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ABSTRACT

This Paper proposes to analyze the Translation Techniques presented by Vinay and Dalbernet (1958 apud MOLINA; ALBIR: 2002) and Molina and Albir (1958 apud MOLINA; ALBIR: 2002) in two articles written in Portuguese and their translations to English, which were extracted from the magazine Tam nas Nuvens, from the edition of July 2012. We aim at describing the Translation Techniques identified in the texts and explain them through the Functionalist Theory of Translation's perspective (NORD: 1997) which considers the text as a whole. The Techniques used by the translator helps him to do linguistic choices in the Target Text (TT) related to the Source Text(ST). After the analysis of the text, we identified the use of some Translation Techniques made by the translator that did not committed the meaning of the text as a whole and, this way, did not damaged the comprehension of the translated text for the English. It is a Descriptive and Qualitative research and our main objective is to analyze two STs and their translations and investigate the linguistic choices made by the translations in the TTs. This way, our specific objectives are: 1. To identify the Techniques of Translation used in the translations from Portuguese to English of two journalistic texts extracted from the magazine Tam nas Nuvens; 2. Verify how these techniques translated the message of the source-texts to the target-texts; 3. Investigate if the linguistic choices made in the translations affected the meaning of the target-texts.

Keywords: Translation, Functionalist Theory of Translation, Translation Techniques.

RESUMO

Este trabalho se propõe a analisar as Técnicas de Tradução apresentadas por Vinay e Dalbernet (1958 apud MOLINA; ALBIR: 2002) e Molina e Albir (1958 apud MOLINA; ALBIR: 2002) em dois artigos escritos em língua portuguesa e suas traduções para a língua inglesa, que foram extraídos da revista Tam nas Nuvens, da edição de julho de 2012. Tentamos descrever as Técnicas de Tradução identificadas nos textos e explicá-las a partir da Teoria Funcionalista de Tradução (NORD: 1997), que considera o texto como um todo. As Técnicas usadas pelo tradutor o ajudam a fazer escolhas linguísticas no Texto Alvo (TA) relacionadas ao Texto Fonte (TF). Após a análise do texto, identificamos o uso de algumas Técnicas de Tradução feitas pelo tradutor, que não comprometeram o sentido do texto como um todo e que, sendo assim, não prejudicaram a compreensão do texto traduzido para a língua inglesa. Trata-se de uma pesquisa Qualitativa e Descritiva, e nosso objetivo geral é analisar dois textos fontes e suas traduções e investigar as escolhas linguísticas feitas pelas traduções no TA. Dessa forma, nossos objetivos específicos são: 1. Identificar as Técnicas de Tradução usadas nas traduções do português para o inglês de dois textos jornalísticos extraídos da revista Tam nas Nuvens; 2 Verificar como essas técnicas traduziram, as mensagens dos TFs para os TAs; 3. Investigar se as escolhas linguísticas feitas nas traduções afetaram o sentido dos TAs.

Palavras-chave: Tradução, Teoria Funcionalista de Tradução, Técnicas de Tradução.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Originally, a text is produced with the author's intention or the intention of the person who requested it, its translation suffers the same process and may have other purpose and intention according to the aim the translator needs to achieve: if the target text (TT) will be read by readers with different cultural characteristics of the readers of the source-text (ST), for example. We can affirm that even if the purposes of the ST and of the TT are similar, they are distinct texts some way, because they were produced in different contexts, for different audiences and different cultures.

When considering the purpose and the intention of the translated text, as well as the target audience, the translator sometimes encounters himself in a situation in which he chooses hiding or adding words, sentences, information in the TT, in order to achieve the intention established, fitting the intended audience. This way, the final result of the translation can either have "gaps" of information or be more detailed, representing the natural losses and gains that every translation may suffer.

Aware of that, after a brief reading of two articles from the magazine *Tam nas Nuvens*, of the edition of July, 2012, written in Portuguese and their translations to English, we verified that there are some linguistic differences when comparing the STs and their translations. As we know that a text is related to the context in which it is inserted; with the assistance of the Functionalist Theory of Translation (NORD: 1997), that considers the context in which the ST was produced and the context in which the TT will be published, the culture of the source-readers (SR) and the target-readers (TR) and the purpose of the translation itself, we decided to analyze the linguistic choices made in the translations of the texts and categorize them according to the Translation Techniques established by Vinay and Dalbernet (1958 *apud* MOLINA; ALBIR: 2002) and complemented by Molina and Albir (MOLINA; ALBIR: 2002). Our main objectives are to analyze two STs and their translations and investigate the linguistic choices made by the translation in the TTs. This way, our specific objectives are:

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• Investigate if the linguistic choices made in the translations affected the meaning of the target-texts.

2. THEORY

2.1 Concepts of translation

According to Munday (2008: 4), the term "translation" may refer to the area of translation itself, to the process of translating and to a text which was translated, the product. The author also says that the process of translation consists in transforming a sign from a source-language (SL) into a sign in a target-language (TL) in order to be understood in another language and establish a relation in which there is exchange of information between two cultures.

This process of interpretation of signs from one language into another is defined by Jakobson (1959/2004 *apud* MUNDAY, 2008: 5) as Interlingual Translation. The author divides the process of translation into three categories, which are: the Interligual Translation (the translation of a sign of a language through a sign of another language); the Intraligual Translation (translation of a sign through another sign in the same language) and the Intersemiotic Translation (translation of a verbal sign through a non-verbal sign and vice-versa). This research focused on the Interligual translation, since we analyzed the process of translation from one text in Portuguese to English.

Vermeer (1978 *apud* NORD, 1997: 11) considers translation as a "type of transfer where communicative verbal and non-verbal signs are transferred from one language into another". Considering this and Vermeer's *Skopostheory*, we can affirm that he considers translation as a communicative and purposeful action which is done as a transfer of a sign of a language to another with a purpose established before starting the process of translating.

To Lefevere (1992 *apud* MUNDAY, 2008: 5) "translation is the most obvious type of rewriting" and certainly it is, because it passes through the translator's hands until it becomes the translated text. Some may think that the translated text is exactly the ST in another language, but if we consider that it was probably translated by another person, taking into account a different target public and culture, we may say that the translated text is a rewritten text as Lefevere affirms.

Costa (2005) also regards translation as a rewriting action. He affirms that the text produced by the translator

will be based on a message which already exists in the form of a text in another language. The original text limits the new text in innumerable ways; the most visible of these is the fact that the text of the translator must have ahigh level of similarity with its original corresponding in order to be recognized as a translation. (our translation)¹ (COSTA, 2005: 26)

Since the TT comes from a ST which was originally written in another language and sometimes by another author, the TT undergoes changes which make it not the original text written in another language, but a new one which was written based in a previous text.

In this research, we followed the concepts of translation mentioned, since each one presents in its theory something that helped us with the production of our study: Munday's (2008) concepts *(op.cit.)* that consider translation also as a product; Vermeer (1997) *(op.cit.)* that considers the transfer of verbal and non-verbal signs from a language to another; Jakobson (1995/2004) *(op.cit.)*, with the concept of Interlingual Translation; and Lefevere (1992) *(op. cit.)* and Costa (2005) *(op.cit.)*, with the idea of translation as a rewriting process. First, we are going to make a short historical background of the Translation.

