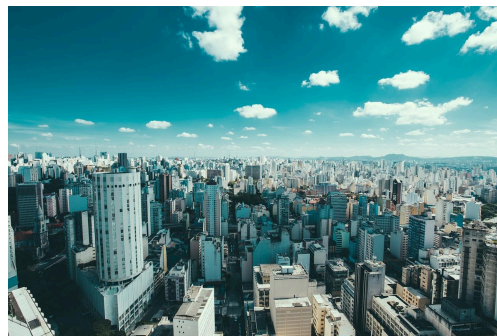


Great Football Cities: São Paulo



1) Discussion

- a) Have you ever visited Brazil? If yes, did you enjoy it? If not, would you like to?
 - b) Can you name some famous Brazilian clubs?
 - c) Who is your favourite Brazilian player?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Myriad (adjective) | a) Remarkable events or occurrences. |
| 2) Affluent (adjective) | b) Actions to support or oppose a cause. |
| 3) Powerhouse (noun) | c) Rich; having a lot of money. |
| 4) Activism (noun) | d) A person or thing with great energy, strength, or power. |
| 5) Contemporary (adjective) | e) A very large number. |
| 6) Phenomena (noun) | f) A way to express feelings or ideas. |
| 7) Outlet (noun) | g) Modern; belonging to the present time. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Myriad

Affluent

Powerhouse

Activism

Contemporary

Phenomena

Outlet

- 1) In the past, footballers lived next door to football fans, however, nowadays they have become more _____ tend to live in mansions.
- 2) Football provides an important _____ for fans to express their passion and loyalty to their favourite teams.
- 3) Ronaldo Nazário was described as a _____ in the 1990s.
- 4) Bayern Munich's success is built on a _____ of talent, including players like Thomas Müller and Joshua Kimmich.
- 5) Since their Abu Dhabi takeover, Manchester City have become a _____ in world football.
- 6) Marcus Rashford is known for his football skills and his _____ in fighting child hunger in the UK.
- 7) Xabi Alonso has been praised for his _____, modern tactics.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) What three teams are mentioned in the article?
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São Paulo, Brazil's largest city and economic powerhouse, is not only renowned for its vibrant culture and bustling metropolis but also for its deep-rooted passion for football. While football is undeniably at the heart of São Paulo's identity, the city offers a myriad of attractions, including world-class museums, a thriving art scene, and a diverse culinary landscape that reflects its multicultural heritage.

Football in São Paulo is a religion, and the city is home to some of Brazil's most famous and successful clubs. The three major teams—São Paulo FC, Corinthians, and Palmeiras—each come from distinct neighbourhoods, contributing to the city's rich football culture and intense rivalries.

São Paulo FC, known simply as São Paulo, is based in the affluent neighbourhood of Morumbi. The club has a storied history, with numerous national and international titles, including multiple Copa Libertadores and FIFA Club World Cups. Legendary players like Rogério Ceni, the iconic goalkeeper who scored over 100 goals for the club, and Kaká, a Ballon d'Or winner, have donned the São Paulo jersey.

Corinthians, based in the working-class district of Tatuapé, is another powerhouse with a passionate fan base known as "Fiel." The club has an impressive trophy cabinet, boasting several Brasileirão titles and two FIFA Club World Cups. Legends such as Sócrates, renowned for his skill and political activism, and modern stars like Ronaldo have made significant contributions to the club's legacy.

Palmeiras, from the upscale neighbourhood of Perdizes, completes the trio of football giants in São Paulo. Known as "Verdão" (Big Green), Palmeiras has a rich history with numerous national titles and two Copa Libertadores championships. The club has produced stars like Marcos and Cafu, both played a crucial role in Brazil's 2002 World Cup victory, and contemporary talents like Gabriel Jesus and Endrick, now a key player for Brazil.



The fierce rivalries between these clubs make for some of the most anticipated and heated matches in Brazilian football. The "Paulistão" (São Paulo State Championship) and the "Brasileirão" (Brazilian Championship) regularly feature thrilling derbies, such as the "Majestoso" (between São Paulo and Corinthians) and the "Choque-Rei" (between São Paulo and Palmeiras). These games are more than just sporting events; they are cultural phenomena that capture the city's collective imagination.

Football in São Paulo is more than a sport; it is a way of life that unites people across social and economic divides. Match days transform the city, with streets bustling with fans clad in their team's colours, chanting, and celebrating. For the people of São Paulo, football provides a sense of community and identity, a topic of daily conversation, and an outlet for expressing local pride and passion.

4) Discussion

- a) What are your thoughts on São Paulo as a football city?
- b) Which of the teams in the city have you heard of?
- c) Would you like to visit São Paulo and watch a game?

