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Brazil is traditionally the world's largest producer and exporter of coffee, a crop and culture that symbolises the excellence of Brazilian agribusiness. Brazilians are also, in absolute terms, the second largest consumer market for the drink.

It is also the "Made in Brazil" product with the highest number of Geographical Indications (GIs) registered with the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI). This interesting aspect reflects not only the quality of the coffee, but also its special connection with the landscape, history, territory, the human element and the national culture. The beauty of the regions where coffee is produced in Brazil, together with their nature, results in a product with a special flavour, as authentic and unique as our country.

The ritual of coffee has always been a true symbol of the friendliness, cheerfulness and hospitality of the Brazilian people; it is also an element of sociability for the population, and its production and consumption tell a little of the country's economic and cultural history. In Brazil, breakfast is referred to as "o café da manhã", "the morning coffee".

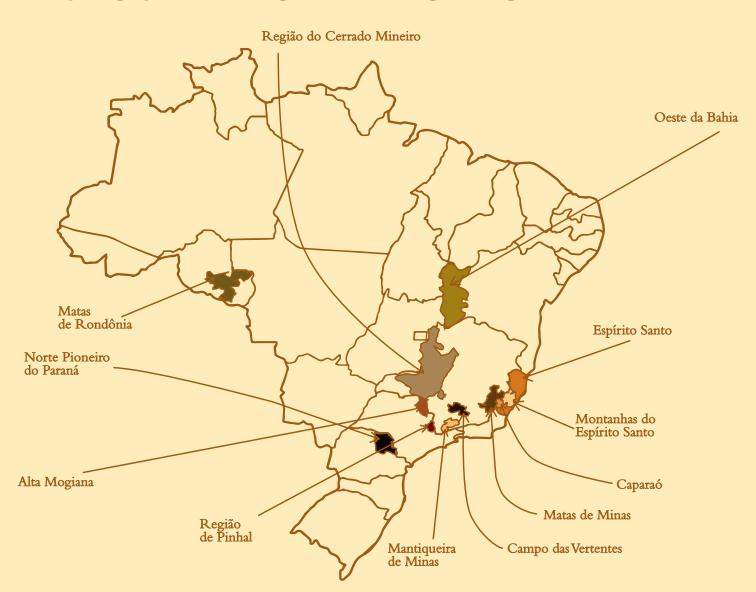
Between the 19th and 20th centuries, the success of coffee plantations in southeastern Brazil generated a surplus of income that favoured the then emerging industrialisation. São Paulo, at the time the main coffee-producing state, is not by chance the state with the largest number of Italian descendants, many of whom were the labour force for the coffee plantations or for the nascent industry. The strong Italian immigration to Brazil in the 19th and early 20th centuries can still be felt today, with the presence of many Italian descendants in coffee-producing plants located in states such as Minas Gerais, Espírito Santo, São Paulo, Bahia and Paraná, territories of extraordinary beauty, where varieties such as Catuaí, Catuaí Amarelo, Bourbon Amarelo and Acaiá, among others, are produced.

Brazil preserves 60% of the country's native vegetation and cultivates only about 7.6% of its land for agricultural production. Around 8 million jobs are generated by the coffee chain. 72% of coffee producers are smallholders and family farmers. Brazil is also the world's largest producer of certified coffee (about 28% of the world's certified coffee marketed is Brazilian, with a focus on sustainability and traceability), with an increasing presence of organic coffee.

We now take you on a journey to learn more about coffee in Brazil and its connection to our region. This book aims at introducing you to the Geographical Indications of Brazil's coffee, which are also a reflection of the quality that makes our country known as "The Coffee Nation".

Happy reading!

COFFEE FROM BRAZIL WITH GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION



ALTA MOGIANA

Indication of Origin (IO) since 2013

The Alta Mogiana region has been associated with coffee for over 100 years. The increase in the population of immigrants, mainly Italians, was accompanied by an explosion in coffee production. Since then, the region has always been a centre of quality coffee.

Alta Mogiana is located in the north of the State of São Paulo. A plateau with mountains ranging in altitude from 900 to 1000 metres, this is a traditional region for coffee plantations, with average monthly temperatures of 21 °C in summer and 17 °C in winter.

The climatic characteristics are favourable to the slow and uniform ripening of the grain. The Alta Mogiana region produces the finest Arabica and bean coffees. Among the most cultivated varieties are *catuaí*, *mundo novo*, *bourbon* and *obatã*.

The main characteristic of its coffee is a velvety, creamy body. It has a strong, fruity aroma with soft notes of chocolate and nuts, medium and balanced acidity. Once tasted, it has the greatness of a prolonged aftertaste with a caramel sweetness and hints of dark chocolate. It is a full-bodied coffee, designed for the preparation of an excellent espresso.