2.2 From word-for-word to the function

George Steiner (1998 *apud* MUNDAY, 2008: 19) mentions the situation in which the translation theory was, until the second half of the 20th century, as a "sterile debate over the 'triad' of 'literal', 'free' and 'faithful' translation". Until the middle of the 20th century there was a discussion about the techniques that the translator should use while translating: If he should do a literal translation and translate the texts word-for-word or if he should do a free translation and worry more about keeping the meaning of the text. At that time, the translator should be faithful to the ST, keeping its grammatical structure as close to the ST as possible. According to Munday (2008: 19), the first two great names related to the distinctions "word-for-word" and "sense-for-sense" are Cicero (106 BC – 743 AC), and Saint Jerome (347 BC – 420 AC). They replaced the use of literal translation for a translation that gives priority to the meaning of the text.

It was only in the second half of the 20th century that the fidelity in translation started to be understood as fidelity to the message and not necessarily to the structure of the text. In the course of time, many important translators viewed the possibility of using not only the literal translation, because by translating each word, the meaning of the TT was often lost. But the

¹ Vai ser baseado numa mensagem que já existe em forma de texto em outra língua. O texto original limita o novo texto de inúmeras maneiras, sendo a mais visível delas o fato de que o texto do tradutor deve ter um alto grau de semelhança com o seu correspondente original para que seja reconhecido como uma tradução.

translation that used more varied techniques could preserve the meaning of the text, reproducing the message of the text in the TL, in a more appropriate way.

There are various translational possibilities beyond the "word-for-word" that consider other aspects of the text, as genre, target public and context. In the next topic we will present the Functionalist Theory of Translation which considers theses aspects.

2.2.1 Functionalist Theory of Translation

When only Linguistics provided basis to Translation, the translational activity was regarded as a transfer of codes from a language to another. With the Functionalist Theory of Translation, the text as a whole started to be considered in its context and the transfer of messages started to be considered (NORD: 1997). Furthermore, the Functionalist Theory takes into account the cultural context in which the reader of the TT is immersed, being necessary that the translator, beyond knowing how to communicate in both languages (the ST and the TT languages) and the content of the text, also knows the culture in which both texts are related to.

When referring to Functionalist Translation, it is indispensable to mention *Skopostheory*. It is the idea that what determines any process of translation is the purpose of the action of translating. Munday (2008: 79) affirms that the *Skopostheory* "determines the methods and strategies of translation that are used with the aim of producing a functionally appropriate result". This result is the product, the finished TT, which was made by the translator attempting to achieve the scope of that translation.

When translating, besides defining the purpose of the translation, it is needed that the professional establish his *translation brief*, which directs his work and specifies in what way it will be done, considering the culture and the environment in which it will be immersed and all the probable previous knowledge about the future readers of that text. The more details the client provides to the translator, specifying the "addressees, time, place, occasion and medium" (NORD, 1997: 30), easier the process of translation will be.

We tried to justify the Translation Techniques found in our analysis with the Functionalist Theory of Translation. In the next topic we are going to see what the Translation Techniques are.

2.3 Translation Techniques

Vinay and Dalbernet (1977 *apud* MOLINA AND ALBIR, 2002: 499) listed in a functional way, the frequent translation techniques that are used in the translation of texts. These Translation Techniques help the researcher to understand better the choices made by the translator during the process of translation.

Vinay and Dalbernet (MOLINA; ALBIR, 2002: 499) "defined seven basic procedures operating on three levels of style: lexis, distribution (morphology and syntax) and message". These seven procedures were complemented by other ones listed by Molina and Albir (MOLINA; ALBIR, 2002: 500). Almost all strategies were classified as "opposing pairs". The Techniques and the Functionalist Theory of Translation helped us to verify why the techniques were used in some specific parts of the translation analyzed. The techniques will be defined as it follows:

- Borrowing is the technique in which the translation is made with a word that belongs to another language. e.g., The term "coffee break" is a borrowing from English to the Portuguese language;
- Calque happens when a word or sentence from a specific language is translated and embed into another language. e.g., The word "realizar" meaning to comprehend is a calque of the term "to realize" in English;
- Literal translation happens when a word for word translation is done;
- Transposition is a change in word class, when a noun is translated into a verb;
- Modulation is a change in point of view, for example, when a process is translated as its result;
- Equivalence is the translation of a sentence using another sentence that is completely different, but keeps the sense of the source sentence. This technique is frequently used in the translation of proverbs and idiomatic expressions;
- Adaptation happens due to cultural change, when it is needed to translate the phrase with a different situation that can make the reader of the translation understand better the message.

As we said above, these seven techniques are complemented by others listed by Molina and Albir (2002: 500) and some of them have their opposing pairs:

- Compensation happens when a word or sentence of the ST cannot be translated in the same place and is translated in another place in the TT;
- Concentration and Dissolution are opposing pairs. Concentration is used when a signified in the SL is translated with fewer signifiers in the TL and dissolution occurs when a signified in the SL is translated with more signifiers in the TL;

- Amplification and Economy. Amplification happens when more signifiers are used in a sentence of the TT so that a syntactic or lexical gap is covered. Economy is used when a signifier is hidden in the TT and it lets the text with syntactic or lexical gaps;
- Reinforcement and Condensation. Reinforcement happens when a preposition or a conjunction needs to be reinforced with a verb or a noun in French, and the opposite procedure is characterized as Condensation;
- Explicitation and Implicitation: Explicitation is to add in the TT an information that was implicit in the context or situation in the ST and Implicitation is to make an information in the TT be implicit;
- Generalization and Particularization; the first refers to the translation of a word or sentence using a more general term and the second is the translation of a word or sentence to a more specific one;
- Inversion is to move a word or a sentence to another place in the text so that it sounds more natural to the reader of the TT.

3. METHODOLOGY

This is a descriptive and qualitative research. According to Rampazzo (2002: 53) a descriptive research:

observes, registers, analyzes and correlates facts or phenomena (variable), without manipulate them, it studies facts and phenomena of the physical world and, specially, of the human world, without the interference of the researcher. (our translation).²

In this research we observed and analyzed the Techniques of Translation that were used in the translation without manipulating them, that is, without our interference. Caleffe and Moreira (2008: 73) explains that in a qualitative research "the data is frequently verbal and is collected by observation, description and recording." (our translation)³. Considering Caleffe and Moreira (*op.cit.*,) our work is qualitative because it proposes to verify a phenomena studied by observing and describing it.

As said before, as the *corpus* of this research, we used two articles from the magazine *Tam nas Nuvens*, which is a monthly magazine distributed to the passengers of TAM Airlines. The magazine is bilingual and its publications are always translated from Portuguese to English. It brings, in its editorial, themes as: tourism, business, behavior, culture and leisure. The magazine is distributed in all national and international flights from the airline, since the first day of each month.

The analyzed articles are a cutout from a bigger article that presents a series of nine texts about nine countries of the South America and shows some of the main touristic routes of each country. The articles that were analyzed are entitled "Salgado e Doce" in Portuguese or "Salty and Sweet" in English and "O Caribe da América do Sul" in Portuguese or "South America's Caribbean" in English. The first article is about Bolivia (Text 1) and the second one is about Venezuela (Text 2).

We decided to analyze the texts extracted from the magazine *Tam nas Nuvens*, since it is destined to Brazilian and foreign readers, not only English native speakers, but readers that are able to read texts in Portuguese or in English, and also because the articles have the purpose of disclosing the countries so the readers become interested in visiting them by flying with the airline.

