

The new town of Barra da Tijuca is a self-contained city built along the coastal motorway 20km west of Rio. Wealthy residents have moved here because it is a safer, nicer place to live. Its population is 140,000. Its main features include:

5km of shops, schools, hospitals, offices and places of entertainment. It has a **culture** based around the beach, surfing and expensive restaurants



High-rise apartments with spacious, luxury accommodation and security. 3 quarters of the accommodation is in 10-30 storey apartments. They contain every possible modern gadget.



There are also large areas of single and two-storey detached houses.



Although each family has its own car, there is a good local bus service which links the apartments and leisure facilities.



Hi, I live in Barra Di Tijuca with my family. This is one of the most developed parts of Rio de Janeiro where lots of wealthy families choose to live.



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There is a lot to do in Barra Di Tijuca. There are beautiful beaches, rivers and lakes to visit. There are lots of great restaurants where my family go to eat. All of my friends live in the local area so I rarely leave and travel to different parts of the city.

There is lots of security in Barra da Tijuca to ensure my family is safe. Our apartment has its own security guard and gate.



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I go to school every day. My school is very well equipped and provides me with the opportunity to gain an excellent education. When I leave school I want to go to university in order to gain an excellent education and get a great job.

There have been lots of roads built in Barra di Tijuca. This means that my family and I always travel in our car rather than walking. I never walk to meet my friends. My parents always drop me off in the car.

Like most people, my family and I live in a large high rise apartment which has an amazing view of the ocean. Our apartment building has a swimming pool and a gym on site.

In my free time I like to spend time with my friends and family. We often go shopping in the large shopping malls.

I regularly go to the cinema with my friends to watch the latest films.

We are incredibly lucky because lots of the 2016 Olympics will be held close to where I live. I can't wait to see the events and world class athletes in action.

