



BEST OF BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO · IGUASSU FALLS · AMAZON · SALVADOR
12 days / 11 nights

Detailed Itinerary

Brazil as a nation is unusually blessed. Five thousand miles of coastline -- some of it packed with cafes and partygoers, but long stretches blissfully empty. Rainforests and wetlands teem with exotic critters. Some of the oldest cities and civic architecture in the New World (and one of the newest cities in the entire world) are here. Restaurants match the snobbiest standards, with regional cuisines that have yet to be discovered in culinary capitals like New York or L.A.

Music lovers could make Brazil a lifetime study. And let's not forget a little thing called Carnival. And about those Brazilians: No one could accuse Brazilians of worshipping efficiency. They'd much rather get along than get things done; the goal is, above all, harmony. Harmony can mean an entire Sunday spent watching soccer, or afternoons off for quality time with your buddies at the beach. It can mean countless hours of effort for a single night's party. But above all, harmony mandates never taking anything all that seriously. And at this, Brazilians excel.

Day 1 : Arrive Rio de Janeiro

Welcome to Rio de Janeiro ! Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel along Copacabana Beach.

Day 2 : Rio de Janeiro

The Corcovado mountain has been Rio's top attraction widely sung by famous Brazilian composers. Tour will leave the hotel riding along the beaches of Rio and taking the Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas (lagoon) will reach the Rebouças tunnel, a 2.6 km long complex that links the southern and northern parts of the city cut in half by the Tijuca ridge that makes Rio the only city in the world to have a National Park 5 minutes from downtown. Reaching the Cosme Velho district, tour members will take a cogwheel train of Swiss manufacture that climbs the mountain from its base at 15 mts to almost its summit at 670 mts. The very top is reached by climbing a flight of steps reaching the base of Christ the Redeemer statue. The view, from this vantage point, with the surrounding Tijuca National Forest spreading below and a circle of mountains closing the horizon at the very back of the Guanabara bay. Lunch at local restaurant.

We will follow to Sugar Loaf, known world over as Rio's postcard and a must to visit.. Sugar Loaf is reached on a two-stage cable car ride. This cable car, in operation is of Italian manufacture and takes 80 persons per trip on a 2-minute ride, each stage. The first stage, Morro da Urca - barely 170 mts high, has a restaurant, amphitheater, a heliport for scenic rides and a privileged view of the Yacht Club and Botafogo Bay. The second stage takes one up to the Sugar Loaf - thus named because of the loaves of sugar that were commonly used by the Portuguese at the time of the discovery of the city. The all-encompassing view of this privileged 270-meter high lookout is unrivaled.

Visit downtown where Rio's major colonial buildings are located and where the city started to develop. We will pass by the Marechal Floriano Square, also known as Cinelandia. This square concentrates the best of late 18th century French style architecture in Rio de Janeiro: the Municipal Theatre, a scaled-down of the Paris Opera; the Fine Arts Museum; the National Library (reputed worldwide for the copies of Gutemberg's bible and other first editions dating back to 1500 - brought to Brazil by the Imperial Family of Portugal when they moved to Brazil fleeing Napoleon's threat). Overnight in Rio de Janeiro (B, L)

Day 3 : Rio de Janeiro

Day at leisure to relax on the beach or you can take one of the several optional tours available. Overnight in Rio de Janeiro (B)

Day 4 : Rio de Janeiro / Iguassu Falls

Fly this morning to the Brazil/Argentine border and transfer your hotel overlooking this unforgettable scene. Iguassu National Park is natural wonder of tropical nature, vistas, and 275 thundering cascades. Overnight in Iguassu Falls (B)

Day 5 : Iguassu Falls



Walking tour on the Brazilian side to strategic overlooks at a variety of levels. Trail winds towards the falls from the area in front of the hotel, populated by contis, long-tailed racoon-like creatures with a well-developed sense of tourists' feeding habits. At its end, an elevator provides speedier access to a viewing platform at the foot of the falls. Overnight in Iguassu Falls (B)

Day 6 : Iguassu Falls / Manaus / Amazon

You will be transferred to Iguassu airport for your flight to Manaus. Arrival and transfer to your lodge in the Amazon Jungle.