² observa, registra, analisa e correlaciona fatos ou fenômenos (variáveis), sem manipulá-los; estuda fatos e fenômenos do mundo humano, sem a interferência do pesquisador". (RAMPAZZO, 2002: 53)

³ o dado é frequentemente verbal e é coletado pela observação, descrição e gravação.

The texts in Portuguese and in English were aligned in parallel, highlighting the Translation Techniques presented by Vinay and Dalbernet (1977 *apud* MOLINA; ALBIR: 2002) and Molina and Albir (MOLINA; ALBIR: 2002). The data is organized in a two-column table: one with the ST, with fragments of the text in Portuguese, and the other with the TT, with fragments of the text in English in which the uses of the techniques were verified. Afterwards, we discussed about the uses of the techniques found in the translation in consonance to the Functionalist Theory of Translation. We used the Techniques of Translation of Vinay and Dalbernet (*op. cit*) and Molina and Albir (*op. cit*) as categories of analysis, and we organized our analysis according to the Techniques of Translation that were found, all the extracts of both texts, which are examples of the same Techniques were joined together in the same topic.

4. ANALYSIS

In this section of our research, we will present the result of our analysis, showing the examples of the Translation Techniques of Vinay and Dalbernet (1977 *apud* MOLINA AND ALBIR, 2002: 499) and Molina and Albir (MOLINA; ALBIR, 2002: 499) found in the translation of the analyzed texts. The analysis is organized according to the Techniques in the following sequence: Borrowing, Modulation, Equivalence, Adaptation, Compensation, Concentration, Dissolution, Generalization, Particularization, Amplification, Economy, Explicitation, Implicitation and Inversion.

• Borrowing

This Technique occurs when the translator makes use of a word from another language in the TT, e.g., *Cristo Redentor*, which is frequently used with the same structure in English but also could be *Christ the Redemeer*.

01. É o ponto de partida para explorar a região	It's the point of departure for exploring the
do Salar de Uyuni.	Salar de Uyuni region.

In this example, we have a case of the Borrowing Translation Technique, *salar* means *salt flat* but it was used in English the same way as in the text in Portuguese. Considering the Functionalist Theory (NORD: 1997) the translator may have chosen to refer to the salt flat as in the text in Portuguese, because *Salar de Uyuni* is the original name of the place, since this expression is used the same way in Spanish which is the language of Bolivia, where Uyuni is located. It is important to say that the author is aware of the possible Literal translation of *salar*, because in certain points of the text, when he is referring only to the word *salar* he translates this word as *salt flat*, but, when he is referring to the place (Salar de Uyuni), he uses its original name.

• Modulation

The Modulation Technique is used to change the point of view, that is the cognitive category in relation to the ST. It can be related to lexical or structural change, e.g., translate *beber cerveja*, from Portuguese, which means *to drink beer* as *to get drunk*.

02. Lá de cima, o salar e o céu se fundem.	From above, the salt flat and the sky become		
	one.		

In the example number 02, Modulation Translation Technique was used, because when two things merge, which means literally *se fundem*, they become one. Vinay and Dalbernet (*apud* MOLINA AND ALBIR, 2002: 499) listed eleven types of the Modulation Technique. One of these types listed is characterized when the TT translates a term of the ST that represents the process by which something is produced, as its result. We can see this type of Modulation in this example; the author used a signifier that refers to the process (*se fundem*) and the translator used a term that refers to the result (become one).

• Equivalence

The Equivalence Technique is used to translate a message using, in the TT, a structure different from the ST, keeping the same idea, e.g., To translate the English *If it was a bear it could bite you* as *Se fosse uma cobra lhe picava* in Portuguese. In both languages, this popular saying means that the person did not see something that was very near. The meaning is kept but the structures are different. The animals used in both contexts are not the same. In Portuguese snake was used as it is a common animal in Brazil, and in the English version a bear was used as the animal that illustrates the metaphor, because bear's attacks are more common than snake's ones in some English speaking countries.

03. Hoje, com suas ruas de pedra e mais de 20
igrejas coloniais, parece **parada** no tempo.Today, with its stone streets and over 20
colonial churches, it seems **frozen** in time.

This is an example of the Equivalence Technique. The translator used a different word to lead the reader to the same idea of the ST. *Parada*, literally, in English, means *stopped*. In the article, this word transmits the idea of *frozen*, *unmovable*, and that is why the word was translated as *frozen*. Nord (1997: 24) affirms that culture "Is the form of things that people have in mind, their models for perceiving, relating, and otherwise interpreting them." Considering that, in the culture of the probable target readers, the adjective *stopped* associated to a city, could lead them to an idea of a place that does not make progresses, whereas the "freezing" of the city in this context is related to its ancient architecture and not to social factors, which means, the translator considered the culture of the readers, taking into account what they might have had in mind about the term *parada*, and how they would interpret the message.

04. Dá vontade de provar um pedacinho do	You feel like touching the ground to make
chão para ter certeza de que esse solo branco e	sure that this cold white soil isn't actually
gelado não está coberto de neve, e sim de 10	covered in snow, rather than 10 billion tons of
bilhões de toneladas de sal.	salt.
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In example number 04, the translator used *touching* instead of *trying* or *tasting* which would be Literal translations, maybe because as the Functionalist Translation demands, considering the culture of the TT reader, we can say that he might not be used to an expression that means eating something that is not eatable. Considering that the reader may be

of any place in the world, this sentence could make him confused about its meaning just because of the use of this term, and he could associate the word *tasting* with its real meaning and end up making a wrong interpretation of the sentence.

• Adaptation

The Adaptation Translation Technique happens when a ST cultural element is replaced with one from the target culture, so that the reader may infer the meaning of the message more easily, e.g., to change *beer* from the English for *cachaça* in a translation into Portuguese. *Beer* is a popular alcoholic drink in the United States and *cachaça* is a popular alcoholic drink in Brazil.

05. Água doce que brota, quente	Hot, fresh water that springs
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Reiss and Vermeer (1984 *apud* NORD, 1997: 35) affirm that "The translator cannot offer the same amount and kind of information as the source-text producer". In this example of Adaptation, it is possible to see the translator acting the way Reiss and Vermeer mentioned, he may have chosen to refer to *água doce* (sweet water, literally) as *fresh water*, although both translations are possible (fresh and sweet) because this term may be more common to refer to the waters of the lakes in other cultures than *sweet waters*. In the ST, the author does not mention that the water is fresh, probably because he knows that a Brazilian reader would associate sweet water with fresh water; but the translator considered the probable previous knowledge and culture of the target readers, that may be from any place in the world and chose to use *fresh water* and be sure that the meaning would be conveyed, because *sweet water* could lead the reader from a different culture to interpret this term as water with sugar and do not understand the meaning of the message transmitted by the ST.

06. O arquipélago	mostra	todas	as	suas	The	archipelago	displays	all	of	its
facetas aos visitantes.					possi	bilities to trave	elers.			

In this example, the translator used Adaptation. He may have chosen the term *possibilities* because it expresses the same idea and sounds more natural than *facets* which is the Literal equivalent of *facetas* in English. This choice did not interfere in the global comprehension of the article, since *possibilities* played the same role in the meaning of the text, which is to say that the archipelago offers many options to the travelers. The translator chose a term that may be more understandable worldwide than the term of ST literally translated, characterizing an Adaptation Technique.

