for these countries.

As all countries that are signatories to the Hague Apostille Convention recognize and accept apostilles, the authorization must follow the steps below:

United States

- Authorization notarized by a U.S. Notary Public
- Hague Apostille issued in the United States

Mexico

- Authorization notarized by a Mexican notary
- Hague Apostille issued in Mexico

Other Hague Apostille Convention Countries (e.g., Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia, Oceania)

- Authorization notarized by a local notary or competent authority in the country of origin
- Hague Apostille issued in the country of origin

Consular legalization is not required for documents from these countries as long as the apostille process described above is followed.

4. Certified Translation

- If the authorization is issued in a language other than Portuguese, a **certified (sworn) translation into Portuguese** is strongly recommended and frequently required by Brazilian hotels.
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5. Additional Supporting Documents (May Be Requested)

- Copy of the parents' or legal guardians' passports or identification documents
 - Emergency contact information
 - Contact details of a responsible adult in Brazil, if applicable
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Important Notice

Brazilian hotels may adopt **internal policies more restrictive than the minimum legal requirements**. All documentation should be submitted to the hotel **in advance for validation** to ensure a smooth check-in process.