Anavilhanas : Transfer from the airport or hotel to pier. Arrival and accommodation. In the evening alligator spotting. Dinner and overnight (B, D)

Amazon Eco Park : Transfer to the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge. Reception with local juice. Following visit to the Monkey Jungle. Dinner and evening tour by canoe with opportunity for Alligator Spotting. Overnight at the lodge. (B, D)

Amazon Village : Transfer to the lodge. Arrival and accommodation. Dinner and Alligator spotting. Departure around 20h00 in motorized canoe with guide, in search for alligators called "caimans". Once they are paralyzed by the light of the flashlight, their eyes go red, enabling the guide to easily locate them. The guide will try to catch one of them with his bare hands and, depending on its size, bring it aboard the canoe for observation. Afterwards, the "caiman" is safely returned to the waters. (B, D)

Day 7 : Amazon

Anavilhanas : Breakfast. Jungle walking tour. Visit to the Pink-dolphins feeding spot and regional craft shops in Novo Airão. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

Amazon Eco Park : Breakfast followed by Nature Hike. Lunch. After a short rest, visit to the home of local Amazonian residents with fishing. Dinner and overnight at the lodge. (B, L, D)

Amazon Village : Breakfast / Jungle Trek tour - Departure around 09h00 walking or in motorized canoe with guide until appropriate area to enter the jungle. The guide will lead the hikers on a trek through the rainforest, educating them about the local flora and fauna. Lunch. In the afternoon reconnaissance Tour - Departure in motorized canoe with guide to visit the river area inlets and flooded forest. Dinner and overnight (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Amazon

Anavilhanas : Sun rise contemplation and bird watching by canoes / Breakfast / Piranhas fun fishing / Lunch / Visit to the Tiririca's Community to an introduction about some of their costumes / Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

Amazon Eco Park : Breakfast and full day tour to the Meeting of the Waters with lunch. Following optional canoe ride with an opportunity for Piranha Fishing. Arrival at the lodge by 17h30. Dinner and overnight (B, L, D)

Amazon Village : Breakfast. Fishing trip and visit to Caboclo's house - Departure in motorized canoe with guide to try to catch local fish, such as, tucunaré, tambaqui and piranha. Afterwards, travelers will learn about the customs and way of life of these native inhabitants, descendants of the indians. Lunch. Free afternoon. Dinner and overnight (B, L, D)

Day 9 : Amazon / Manaus / Salvador

Anavilhanas : Breakfast. AM departure and return to Manaus and transfer to Airport (B)

Amazon Eco Park : Breakfast. Free time to enjoy the natural pools. Check-out at 11h30 and transfer to Manaus (B)

Amazon Village : Return to Manaus arriving approx. 11h30am

Fly Salvador, where Brazil was born and where the history remains, in the colonial buildings and African culture. Arrival and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Salvador (B)

Day 10 : Salvador / Historical Tour

A morning historical tour of Salvador. Leaving the hotel, tour will stop at Barra Lighthouse, entrance to the All Saints Bay. Baía de Todos os Santos / All Saints' Bay is not only biggest bay but also one of the biggest in the world. Barra Lighthouse was built using the foundations of the Santo Antonio Fort. After time for photos, tour will pass by Santa Maria Fortress, Porto da Barra where Tomé de Souza docked in the 16th Century; Ladeira da Barra, Vitória and its 19th Century mansions; Campo Grande and the monument of the Liberation of Bahia; Castro Alves Theater, Sete de Setembro Avenue and its throbbing commercial life; São Bento Monastery and last but not least - the main stage of Bahian Carnival - Castro Alves Square. This is the site of the Portuguese America. Tour will continue visiting the upper entrance of the Lacerda Lift; See Square; Terreiro de Jesus - a square with 5 churches, among them the Basilica Cathedral, the Saint Francis of Assisi church - built in the 18th Century and famous for its gold-inlaid interior. Pelourinho, declared in 1985 an UNESCO World Monument, Latin America's biggest colonial complex with buildings dating back from the 16th, 17th and 18th Century, that has been completely overhauled by the city authorities. Another stop will be at Carmo church and monastery for a visit. Overnight in Salvador (B)