07. Mas para quem não se der por vencido	But for those who need some entertainment
depois do jantar.	after dinner.

In this sentence we have another case of Adaptation. *Não se der por vencido* is a term that translated may not have the same understanding as in Brazil for being an expression used here to refer to a person that does not feel satisfied with something. *Vencido* means *beaten* and if a Literal Translation had been done it could lead the reader to a wrong idea of that context. In this context, the entire day trip may not be enough to make the tourists satisfied with the activities of the day, *for those who need some entertainment* fits the translation and keeps the meaning of the message. The expression used in the TT can be more easily understandable by readers from other cultures. About the cultural implications of the translation process, Nida (*apud* NORD 1997:5) says that "The relative adequacy of different translation successfully fulfills the purpose for which it was intended", this way, we can say that this context required for an Adaptation of the message, and even having to use different terms, the meaning was conveyed.

• Compensation

The Compensation Technique is to introduce information from the ST in another place in the TT when the TT does not allow the information to be in the same place as in the ST, e.g., The translation of *What are you afraid of*? in English to *Do que você está com medo*? in Portuguese.

08. Também não há que se preocupar com	There's no need to worry about food either.
comida.	

This case of Compensation is related to the level of the word. *Either* is a word that corresponds to the Portuguese word *também* and is used at the end of negative sentences. In this case, the translator had to use the word at the end of the sentence because it is a negative sentence that requires the use of the term "either", characterizing a case of Compensation.

Concentration

Concentration happens when a sentence or a term is translated with fewer words. The size of the sentence is reduced, but it does not interfere in the message because the meaning is kept, e.g., *turn into* from the English, translated to Portuguese as *transformar*.

09. Continuarem a reproduzir a visão dos	They still see a vision of flamingos in the
flamingos na água cor-de-rosa	pink water

This is an example of Concentration as *cor-de-rosa* was translated with fewer signifiers than it was used in the ST. This word was translated in a way that ithe sentence in the TT had

fewer linguistic items, that is, the number of signifiers was reduced, but the message is the same. Through the use of fewer signifiers, the translator established a *transfer* of the message to another language (VERMEER 1978 *apud* NORD: 1997).

10. Debaixo d'água, Los Roques faz jus ao	Underwater, Los Roques lives up to its fame
rótulo de um dos lugares mais bonitos para	as one of the most beautiful places for scuba
mergulhar.	diving.

Here, *debaixo d'água* is expressed with only one word (Underwater), this way, this is also a case of the Concentration Translation Technique, since the signified from the ST was translated with fewer signifiers in the TT and the idea of the message was transmitted without any problem of understanding.

• Dissolution

The Dissolution Translation Technique happens when a message is expressed with more signifiers than it was expressed in the ST, e.g. The Portuguese word *transformar* translated into the English as *turn into*.

11. O impacto visual dos mais de 10 mil	The visual impact of over 3800 square miles
quilômetros quadrados de superfície salgada a	of salt surface at an altitude of 12,000 feet is
3.665 metros de altitude tira o fôlego.	enough to take your breath away.

In example number 11, the message was sent with more words than in the ST. The term *tira o fôlego* could also be translated as *breathtaking*, but the translator opted to dissolve these linguistic items, translating the term in Portuguese as *to take your breath away*. It is important to say that, if in the TT the word *breathtaking* had been used, there had happened a Concentration and a Literal Technique. The translator may have chosen to say that the visual impact is enough to take your breath away because he wanted to emphasize how beautiful this visual impact is. Considering that the purpose of the articles is to disclose the two countries concerned, the translator made use of the Functionalist Theory of Translation that considers the text as a whole in its context (NORD 1997: 19).

12.	Do	lago	pré-histórico	Michin,	que	From w	hat was once	e prehistor	ric lake M	lichin,
evap	orou	deixan	do ilhotas .			which	evaporated	leaving	behind	little
			islands	•	_					

This is a case of Dissolution because *little islands* is a way to say *ilhotas* in English with more signifiers than in Portuguese. Although he has used more signifiers to transmit the message, characterizing a case of Dissolution, he also used the Literal Translation because *little islands* means *ilhotas*.

13. No povoado de Chantani, em uma das	In the village of Chantani, on one of the
margens do salar.	borders of the salt flat.

In this article *salar* appears translated in two ways (salar and salt flat), here it is one of the ways the word is presented. This is a case of Dissolution because the word is translated with more signifiers than in the text in Portuguese. In spite of being translated with more words than in the ST, this is the closest equivalent to *salar*.

14. Cenário surreal, a Laguna Colorada é	A surreal scenario, Laguna Colorada is tinged
tingida pelos mesmos micro-organismos ricos	by the same carotene-rich micro-organisms
em caroteno que colorem a plumagem dos	which account for the color of the
flamingos.	flamingos' feathers.

In the example 21, Dissolution Translation Technique was used as the translator expressed the message with more signifiers than the author of the ST. *Colorem* was translated with four words and did not interfere in the meaning of the sentence, because *account for the color* means the same: to color something. Lefevere (1992) and Costa (2005) see translation as a type of rewriting. This example confirms their theory because the translator rewrote the sentence of the ST transforming it in the sentence of the TT with different words but keeping its meaning.

15. A água doce que brota quente, ao redor da	The hot, fresh water that springs from the salt
lagoa salobra .	water lake's surroundings.

The example number 15 is a Dissolution Translation Technique as *salobra* is present in the Target Text with more signifiers than it was in the Source Text. It is also important to mention that *salt water*, although having two signifiers, is the Literal translation of the word *salobra*.

16. Debaixo d'água, Los Roques faz jus ao	Underwater, Los Roques lives up to its fame
rótulo de um dos lugares mais bonitos para	as one of the most beautiful places for scuba
mergulhar.	diving.

The example 16 is very similar to the example 15. *Scuba diving* is one of the possible ways to say *mergulhar* in English, as it was translated with two words this is also a case of Dissolution and we can justify that because the message was transmitted in the TL with more signifiers than in the SL.

• Generalization

Generalization happens when a specific term is translated into a more general one, e.g., to translate *apartment* from the English as *lar* in Portuguese.

17. Quatro noites dormindo em refúgios	Four nights sleeping at campsites in the
no meio do nada.	middle of nowhere.

In this example we have Generalization. The translator used *campsites* in TT probably because sleeping in *refuges* (Literal translation of *refúgios*), could sound as to protect them

from something and in the ST, the intention is to say that they slept in camps in the salt flat region but not necessarily took any refuge. The ST does not refer to the need of protection and even says that the four nights were very comfortable. This way the TT used a more appropriate term considering the purpose of the article that is to transmit a good image of the country.

18. Segundo Carlos Moreno, um argentino	According to Carlos Moreno, an Argentinian
cordobês que há seis anos batiza os turistas	from Córdoba who, for the past six years, has
nas águas quentes do arquipélago ADC.	been taking tourists into the warm Waters of
	the archipelago with ADC.