CAMPO DAS VERTENTES

Indication of Origin (IO) since 2020

Campo das Vertentes is an Indication of Origin (IO) of the State of Minas Gerais granted for green coffee beans, industrialised roasted coffee beans and ground coffee. The Geographical Indication area includes 17 municipalities: Bom Sucesso, Camacho, Campo Belo, Cana Verde, Candeias, Carmo da Mata, Conceição da Barra de Minas, Ibituruna, Nazareno, Oliveira, Perdões, Ritápolis, Santana do Jacaré, Santo Antônio do Amparo, São Francisco de Paula, São João del Rei and São Tiago.

The region is made up of highlands, whose altitude varies from 500 to 1,000 m. The climate is mild, with a cool, rainy summer and a very cold winter in the higher zones. These conditions contribute to the quality of the region's coffee, which is known to be very sweet, with a balanced body and hints of chocolate and nuts.





CAPARAÓ

Designation of Origin (DO) since 2021

The product is grown in ten municipalities in the State of Espirito Santo and six in the State of Minas Gerais.

The *Coffea* arabica species from the Caparaó region, located on the border between the states of Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo, has been registered as a Geographical Indication (GI) in the Denomination of Origin (DO) type.

The combination of factors such as climate, soil and the way coffee is made results in a unique product, with a remarkable balance of acidity, sweetness and aroma.

The geographical area includes ten municipalities in the State of Espirito Santo and six in Minas Gerais. In total, there are 16 municipalities: Dores do Rio Preto, Divino de São Lourenço, Guaçuí, Alegre, Muniz Freire, Ibitirama, Iúna, Irupi, Ibatiba and São José do Calçado, in the State of Espirito Santo; Espera Feliz, Caparaó, Alto Caparaó, Manhumirim, Alto Jequitibá and Martins Soares, in Minas Gerais.











ESPÍRITO SANTO

Indication of Origin (IO) since 2021

Espírito Santo is a national and world reference in the development of conilon coffee, which began in 1912. However, the cultivation of conilon coffee expanded considerably only from the 1960s onwards, due to a coffee crisis that led to the eradication of a large part of the state's plantations. In the last decade, there has been an evolution in the quality standards of conilon coffee in Espírito Santo, result to raised awareness of good agricultural practices in coffee plantations promoted by public and private institutions in the state.

Conilon coffee is of the Coffea Canephora species, has 2.2% caffeine – almost double that of Arabica coffee – and stands out for presenting intense aromas and flavors, dense creamy body, balanced modulated acidity with a smooth finish. Conilon is mainly cultivated in regions with higher temperatures – average varying between 22 °C and 26 °C – and at lower altitudes – reaching up to 600 m. Usually, lower altitudes make the conilon coffee full-bodied with chocolate and almond flavor, while at higher altitudes it has more floral and fruity characteristics, diversifying aromas and flavors.





MATAS DE RONDÔNIA

Designation of Origin (DO) since 2021

The genetic basis of the plants used for the production of 80% of the coffee of the Matas de Rondônia is the result of crossing the Conilon and Robusta varieties, selected over the years by local producers. The result of this crossing is a differentiated coffee, which was called *Robustas Amazônicos*.

The climatic conditions and soils of the region create favourable conditions for an intermediate to late coffee ripening cycle. The sensory profile of coffee produced in this region includes the presence of the following descriptors: sweet, chocolate, woody, fruity, spicy, rooty and herbaceous. *Robustas Amazônicos* coffees therefore have a high degree of adaptability to the conditions in the Matas de Rondônia region, resulting in specific characteristics of the local product compared to other producing regions.

Another important point is that Brazilian legislation requires all rural properties located in the Amazon Biome region to preserve the native vegetation of 80% of their surface area. Brazil is the only country in the world with requirements making the rural producer responsible for much of the preservation, without providing any compensation.







MATAS DE MINAS

Indication of Origin (IO) since 2020

Matas de Minas is a region in the state of Minas Gerais that has become known for the production of coffee in raw, processed, roasted and ground beans. Coffee cultivation in the Matas de Minas dates back to 1970, when coffee became the most important product of the regional agriculture.

The environmental conditions linked to altitude, temperature, rainfall and soil facilitate the development of coffee growing in the region. The areas planted in varying proportions in the 64 municipalities of the area to the east of the State of Minas Gerais demonstrate the long-time tradition of growing this product. The region is also gaining recognition for the production of speciality coffees, both in the domestic and international markets; the increasing number of awards in coffee quality competitions, in Brazil and abroad, directly influences its reputation.









MANTIQUEIRA DE MINAS

Designation of Origin (DO) since 2020

Located in the State of Minas Gerais, the Mantiqueira de Minas Region produces high quality coffee f ollowing a c enturies-old t radition. W hile m odernity t ranslates i nto a dynamic movement in search of evolution in production. It has a terroir favorable to the production of specialty coffee, due to the altitude between 900 and 1500 meters, the climate and the environment.

Coffee growing is in its fourth or fifth generation, demonstrating the regional potential and the presence of man in the countryside. In 2000, the Geographical Indication activity began for the recognition of the sensory quality of coffee. In June 2020 the "Designation of Origin" was recognized by the National Institute of Industrial Property – INPI, confirming the unique characteristics of coffee, linked to natural and human factors.