Day 11 : Salvador

Free day to explore the city by your own. Overnight in Salvador(B)

Day 12 : Salvador

Transfer back to Salvador airport or you may extend your stay to one of the beach resorts near Salvador (B)

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Itinerary :

DAY 1 : Transfer airport / hotel. Overnight at hotel
DAY 2 : F/D Corcovado + Sugar Loaf with lunch. Overnight at hotel (B,L)
DAY 3 : Day at leisure. Overnight at hotel (B)
DAY 4 : Transfer from htl to RIO apt. Transfer IGU apt to hotel. Overnight at hotel (B)
DAY 5 : Brazilian falls tour prvt. Overnight at hotel (B)
DAY 6 : Transfer from htl to IGU airport. Transfer MAO airport / lodge. Schedule according to the lodge booked (B,D)
DAY 7 : Full day of activities (B,L,D)
DAY 8 : Full day of activities (B,L,D)
DAY 9 : AM departure to MAO airport. Arrival in Salvador and transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel (B)
DAY 10 : H/D Historical tour. Overnight at hotel (B)
DAY 11 : Day at leisure. Overnight at hotel (B)
DAY 12 : Transfer from htl to SSA apt (B)

- The order of the itinerary is flexible and it can be changed according the clients needs

REMARKS :

- All rates are NET based in US\$ american dollars per person for the duration of the program
- Standard : Copa Sul in Rio / Falls Gali in Iguassu Falls / Amazon Village in Amazon / Sol Victoria Marina in Salvador
- Superior : Royal Rio Palace / Mabu Foz w/master room in Iguassu / Amazon Eco Park in the Amazon / Pestana Bahia w/sup ocean view in Salvador
- Deluxe : Pestana Rio Atlantica with city view deluxe room in Rio / Das Cataratas w/sup room in Iguassu / Anavilhanas Lodge in the Amazon / Convento do Carmo w/dlx room in Salvador
- Included : 11 night accommodation, breakfast at hotels (full board in the Amazon lodge), all transfers on a private basis (except for the lodges in the Amazon, on group basis), SIB tours in the Amazon, SIB tours in Rio, Iguassu and Salvador for superior and standard version and private tours for deluxe version (except in the Amazon Lodges, on group basis).
- Flights and airport taxes are NOT included in the main price. They are mentioned separately. Rates can vary according to the occupancy of the flight. Above mentioned rates includes airport taxes. We suggest that you book the flight with TAM using the Brazil air pass.
- Transfers and tours include English Speaking guide and deluxe air-conditioned vehicles
- For early check-in and late check-out time is usually at noon, hotels normally charge 50% daily rate.



Sometimes, depending on the Season or Group's size it can be negotiated.

- Rates are not valid during New Years (28DEC-02JAN), Carnival, Winners Parade in Rio and Easter in Iguassu, major events and long Brazilian Holidays.

Recommended hotels

City	Deluxe	Superior	Standard
Rio	Pestana Rio Atlantica	Royal Rio Palace	Copa Sul
Iguassu	Das Cataratas	Mabu Foz	Falls Galli
Amazon	Anavilhanas	Amazon Eco Park	Amazon Village
Salvador	Convento do Carmo	Pestana Bahia	Sol Victoria Marina

The hotels

Pestana Rio Atlantica : The hotel is located on Atlântica Avenue with a beautiful view of Copacabana beach. All the rooms (including rooms especially for the handicapped) feature air conditioning cable TV, and high speed internet access. The hotel also has available for the guests the restaurant Cais da Ribeira, a lobby and deck bar, 21 meeting rooms accommodating up to 400 people, a fitness center, Jacuzzi, swimming pool with a panoramic view, saunas, massage service, and beach service.