Here, the translator opted to use *take into* which is a more general term, instead of *baptizes* (Literal translation of *batiza*) because TT readers could not understand the meaning of this word in the context. *Batizar* in the ST does not mean "baptize" itself but, "dive for the first time". Carlos Moreno takes the people to dive in the waters of the archipelago. The word could be misinterpreted, since in this message, *batiza* is metaphorical. It is relevant to say that, in some religions, in the moment of the baptize in the context as being the act of baptizing itself. We can say that the translator's choice fitted better in the context than the author's choice. Nord (1997: 29) says that "a translational action is determined by its *Skopos*". The scope in this context considered that the purpose of the text is only to inform and to disclose the countries concerned, being impartial about anything that is not related to the context itself and the translator seems to avoid making a religious mention in his text, because it is not the idea of the ST.

19. O primeiro é bem charmoso, com cadeiras	The first is quite charming, with chairs on the
na praia, velas nas mesas e comidinhas	beach, candles on the tables and tasty food,
agradáveis, como os sushis e os ceviches	including sushi and ceviche, prepared with
preparados com peixes locais.	local catches .

In this example, Generalization was used. The translator used a term to refer to different species of fishes that is more general (catches), by using this term, he kept the meaning of the sentence. Considering the Translation Brief, the target readers of the article, their context and previous knowledge about Los Roques, the translator may have chosen to use this term to make sure readers understand that the beyond being served in the local, the fishes are also catched there.

• Particularization

This technique happens when a term is translated with a more particular signifier, e.g., to translate *lar* as *apartment*.

20. O mundo cheira a enxofre.	The whole place smells of sulfur.
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Here we have Particularization, because the translator reduces the sense of the *world* for the sense of the *whole place*, what makes the reader imagine that the field with active geysers smells of sulfur, which was mentioned before and not the planet, in general. In this case the translator may have chosen to use a more particular term than *world* to lead the reader to the idea that what really smells of sulfur is the field with active geysers, so that the reader does not interpret the characteristic of smelling of sulfur to the planet or to Bolivia. The scope (NORD: 1997) of the article is to transmit a good impression of the country, this way, the translator and the author of the ST must try to introduce a good image of Bolivia.

21. A cena impressiona e inebria os olhos a	The scene is amazing and it inebriates the
ponto de, mesmo quando fechados,	eyes to the point that, even when closed, they
continuarem a reproduzir a visão dos	still see a vision of flamingos in the pink
flamingos na água cor-de-rosa.	water.

This is a case of Particularization because the translator chose to translate the term *reproduzir* as *see* and not as *reproduce*, which would be a Literal translation. He used a more particular term that specified the kind of reproduction which he is talking about in that sentence.

22. Quem vai a Los Roques não está em busca	People who go to Los Roques aren't looking
de agitação.	for nightlife .

This is a Particularization Technique as the author transformed a more general term into a more specific one. *Agitation* (Literal translation of *agitação*) itself does not properly happen at nights and the TT seems to try to make it clear to the reader that the only agitation in Los Roques happens during the night. By saying *nightlife* it is implicit that there is agitation in Los Roques. Besides it is a very common word used in the English language.

23. O primeiro é bem charmoso, com cadeiras	The first is quite charming, with chairs on the
na praia, velas nas mesas e comidinhas	beach, candles on the tables and tasty food.
agradáveis.	

Here in example 23 we have Particularization because, when talking about food, *agradável* (nice, literally) might mean *tasty*. For this reason, the translator chose to use a more specific and particular term instead of being Literal and using a term that is not so used to characterize food even in Portuguese.

• Amplification

Amplification happens when the TT uses more signifiers than the ST in order to cover syntactic or lexical gaps.

24. A maioria dos pacotes das pousadas inclui	Most vacation packages include boat trips to
passeios para ilhas próximas e até para as	islands nearby – and even some further away.
mais longínquas.	

In this case, the trip concerned could be by boat, speed boat, Jet Ski and so on. The translator covered the lexical gap of information since he opted to specify in which way the trip is done. Considering the scope of the articles, their purpose is to make the readers interested in visiting the countries, and by specifying that the trips to the islands are made by boat it could make the reader more interested if he or she considers that a trip by boat is safer than by speed boat, for example. The ST does not mention this and, the reader may not be interested because he does not know how the trip happens and if the transport is safe.

• Economy

This Technique occurs when in the process of translation the translator removes a term from the ST, and the TT presents a syntactic or lexical gap, e.g., *he almost was robbed* to *ele foi roubado* in Portuguese.

25. Leva-se três horas para caminhar um quilômetro até o alto da cratera, a **quase** 5 mil metros de altitude. It takes three hours to hike the half-mile up to the crater, 16,500 feet above sea level.

In this example, the ST mentions that the crater is *almost* 16,500 feet above the sea level and the TT does not mention that. About the Economy Translation Technique, Molina and Albir (2002: 500) say that it is exactly the opposite of Amplification. It lets lexical or syntactic gaps in the text. The way this sentence was translated, the Economy Technique happens because the TT presents a gap of information, but in this case, this choice will probable not interfere in the TT as it may happen in some cases in which the Economy Technique is used.

• Explicitation

Explicitation happens when the translation includes a word or sentence in the text that was implicit by the context or the situation of the ST.

26. O litoral da Venezuela é banhado mais	The Venezuela coast is bathed by the
pelo mar do Caribe do que pelo Oceano	Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. The
Atlântico, mas as melhores praias do país não	best beaches in the country however, are on
estão no continente, e sim em ilhas. Margarita	its islands rather than the mainland. Margarita
é uma das mais conhecidas.	is one of the best known islands.

This example is also a case of Explicitation as it was implicit in the ST that Margarita is an island because the article had mentioned the islands of Venezuela before. Taking into account that the ST had also mentioned the beaches of the country, this may be the reason why the translator may have chosen to make explicit that Margarita is an island and not a beach.

27. De qualquer maneira, a areia	In any case, the pure white sands, the
branquíssima, a temperatura da água (que	comfortable water temperature (which varies
varia entre 25°C e 28°C) e os passeios são	between 77°F and 82°F) and the various day
mais que suficientes para classifica-lo como	trips available are more than enough to
um dos mais belos litorais do continente.	classify it as one of the continent's most
	beautiful shorelines.

In the text, it is implicit that the water of the sea is comfortable as they mentioned its temperature, but considering the previous knowledge and the culture of the readers, they could not know that the temperature mentioned is considered comfortable. As the target readers of the article may be from any country in the world and just speakers of English, the translator probably took into account that they could not know the units of measurement of the temperature in English. He can also have taken into account that even a person who has English or Portuguese as the first language may not know that this temperature is considered comfortable. Also, for a person who is not from Venezuela, the temperature of the water may not be as comfortable as it is in the country of the reader.

28. A apresentação é digna dos melhores	The presentation is worthy of the best seafood
restaurantes do ramo.	restaurants.

In this example, the translator specified that the branch of restaurants which he is about is seafood, but this information was implicit because this part of the article is talking about a restaurant which serves only seafood dishes. This way the reader could infer that the restaurant concerned is the best in the branch of seafood dishes.

Implicitation

This technique occurs when some information is removed in the translation so that it is implicit in the TT, because of the context or the situation, e.g., *Fortunately, he won the lottery* to *Ele ganhou na loteria*. The fact that the man won the lottery is, of course, something that *fortunately* happened, so it is implicit in the TT.

29. O balneário preferido pela alta sociedade	It's	the	vacation	spot	preferred	by
venezuelana.	Vene	zuelai	n high societ	y.		