With 25 municipalities, 8,095 producers, of which 82% are small, 57,000 cultivated hectares, produces 1,370,000 60 kg bags every year. The "Designation of Origin" Mantiqueira de Minas guarantees the consumer a unique product, characterized by sweetness and light citrus acidity. The governance of Mantiqueira di Minas is carried out by the cooperatives COCARIVE, COOPERRITA, COOPERVASS and by the Unions of Rural Producers.





MONTANHAS DO ESPÍRITO SANTO

Designation of Origin (DO) since 2021

Strong, bright acidity and the aroma of chocolate and cane molasses are characteristic of coffee produced in the mountains of the State of Espirito Santo.

Natural and human factors in the geographical environment influence the coffee characteristics of the region. Altitudes range from 500 to 1,400 m and average annual temperatures from 18 to 22 °C. While the higher regions have more exotic notes, the lower regions have more woody, cereal and astringent notes.

Human factors, on the other hand, include the sowing and harvesting of coffee using a predominantly artisanal method, as well as the family and cultural heritage of the region.

The type of processing (wet or natural) is another factor that influences the sensory profile of the coffees. Studies carried out in the region showed that wet-processed coffees, the main method used, provided notes of sugar cane molasses, red fruits and caramel, as well as a mild flavour and a medium finish. The naturally processed coffees, on the other hand, had notes of wine, yellow fruit and chocolate, as well as an intense flavour and a long finish.









OESTE DA BAHIA

Indication of Origin (IO) since 2019

Oeste da Bahia is a region that predominantly occupies the Cerrado area. Coffee in this region is grown in areas over 700 metres above sea level.

In this region, in addition to the Cerrado biome, the relief formed by plateaus, slopes and valleys, as well as the deep and diversified soils, facilitate coffee cultivation. The region also boasts good water availability, with excellent conditions for irrigated coffee cultivation.

The coffee produced in the Oeste da Bahia region is recognisable by its pleasant flavour, with good fragrance and slightly fruity and floral aroma, with excellent sweetness and good acidity. It is produced in conditions of average temperatures between 22 and 26 °C, with no risk of frost or interruptions in the development of the coffee plantation during the year, due to small variations in temperature.

With about 3,000 hours of sunshine per year and an average altitude of 800 metres, there are favourable conditions for a good development of Arabica coffee.









NORTE PIONEIRO DO PARANÁ

Indication of Origin (IO) since 2012

The social, economic and cultural formation of the Norte Pioneiro do Paraná region is closely linked to the expansion of coffee. Located in an area favourable to coffee cultivation, it has ideal soil and climatic conditions for the production of fine coffees, whose drink is characterised by attributes such as sweetness, strong body, pleasant citrus acidity, an aroma ranging between chocolate, caramel, floral and fruity citrus fruits, as well as a surprising aftertaste.

The North Pioneirodo Paranás region is located in an area of high latitude and altitude, above 500 m, in a climatic transition zone, with an average annual temperature of 19–22 °C. These characteristics affect the formation and ripening of the fruit, modifying the intrinsic characteristics of the bean, making it possible to obtain the most varied types of coffee, with potential for speciality coffees.

Coffee beans in the northern region of Paraná are made from different varieties of the Coffea arabica species, being classified as special and superior coffee.





REGIÃO DE PINHAL

Indication of Origin (IO) since 2016

The history of coffee cultivation in this region dates back to 1850. This has meant development and progress for this region, as resources from coffee cultivation have been invested in other sectors of the economy.

The Mogiana de Pinhal Region corresponds to the Middle Mogiana, covering 16 municipalities, with a total of 43,992 hectares of Arabica coffee plantations, located on the Paulist side of the Serra da Mantiqueira, with altitudes ranging from 800 to 1,100 metres.

The region has a mild climate, with an average annual temperature ranging from 14 °C to 21 °C. Coffee from the Pinhal region is characterised by a balance of body, acidity and sweetness, with an intense aroma and a long finish.

Varieties of the Coffea arabica species are used, obtained by manual harvesting on cloth or by mechanised harvesting.







REGIÃO DO CERRADO MINEIRO

Designation of Origin (DO) since 2014 - Indication of Origin (IO) since 2005

The coffee of the Cerrado Mineiro region is the result of combining the climatic conditions of the region with the quality of the coffee produced there, which is the result of intense and unique flowering, uniform ripening and a concentrated harvest.

The perfect definition of the climatic seasons, with hot, humid summers and mild, dry winters, is a characteristic of the region.

The Cerrado Mineiro region is located in the north-west of the State of Minas Gerais. All the towns in this region are located at altitudes above 800 m, a decisive factor in the production of beans that result in a quality drink. The history of coffee in the Cerrado Mineiro Region dates back to a time when producers in traditional coffee regions sought locations outside the area of frost incidence.

The coffee is grown in a region that is in the ideal temperature range for the growth of Arabica coffee (Coffea arabica), allowing for uniform fruiting and high productivity.

Authentic Cerrado Mineiro coffee has intense aromas ranging from caramel to nuts, with a delicately citrusy acidity and a long-lasting chocolate flavour.







