

Airport Rio to Casimiro

About

The journey from the international airport in Rio de Janeiro (GIG) to Casimiro is described here in 2 steps. The whole journey can be done in about 4.5 hours. It is pretty safe all along the way and several people have already managed the journey alone, without speaking a word of Portuguese. You may have to ask something now and then just to check, and people may look at you with big eyes if you don't speak Portuguese, but they are mostly happy to help. With the Portuguese lines below and a little willingness to have a go, you should do just fine. Have a good journey!

Step 1 – GIG Airport to “Rodoviario Novo Rio” bus station

You can travel from the airport to the bus station by bus or by taxi. For the bus, take the first exit you will see as you get out of customs. Turn to the left and walk until about 20m after “Porta (door) C”. There is a blue bus stand with “Rodoviária Novo Rio” listed. The blue bus goes often and costs 16 Reais.

The bus is called FRESCÃO. None of us have had any trouble with it. The Bus driver will most probably announce: “Rodoviária Novo Rio”! It is usually the first stop, after around 20 minutes. There are often other alike buses, and usually many people get off the bus.

You can also ask the driver to let you know when you are there (translation down below).

A taxi to the bus station “Rodoviária Novo Rio” costs around 80 Reais.

Safety notes: If you are worried about safety, please note that around the airport and inside Novo Rio there are plenty of officials / police. And once you're in the bus to Casimiro everything is very safe. So really the only place where you just touch the streets of Rio is between the bus/taxi/uber and the Novo Rio station. The bus stops about 50m before the building, the taxi about 5m, and there are often

quite some people around. So as far as safety goes, these few steps to the station seem to be as bad as it gets.

As strange as it may sound, the bus is safer than the taxi, especially for a woman traveling alone.

Uber works well in Brazil and it is safe but around the airport and bus stations the taxi's companies and drivers do boycott them, making it sometimes difficult for them to be waiting for you there.

Translations:

“Please where can I take a Bus to Novo Rio bus station?”

“Por Favor aonde pego o Frescão para a rodoviária Novorio?”

“Please can you tell me when we arrive at Novo Rio Bus station?”

“Por favor pode me deixar na Rodoviária Novo Rio?”

Step 2: Novo Rio – Casimiro

After you enter the station, take the escalators, turn right and in 50 meters you will see the ‘1001’ counters on the left, where you can buy your tickets to Casimiro. When you have your tickets, walk from the counter to your left back through the main hall and after about 25m you will see people going down on the left side, and some people checking their tickets. Go down here and go to your platform (written on your ticket). Once you're in the bus you can relax and depending on the traffic, you will reach Casimiro in about 2 hours and 15 min.

Translations:

“Please I would like a ticket on the next bus to Casimiro.”

“Por favor, quero uma passagem no próximo ônibus para Casimiro.”

“Where do I go down to the platform? Which is the number I should go?”

“Aonde desço para a plataforma? Qual número?”

Telephone numbers

1 - Norberto's mobile: from abroad + WhatsApp
0055-22-98849-3389, from Rio 031-22-98849-3389, from Casimiro
98849-3389

2 - Milli's mobile + WhatsApp: 0044 7792 077335

Please note, WhatsApp is more reliable. The best is to send a WhatsApp message AND a text message to be sure. There is rarely mobile service outside of villages or cities.

You can use the free Wifi provided in GIG airport to send us an arrival message.