In this example, *balneário* was translated as *vacation spot*. As the text is about the Venezuela coast, it is implicit that the favorite vacation spot of the high society in the country is a bath place. Here the translator, let the situation show that the vacation spot is a bath place. Considering the *Skopostheory* that says that it "determines the methods and strategies of translation that are used with the aim of producing a functionally appropriate result" (MUNDAY, 2008: 79), we can say that the translator in this case may have chosen to highlight that the place is a vacation spot and let it implicit that the vacation spot is a bath place, because the scope of this translation is intended to attract people to the place, this way more information the text brings, as happened in the TT, better it is.

30. Caminhar por ela pode ser difícil para	
quem não levou seu chinelo a tiracolo, pois há	don't bring along a pair of sandals, because
pontas de corais mortos que machucam os	there are pieces of dead coral reef lying
pés.	around.

In this example, the translator omitted the part of the sentence that says that, the tips of the dead coral reef hurt the feet of the people who walk without sandals in the island. He may have made that because it is implicit in the context that people may hurt themselves while walking in a place where there are parts of coral reefs. This translational action, which is "what translators actually do" (NORD, 1997: 17) characterizes a case of the Implicitation Technique.

• Inversion

Inversion is used when a word or sentence is placed in another place in the TT, in order to make the paragraph or sentence sounds naturally in the target language.

31. Mas as melhores praias do país não estão	The best beaches in the country however, are
no continente, e sim em ilhas.	on its islands rather than the mainland.

In this example, Inversion Translation Technique was used because the highlighted part was inverted making the sentence sounds more natural to the reader while reading. Maybe the translator opted to use the positive part of the sentence first because he wanted to emphasize to the readers that there are beautiful islands in Venezuela besides the beaches located in the mainland. Considering that the scope of the articles is to disclose the countries of Latin America to the readers, it was a relevant decision that the translator made because it highlights the main positive aspects of the place.

32.	Cayo	Pirata	é	uma	das	ilhas	mais	One of the closest islands to Gran Roque is
próx	imas de	e Gran R	.oq	ue.				Cayo Pirata.

Here the Inversion was used to replace the name of the island which was in the beginning, to the end of the sentence. As in the previous example, this choice may have been done because the translator wanted to emphasize the qualities of the place, so he chose to first mention that the place concerned (Cayo Pirata) is one of the closest islands to Gran Roque.

5. CONCLUSION

After the analysis we identified a considerable number of Translation Techniques of Vinay and Dalbernet (1977 *apud* MOLINA; ALBIR: 2002), and Molina and Albir (2002), they are: Borrowing, Modulation, Equivalence, Adaptation, Compensation, Concentration, Dissolution, Generalization, Particularization, Amplification, Economy, Explicitation, Implicitation and Inversion. We may affirm that consciously or not the translator made use of the tools that Translation Techniques offer to the translator, and that he considered the texts as a whole, their context and readers, so that the STs were turned into the TTs fulfilling their purpose (to disclose Bolivia and Venezuela to the readers of the magazine *Tam nas Nuvens)* and keeping their communicative value (NORD: 1997).

We believe that this study on Translation, taking into account the Functionalist Theory, is important in a graduation that forms teachers of a foreign language and not translators, because it is important that teachers of any language know how to identify problems and situations related to the linguistic competence of his students, also knowing how to identify if in a given context of the use of the language, the student was able to establish communication expressing the message he intended to. It is also important to emphasize that, the use of the Techniques of Translation studied in this research, may help during the process of learning a new language. This way, a study on the Techniques of Translation in a degree in Language, may be helpful to the teacher of a foreign language that takes into account and cares about the linguistic competences of his/her students, making it possible to use this knowledge to motivate them to express themselves in more varied ways in the foreign language.

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ANNEX

Salgado e Doce	Salty and Sweet
O sul da Bolívia é sublime e hostil – Um	Southern Bolivia is sublime and hostile – A
lugar de paisagens quase extraterrestres. Um	region of almost extraterrestrial landscapes.
planeta estranho, com cores próprias,	A strange planet, with colors of its own,
fenômenos naturais peculiares e fauna	peculiar natural phenomena and exotic fauna.
exótica.	
O sol é forte como o frio, a altitude, o vento,	The sun is as intense as the cold, the altitude,
a paisagem. A 3.967 metros do nível do mar,	the Wind, the scenery. At 13,000 feet above
é difícil respirar em Potosí, cidade mais alta	sea level, it's difficult to breathe in Potosí,
do mundo. No altiplano andino da Bolívia, a	the highest city on Earth. In the Bolivian
cerca de 540 quilômetros de La Paz, a cidade	Andean highlands, some 330 miles from La
foi riquíssima em 1611, com a descoberta da	Paz, this city was extremely wealthy in 1611,
prata escoada para a Espanha. Hoje, com	with the discovery of silver deposits
suas ruas de pedra e mais de 20 igrejas	exported to Spain. Today, with its stone
coloniais, parece parada no tempo. E o	streets and over 20 colonial churches, it
ponto de partida para explorar a região do	seems frozen in time. It's the point of
Salar de Uyuni, um dos trechos mais	departure for exploring the Salar de Uyuni
espetaculares da América do Sul.	region, one of the most spectacular locales in
	South America.
Depois de sete horas de estradas desertas,	After seven hours on the desert roads, lined
amontoados de pedras, pastores e seus	with rocks, shepherds and their livestock,
rebanhos, o Salar de Uyuni surge no	Salar de Uyuni appears on the horizon. The
horizonte. O impacto visual dos mais de 10	visual impacto f over 3800 square miles of
mil quilômetros quadrados de superfície	salt surfasse ata n altitude of 12,000 feet is
salgada a 3.665 metros de altitude tira o	enough to take your breath away. The
fôlego . O maior e mais alto deserto de sal do	largest and highest salt desert in the world
mundo reflete as cores do céu. Dá vontade de	reflects the colors of the sky. You feel like
provar um pedacinho do chão para ter	touching the ground to make sure that this
certeza de que esse solo branco e gelado não	cold White soil isn't actually covered in snow, rather than 10 billion tons of salt from
está coberto de neve, e sim de 10 bilhões de	
toneladas de sal do lago pré-histórico	what was once prehistoric Lake Michin,
Michin, que evaporou deixando ilhotas repletas de estromatólitos (os fosséis mais	which evaporated leaving behind little islands filled with stromatolites (the oldest
antigos do planeta) e cactos gigantes de 600	fóssil on the planet) and gigantic cacti, up to
anos (com até 12 metros).	40 feet tal and 600 years old.
No povoado de Chantani, em uma das	In the village of Chantani, on one of the
margens do salar , Santos Quispe, 65 anos, é	borders of the salt flat, Santos Quispe, 65, is
o homem por trás do Museo de Arqueologia	the man behind the Museum of Archaeology
y Etnologia e do Parque de las Escultura del	and Ethnology and the Parque de las
Viento. Em uma casa feita de pedras, ele	Esculturas del Viento. In a house made of
coleciona animais empalhados, objetos	stones, he collects taxidermy animals,
tihuanacos milenares e até múmias, além de	thousand-year-old Tiwanaku objects and
ter criado um surreal jardim de esculturas.	even mummies, and he's also created a
"Fiz tudo inspirado nos sonhos que tenho	surreal sculpture garden. "I made everything
desde que voltei ao Uyuni, depois de morar	inspired by the dreams I've had since
40 anos na cidade", diz, sorridente, ao posar	returning to Uyuni, after living in the city 40
,, contraction, pobul	

