THE BEST OF CANEPHORA

BRAZIL 2026

CELEBRATING

THE TECHNIQUE AND EXCELLENCE OF BRAZILIAN SPECIALTY COFFEES

INTERNATIONAL JURY PROGRAM

November 22 – December 3, 2026

SÃO PAULO · VARGINHA · CAMPINAS · CACOAL

WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE FIRST *The Best of Canephora Brazil*

The Brazil Specialty Coffee Association (BSCA), in partnership with the Alliance for Coffee Excellence (ACE), brings the world the first edition of **The Best of Canephora**, a competition that celebrates the technique and excellence of Brazil's specialty coffees, now in their *Coffea canephora* version.

Your journey begins in **São Paulo** and continues to **Varginha**, in Southern Minas Gerais, where you will calibrate and cup the finalists at BSCA headquarters. From there we fly to **Cacoal, Rondônia**, in the Brazilian Amazon, home of the **Matas de Rondônia** designation of origin for Amazonian Robustas, for the award ceremonies, the auction and visits to the producers, including the Paiter Suruí people.

Thank you for sharing your expertise with Brazil's canephora producers. Our team is with you throughout the program for anything you need.

BSCA · BRAZIL SPECIALTY COFFEE ASSOCIATION

THE COMPETITION IN NUMBERS

59 samples entered	**50** samples received
26 Classic category	**18** Experimental category

WHERE YOU WILL STAY

Nov 22 → 23
Blue Tree Premium Paulista · São Paulo, SP

Nov 23 → 27
Hotel Grand Enio · Varginha, MG

Nov 27 → 28
Hotel Cassino Tower · Campinas, SP

Nov 28 → Dec 2
Cacoal Selva Park · Cacoal, RO

Dec 2 → 3
Trianon Paulista · São Paulo, SP

PROGRAM

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1

Sunday, November 22

Arrival in São Paulo

SÃO PAULO · SP

Throughout the day — Arrival at **São Paulo / Guarulhos International Airport (GRU)**
Transfer to the **Blue Tree Premium Paulista** hotel · approx. 1 hour

6:30 – 10:00 PM — Dinner at the hotel, at your convenience

DAY 2

Monday, November 23

São Paulo → Varginha

VARGINHA · MG

6:30 AM — Breakfast available at the hotel

10:00 AM — Departure · transfer to Varginha
Approx. 5 hours by highway

1:00 PM — Lunch break

3:00 PM — Arrival at the **Grand Enio Hotel**

7:30 PM — Dinner at the hotel

DAY

3

Tuesday, November 24

Calibration Day

VARGINHA · MG

6:30 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
8:15 AM	Arrival at **BSCA** · cupping site
8:30 AM	**Opening of activities** by BSCA and the Head Judge
10:00 AM	Cupping 1 · **Calibration**
11:30 AM	**Sensory activity**
1:00 PM	Lunch break
2:00 PM	Cupping 2 · **Calibration**
3:30 PM	Cupping 3 · **Calibration**
5:00 PM	End of the day
7:30 PM	Dinner at the hotel

Cupping days: please avoid perfume, scented lotions and strong-smelling products during sessions, and keep hydrated. Water is available at the cupping site.

DAY

4

Wednesday, November 25

Round 1 & Carmocoffees

VARGINHA · TRÊS CORAÇÕES · MG

6:30 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
8:15 AM	Arrival at **BSCA** · cupping site
8:30 AM	Cupping 1 · **Round 1, Session 1**
10:00 AM	Cupping 2 · **Round 1, Session 2**
11:30 AM	Cupping 3 · **Round 1, Session 3**
1:00 PM	Lunch break
2:00 – 3:00 PM	**Seminar** by Renata (Embrapa)
3:30 PM	Departure to **Carmocoffees** **Três Corações, MG** · approx. 40 minutes
4:10 – 8:00 PM	**Technical visit and dinner** hosted by Carmocoffees **Três Corações, MG**
9:00 PM	Arrival at the hotel · end of the day



DAY

5

Thursday, November 26

Round 2

VARGINHA · MG

6:30 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
8:15 AM	Arrival at **BSCA** · cupping site
8:30 AM	Cupping 1 · **Round 2, Session 1**
10:00 AM	Cupping 2 · **Round 2, Session 2**
11:30 AM	Cupping 3 · **Round 2, Session 3**
1:00 PM	Lunch break
2:00 – 4:00 PM	**Seminar** by Lucas Louzada
4:00 PM	End of the day
7:30 PM	Dinner at the hotel

