Located in the southeast of the country, Rio de Janeiro is the second largest city in Brazil, covering an area of 1,182 km² and boasting a population of 6,093,472 (2007 estimates). It is 1,161 km from the capital, Brasília. Internationally known for its cultural icons and renowned landscapes, Rio is one of the principal economic, cultural and financial centres of Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro was the capital of the Portuguese Empire at the time of the Napoleonic invasion, was capital of the Empire of Brazil, and capital of the country until the 1960s when the republic inaugurated its new capital in Brasília. The city is referred to as the Marvellous City, and the local residents are called cariocas. Rio is currently home to two of Brazil’s largest firms, as well as the main petroleum companies and telecoms, in addition to the largest communications conglomerate in Latin America.

Guimarães
Rio de Janeiro

(7.950km)
Lugares de interesse
- Estátua do Cristo Redentor (uma das Sete maravilhas do Mundo Moderno)
- Pão de Açúcar
- Praias de Copacabana, Ipanema, Barra da Tijuca, entre outras
- Estádio do Maracanã
- Centros Culturais
- Museus
- Teatros
- Igrejas

Places of Interest
- Statue of Christ the Redeemer (one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World)
- Sugarloaf Mountain
- Beaches at Copacabana, Ipanema, Barra da Tijuca, and others
- Maracana Football Stadium
- Cultural Centres
- Museums
- Theatres
- Churches

Festas e Tradições
- Carnaval
- Réveillon na praia de Copacabana
- Dança da Capoeira

Festivals and Traditions
- Carnaval
- New Year’s Eve on Copacabana Beach
- Capoeira dancing

A nível de actividades de geminação:
- actividades no âmbito da organização UCCLA – União das Capitais Luso-Afro-Américo-Asiáticas, na qual ambas as cidades são membros efectivos.

To cite some of town twinning activities:
- activities undertaken via the Union of Portuguese-Speaking Capital Cities (UCCLA), of which both cities are members.

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