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para uma foto dentro da estrutura que	years," he says, smiling as he poses for a
construiu para ser enterrado como as	photo inside the structure which he built for
múmias.	him to be buried like a mummy.
Um dos locais preferidos dos tihuanacos para	One of the Tiwanaku people's favorite places
sepultar seus mortos é o extinto vulcão	to bury their dead is the extinct volcano
Tunupa. Leva-se três horas para caminhar	Tunupa. It takes three hours to hike the half-
um quilômetro até o alto da cratera, a quase	mile up to the crater, 16,500 feet above sea
5 mil metros de altitude. Lá de cima, o salar e	level. From the above, the salt flat and the
o céu se fundem, as ilhas de cactos e os	sky become one, the islands of cacti and
povoados se tornam pequenas manchas	settlements are but little black specks and the
pretas e as cores das pedras do Tunupa se	colors of the stones of the Tunupa stand out
destacam em meio a tanto branco.	in the midst of so much whiteness.
Cenário surreal, a Laguna Colorada é tingida	A surreal scenario, Laguna Colorada is
pelos mesmos micro-organismos ricos em	tinged by the same carotene-rich micro-
caroteno que colorem a plumagem dos	organisms which account for the color of
flamingos. Um rebanho de lhamas caminha	the flamingos' feathers. A herd of llamas
até a margem, onde os elegantes pássaros	walks up to the banks, where the elegante
bebem a água doce que brota, quente, ao	birds drink the hot, fresh water that springs
redor da lagoa salobra. A cena impressiona e	from the salt water lake's surroundings. The
inebria os olhos a ponto de, mesmo quando	scene is amazing and it inebriates the eyes to
fechados, continuarem a reproduzir a visão	the point that, even when closed, they still
dos flamingos na água cor-de-rosa. A	see a vision of flamingos in the pink water.
experiência quase ofusca a beleza da Laguna	The experience nearly eclipses the beauty of
Verde, mais ao sul, perto da fronteira com o	Laguna Verde, further south, near the
Chile.	Chilean border.
Uma nuvem branca sinaliza: um campo de	A white cloud is the signal: a field of active
gêiseres ativos surge no meio do caminho.	geysers appears in the middle of the road.
Hora de descer do carro e atravessar, a pé,	Time to get out of the car and proceed on
poças de lama em ebulição. O mundo cheira	foot, in between wells of bubbling mud. The
a enxofre. É a última experiência com os	whole place smells of súlfur. It's the last
fenômenos naturais da Bolívia. Logo à	experience of natural phenomena in Bolivia.
frente, em Hilo Cajón, está a fronteira com o	Straight ahead, in Hito Cajón, is the border
Chile.	with Chile.

Foram mil quilômetros de travessia pela	It was a journey of 620 miles through the
região do Salar de Uyuni, partindo de Potosí	Salar de Uyuni region, leaving from Potosí
e chegando a San Pedro de Atacama, já no	and arriving at San Pedro de Atacama, in
norte do Chile. Vida de nômade - quatro	northern Chile. A nomad's life – four nights
noites dormindo em refúgios no meio do	sleeping at campsites in the middle of
nada -, mas com o máximo de conforto	nowhere -, but with the maximum comfort
possível. A expedição, feita num imponente	possible. The expedition, traveled in an
Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4, inclui todos os	imposing Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4, includes
passeios e refeições (muitas delas em mesas	all day trips and meals (many of them on
montadas no meio do deserto, diante de	tables mounted in the middle of the desert,
paisagens incríveis). O roteiro é organizado	facing incredible landscapes). The tour is
pelo grupo Explora (explora.com,	organized by the group Explora
tel.11/3805-3726) e abrange ainda quatro	(explora.com, tel.11/3805-3726) and also
dias finais já no Atacama chileno, no hotel da	includes four final days in Chilean Atacama
marca, o Larache.	at a hotel from the brand, the Larache.

TEXT 2:

O Caribe da América do Sul	South America's Caribbean
O litoral da Venezuela é banhado mais pelo	The Venezuela coast is bathed both by the
mar do Caribe do que pelo Oceano Atlântico,	Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. The
mas as melhores praias do país não estão no	best beaches in country, however, are on its
continente, e sim em ilhas. Margarita é uma	islands rather than the mainland. Margarita is
das mais conhecidas, mas é o arquipélago de	one of the best known islands, but the real
Los Roques que surge como grande estrela.	star is the Los Roques Archipelago. Lying
O balneário preferido pela alta sociedade	115 miles north of the capital Caracas, it's
venezuelana (a estilista Carolina Herrera tem	the vacation spot preferred by Venezuelan
casa ali) está a cerca de 185 quilômetros ao	high society (fashion designer Carolina
norte da capital, Caracas, e, nos últimos anos,	Herrera has a house there). In recente years,
vem sendo descoberto por outros viajantes.	it's been discovered by other travelers.
Em Los Roques a vida é cheia de	Life in Los Roques is full of diversity, which
diversidade, o que proporciona boas	provides travelers with great surprises,
surpresas, seja sobre as ilhas, seja no ar com	whether it be on the islands, in the air with
as pipas de kite surfe, seja debaixo d'água.	kitesurfing or under water. Regardless of
Independentemente do propósito - descanso	one's vacation purpose - ralaxation or
ou aventuras -, o arquipélago mostra todas as	adventure- the archipelago displays all of its
suas facetas aos visitantes, que vão para lá	possibilities to travelers, who go there for the
em busca das 42 ilhotas chamadas ali de	42 small islands – locally called "cayos"
"cayos" (geralmente não são habitadas por	(generally uninhabited due to a lack of
não terem fontes naturais de água potável).	freshwater). However, not all of them can be
Entretanto, nem todas podem ser visitadas, já	visited, since some are protected by
que algumas são protegidas por leis	enviromental or military laws. In any case,
ambientais ou militares. De qualquer	the purê white sands, the comfortable water
maneira, a areia branquíssima, a temperatura	temperature (which varies between 77°F and
da água (que varia entre 25° C e 28° C) e os	82°F) and the various day trips available are
passeios são mais que suficientes para	more than enough to classify it as one of the
classifica-los como um dos mais belos	continent's most beautiful shorelines.
litorais do continente.	All flights to Los Dogues as through
Todos os voos para Los Roques passam por	All flights to Los Roques go through
Caracas. As saídas são diárias e o tempo de	Caracas. There are daily departures and it takes around 40 minutes to arrive at the
viagem é de cerca de 40 minutos até o pouso no pitoresco aeroporto na ilha de Gran Roque	picturesque airport on the Gran Roque Island
(a única habitada e que, apesar do nome, não	(the only inhabited island which is not the
é a maior). E quando faltar 10 minutos para a	largest, despite its name). And tem minutes
aterrissagem, espie pela janela do pequeno	prior to landing you can spot the small
avião as ilhas que aparecem no horizonte e a	islands as they appear on the horizon and the
cor do mar.	stunning color of the ocean.
Logo na saída do aeroporto, os estrangeiros	At the airport exit, all foreigners pay an
pagam uma taxa de 180 bolívares para entrar	island entry fee of 180 bolivars. Once
na ilha. Depois de cumprida a parte	bureaucratic matters are taken care of,
burocrática, cada um ruma para sua pousada.	everyone heads for their lodgings. Restaurant
Como não são muitas as opções	options are few in the village of Gran Roque,
gastronômicas na vila de Gran Roque, é	so it's recommended (nearly an obligation)
recomendado (para não dizer obrigatório) se	that you make full room and board
hospedar com pensão completa nas pousadas	reservations at the highest rated guesthouses.
mais bem cotadas: La Cigala, Acuarela,	La Cigala, Acuarela, Acquamarina and