DAY

6

Friday, November 27

Top 10 & Transfer to Campinas

VARGINHA · MG → CAMPINAS · SP

6:30 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
8:15 AM	Arrival at **BSCA** · cupping site
8:30 AM	Cupping · **Top 10**
12:00 PM	Lunch break
1:30 PM	Departure · transfer to Campinas Approx. 5 hours by highway
6:30 PM	Arrival at the **Hotel Cassino Tower**
7:30 – 10:00 PM	Dinner at the hotel, at your convenience

Check-out day: please check out of the Grand Enio Hotel in the morning and bring your luggage. The group leaves for Campinas straight after lunch.

DAY

7

Saturday, November 28

Flight to Rondônia · Concafé

CAMPINAS · SP → CACOAL · RO

6:00 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
6:30 AM	Departure to the airport
9:05 AM	**Flight** Campinas → Cuiabá
12:10 PM	**Flight** Cuiabá → Cacoal
1:40 PM	Arrival in Cacoal
2:00 PM	Arrival at the **Cacoal Selva Park** hotel · lunch reception
4:00 – 5:00 PM	**Seminar** by Juhan and Henrique Alves Caferon and Embrapa
7:00 – 11:00 PM	**Award Ceremony · Concafé Contest** Dress code: casual

Time zone: Cuiabá and Cacoal are on **UTC−4**, one hour behind Brasília and São Paulo. Set your watch back one hour when you land. Times on this page are local.

DAY
8

Sunday, November 29

The Best of Canephora Award Ceremony

CACOAL · RO

7:30 – 10:00 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
All day	Free day at the resort · Cacoal Selva Park
6:00 – 11:00 PM	**The Best of Canephora Award Ceremony and Auction** Dress code: casual



DAY
9

Monday, November 30

Farm Tour 1 · Selva Café

CACOAL · RO

7:30 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	**Farm Tour 1** · producer Juhan, Selva Café farm
5:00 PM	End of the day
7:30 PM	**Churrasco night** by Juhan

DAY

10

Tuesday, December 1

Farm Tours 2 & 3 · Paiter Suruí

CACOAL · RO

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
8:00 – 10:30 AM	**Farm Tour 2** · Café Dom Bento
11:30 AM – 5:00 PM	**Farm Tour 3** · Sete de Setembro Indigenous Land, Paiter Suruí people See visit etiquette
5:00 PM	End of the day
7:30 – 9:30 PM	Dinner at the hotel, at your convenience

DAY

11

Wednesday, December 2

Return to São Paulo

CACOAL · RO → SÃO PAULO · SP

7:30 – 10:00 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
Morning	Free morning · enjoy the resort and pack
12:00 PM	Lunch at the hotel · Cacoal Selva Park
2:00 PM	Transfer to the airport
4:45 PM	**Flight** Cacoal → Campinas Cacoal time (UTC−4)
8:35 PM	Arrival in Campinas Transfer to the **Trianon Paulista** hotel · approx. 1 hour

DAY

12

Thursday, December 3

Departure Day

SÃO PAULO · SP

6:30 AM	Breakfast available at the hotel
Throughout the day	Hotel → Airport (GRU) transfers Approx. 1 hour · according to each guest's flight

DAYS 7 – 11 · CACOAL, RONDÔNIA

INTO THE AMAZON

Rondônia is one of Brazil's main canephora regions. Its **Matas de Rondônia** designation of origin was the first in Brazil for sustainable canephora, and the Amazonian Robustas grown there come from crossing selected Conilon and Robusta coffees.

On Day 10 we visit the **Sete de Setembro Indigenous Land**, where the Paiter Suruí people grow specialty coffees in agroforestry systems, alongside native trees and without agrochemicals or irrigation.



UTC–4

Cuiabá and Cacoal are one hour behind São Paulo.

VISITING THE INDIGENOUS LAND

- Stay with the group and follow the guidance of our hosts.
- Ask before photographing or filming people, homes or ceremonies.
- Wear closed shoes, light long sleeves and repellent; bring water and a hat.