Acquamarina e Natura Viva.	Natura viva.
A maioria dos pacotes das pousadas inclui	Most vacation packages include boat trips to
passeios para ilhas próximas e até para as	islands nearby – and even some further away
mais longínquas – se não estiverem no	- but either way, such boat trips are easily
roteiro, tudo é facilmente arranjável na	arranged ar your inn's reception desk. Every
recepção. Todos os dias, as lanchas partem às	day at 9:30 a.m., motorboats leave from Gran
9h30 do píer de Gran Roque, que serve como	Roque píer, wheih serves as a meeting point
ponto de encontro dos visitantes. Também	for visitors. There's no need to worry about
não há que se preocupar com comida: a	food either: full room and board packages
pensão completa garante lunch box com	guarantee guests a lunch box with sanwiches,
sanduíches, sucos e outros quitutes que serão	juices and other treats, which are served on
servidos nas ilhas, debaixo de um guarda-sol,	the islands beneath sun umbrelas, on
tudo devidamente montado pelas equipes das	tablecloth. Everything is properly set up and
pousadas.	served by guesthouse staffs.
Como o arquipélago de Los Roques é	Since the Los Roques Archipelago is
formado por 42 pequenas ilhas, é preciso	comprised of 42 small islands, you have to
considerar alguns fatores na hora de escolher	consider some factors when choosing which
aquelas que serão visitadas a cada dia. Por	ones to visit each day. On a windy day, for
exemplo, se estiver ventando muito, é melhor	instance, it's best to stay near Gran Roque
ficar próximo a Gran Roque e ir para Cayo	and go to Cayo Fabian (one of the best places
Fabian (um dos melhores destinos para	for kitesurfing), Francisquí or Madrisquí,
praticar kite surfe), para Francisquí ou	which have shallow waters, sandbars, coral
Madrisquí, com águas rasas, bancos de areia,	reefs and seafood restaurants.
corais e restaurantes especializados em frutos	
do mar.	If alriag and allow and the according color way
Se o céu estiver aberto e o mar, calmo,	If skies are clear and the ocean is calm, you
embarque na lancha para Crasquí e seu	can get a speedboat to Crasquí and its cemetery of queen conhes, which are
cemitério de conchas de botuto, um molusco que foi quase extinto e que agora é protegido	mollusks that once faced extinction and are
por leis ambientais. Entre as mais distantes,	now protected by environmental legislation.
Dos Mosquises desponta como uma das	Among the further islands, Dos Mosquises
obrigatórias. Paga-se uma taxa simbólica	stands out as essential. To visit it, you need
para entrar nela, que normalmente é incluída	to pau a symbolic entry fee, which is
no roteiro de visitas a outras ilhas, como	normally included in tour packages to other
Carenero ou Cayo de Agua (esta última, além	islands, like Carenero or Cayo de Agua (the
de ser a mais distante, é uma das mais	later, the furthest from Gran Roque, is also
bonitas).	one of the most beautiful).
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Cayo Pirata é uma das ilhas mais próximas	One of the closest islands to Gran Roque is
de Gran Roque (está ligada por um caminho	Cayo Pirata, which is connected via a sand
de areia a Madrisquí). Caminhar por ela pode	path to Madrisquí. Walking along this path
ser difícil para quem não levou seu chinelo a	can be hard if you don't bring along a pair of
tiracolo, pois há pontas de corais mortos que	sandals, because there are pieces of dead
machucam os pés. Mas o melhor a fazer ali	coral reef lying around. But the best activity
não é passear: é comer no Rancho de la	there isn't walking: it's eating at Rancho de
Langosta, comandado por Ché Mané,	la Langosta, run by Che Mané, a fisherman
pescador que vive há 40 anos em Madrisquí.	who has been living on Madrisquí for the
É um lugar rústico, com oito mesinhas na	past 40 years. It's a rustic place with eight
areia. Ao chegar, o comensal é intimado a	tables on the sand. Upon arrival, guests are

seguir com ele para a beira do mar e	invited to follow Che Mané to the water's
escolher, em um viveiro dentro d'água, as	edge and pick the lobsters that they'd like to
lagostas que serão devoradas. Sua receita é	devour – they're still alive, held in a cage in
simples: 4 minutos em água fervente e mais	the water. His recipe is simple: four minutes
15 <i>a la plancha</i> , ou na chapa, com manteiga	in boiling water and another 15 a la plancha
e ervas. A apresentação é digna dos melhores	- on the grill – with butter and herbs. The
restaurantes do ramo.	presentation is worthy of the best seafood
Debaixo d'égue Les Degues for ins es	restaurants.
Debaixo d'água , Los Roques faz jus ao	Underwater, Los Roques lives up to its fame as one of the most beautiful places for scuba
rótulo de um dos lugares mais bonitos para mergulhar . A variedade de peixes e corais	diving. The wide variety of fish and coral
desafia a capacidade do olho humano em	reef challenges human eyes to take in such a
enxergar tamanha gama de cores. É possível	vast array of colors. It's possible for one to
ver tartarugas, moreias, caranguejos, arraias e	see tortoises, morays, crabs, stingrays and
barracudas. Segundo Carlos Moreno, um	barracudas. According to Carlos Moreno, an
argentino cordobês que há seis anos batiza	Argentinian from Córdoba who, for the past
os turistas nas águas quentes do arquipélago	six years, has been taking tourists into the
pelo ADC (Aquatics Diving Center) a região	warm waters of the archipelago with ADC
de Boca de Cote é uma das quatro barreiras	(Aquatics Diving Center), the Boca de Cote
de corais mais impressionantes do mundo, e	region has one of the four most amazing
um simples mergulho com máscara e snorkel	coral reefs in the world. A simple snorkeling
é suficiente para revelar a beleza de sua	dive is enough to reveal the beauty of its
fauna marinha.	ocean fauna.
Quem vai a Los Roques não está em busca	People who go to Los Roques aren't looking
de agitação, mas para quem não se der por	for nightlife, but for those who need some
vencido depois do jantar, há duas opções na	entertainment after dinner, there are two
ilha principal: o Aquarena e o La Gotera. O	options on the main island.: Aquarena and La
primeiro é bem charmoso, com cadeiras na	Gotera. The first is quite charming, with
praia, velas nas mesas e comidinhas	chairs on the beach, candles on the tables and
agradáveis, como os sushis e os ceviches	tasty food, including sushi and ceviche,
preparados com peixes locais. Já o La Gotera	prepared with local catches . La Gotera has
é o máximo de uma "balada" que se encontrará na ilha: bons <i>mojitos</i> , boa seleção	the closest thing to a party on the island: good mojitos, a nice music selection, a dance
de músicas, com pista para dançar e um	floor and a longe on the sand.
longe na areia.	