GOOD TO KNOW

GENERAL INFORMATION

AIRPORTS & FLIGHTS

Arrival and departure: São Paulo / Guarulhos (**GRU**). Domestic flights on Nov 28 (Campinas → Cuiabá → Cacoal) and Dec 2 (Cacoal → Campinas) are booked by BSCA. Keep your passport at hand and check your baggage allowance for the domestic legs.

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TRANSPORTATION

BSCA coordinates every transfer: airports, road trips between São Paulo, Varginha and Campinas, daily trips to the cupping site, visits, dinners and farm tours.

MEALS

BSCA and its partners provide meals throughout the official program. Please tell us in advance about any **dietary restrictions or allergies**.

DRESS CODE

The **Concafé** and **The Best of Canephora** award ceremonies are **casual**. For Rondônia, pack light breathable clothes, a light long-sleeved shirt, closed shoes for the farm tours, a hat, sunscreen, repellent and a compact umbrella.

WEATHER

Late November is summer and the rainy season: expect heat, humidity and afternoon showers, especially in Rondônia.

São Paulo · Campinas	18–28 °C · 64–82 °F
Varginha	17–28 °C · 63–82 °F
Cacoal	22–32 °C · 72–90 °F

TIME ZONES

São Paulo, Campinas and Varginha: **UTC−3**. Cuiabá and Cacoal: **UTC−4**. Brazil has no daylight saving time.

HEALTH & VACCINES

Yellow fever vaccination is recommended for travel to Rondônia; get it at least 10 days before departure. Rondônia also has **malaria** transmission: talk to a travel-health doctor about prevention, and use repellent and long sleeves at dusk.

WATER & WELLBEING

Drink bottled or filtered water and keep hydrated, especially during cupping days and in the Amazon heat. Bring personal medication in your carry-on. Travel health insurance is strongly recommended.

MONEY & PAYMENTS

The currency is the **Brazilian Real (R$ · BRL)**. Cards and contactless payments are widely accepted; carry a little cash for small purchases. Restaurants usually add an optional **10% service charge**.

PHONE & CONNECTIVITY

Country code **+55**. Area codes: **11** São Paulo, **19** Campinas, **35** Varginha, **69** Rondônia. An eSIM or roaming plan is recommended for the road trips and farm tours, where signal can be weak.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS IN BRAZIL

190 Police

192 Ambulance (SAMU)

193 Fire department

Free calls from any phone, 24 hours a day.

ELECTRICITY IN BRAZIL

PLUGS & VOLTAGE

Brazil uses its own plug standard and two voltages. Check your devices before plugging them in.

127 V

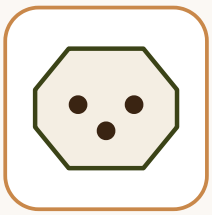
Standard in São Paulo, Campinas, Varginha and Rondônia

220 V

Also found in some outlets · check the label

60 Hz

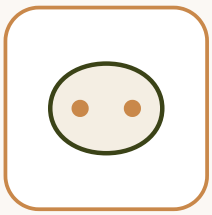
Frequency nationwide



TYPE N

Brazilian standard

Three round pins: two power pins and a ground pin in the middle. Most outlets are the **10 A** version (4.0 mm pins).



TYPE C

Europlug

Two-pin European plugs **fit Type N 10 A outlets** without an adapter.

BEFORE YOU PLUG IN

- **“INPUT 100–240 V ~ 50/60 Hz”** on your charger means it works anywhere in Brazil.
- Single-voltage devices (hair dryers, straighteners) need a **voltage converter**.
- Plugs from the **US/Canada, UK, Australia** and most of Asia need a **travel adapter**.
- Outlets are often labelled 127 V or 220 V. If in doubt, ask the hotel front desk.

CONTACTS & SUPPORT

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Our team is available throughout the program for any question, flight change, dietary need or emergency.

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EMERGENCY

190 Police · **192** Ambulance · **193** Fire

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS

Carmocoffees
Technical visit & dinner · Day 4

Embrapa
Seminars · Days 4 & 7

Caferon
Seminar · Day 7

Concafé
Award ceremony · Day 7

Juhan · Selva Café
Farm tour & churrasco · Day 9

Café Dom Bento
Farm tour · Day 10

Paiter Suruí people
Farm tour · Day 10

Cacoal Selva Park
Our home in Rondônia

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