Royal Rio Palace: Located in one of the most convenient locations in Copacabana just a block away from the subway station, the Royal Rio Palace Hotel provides its guests with easy access to the city center, to shopping malls and to the most exciting places in this marvelous city. The hotel offers 232 rooms and 4 suites. All rooms are decorated with 21 inch flat screen TVs showing international channels, 2 telephones, AM/FM radio, electronic safe, minibar, central air conditioning, broadband internet access, complete system for electrical appliances (110 or 220 volts) and 24-hour room service.

Copa sul : Quality comfort, security, and efficiency are some of the characteristics which differentiate this hotel. Copa Sul has 88 rooms, and excellent restaurant, room service, a convention center, and a team of qualified professionals to serve the guests. All rooms have air conditioning, mini-bars, remote controlled satellite TVs, music, phones, and individual safes. The hotel restaurant is open for breakfast lunch and dinner. The business center is equipped with the latest technology and broadband acces

Das Cataratas : The Hotel das Cataratas is close to the best that nature has to offer. At the hotel guests will find absolute respect for fauna and flora. Facing the astonishing spectacle of Iguassu Falls it is the only hotel located at the core of the Iguassu National Park. The hotel is located only 15 Km from the Cataratas International Airport and 25 Km from the city of Foz do Iguassu.

Mabu Thermas & Resort : Located half-way between the airport and the city center the resort is close to all the natural wonders, ecological and adventure trips and exhibitions of the city. A modern concept and the highest technology make Mabu an excellent resort, where every square meter has been planned to guarantee its fullest use. The buildings have been situated following solar patterns, allowing balanced sun shine and natural warmth to all rooms and suites. At a temperature of 36 C throughout the year, Mabu's thermal complex allows you to bathe at any time, day or night.

Best Western Falls Galli : Located just minutes from the airport, Best Western Falls Galli has services including 24-hour reception, room service, and tour desk. Guests can relax at the swimming pool or dine at the in-house restaurant. Hotel rooms are equipped with bathroom amenities, television, telephone, and mini-bar.

Anavilhanas Jungle lodge : Anavilhanas Jungle lodge is the first Style Hotel in the Amazon Forest. Built on suspended wooden structures, its 20 fully serviced cottages offer a unique combination of wildlife's delightful simplicity and paramount comfort accommodations. Adorned with artworks of exquisite regional craftsmanship, every suite provides air conditioning, box spring mattress beds, hot and cold shower, mini-bar and an enchanting private deck. You will find the best blend of Amazonian flavors and international cuisine in our restaurant, which can be savored while indulging yourself to an enticing cocktail of exotic fruits. Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge also comprehends a swimming pool with a privileged view of the surrounding landscape, a belvedere for enhanced sightseeing, and elegant Amazonian watercraft. Nested within a vast stretch of untouched rainforest, the Lodge is adjacent to Anavilhanas Archipelago and only 3 hours away from Manaus, at Rio Negro's right riverbank. Anavilhanas is the world's largest river archipelago, and is composed by approximately 400 islands extending over 90Km of untouched rainforest, forming a green maze with hundreds of lakes, rivers, swamps and riverbanks which are home to a very rich wildlife. Located next to the river Negro, the islands are a genuine paradise for biologists, ecologists and tourists.

Amazon EcoPark : Located in the midst of lush jungle, just half an hour by boat from Manau. It is located at the Tarumã river bank - a tributary of the Rio Negro - in the Amazon Jungle and only 30 minutes by boat from Manaus (20km from Tropical Hotel Pier). Land transfers are operated in air conditioned cars, vans or deluxe buses. The Amazon Ecopark river cruise transfer is operated on board the Ecopark lodge's own regional boats. Transfers are operated 24 hours a day at no



additional costs. The Ecopark is known for its unique and pioneer course of survival in the rainforest: bilingual guides with ample knowledge of the area will teach you how and where to find edible fruits and potable water, learn first aid, to build a shelter, to make bridges of ropes, to find your way in the forest and so much more. (Jungle survival course only available at specific packages and only for groups)

Amazon Village : The Amazon Village is located 30 km (18.75 miles) from Manaus, on the banks of Puraquequara Lake, upstream Puraquequara River. Because of the acid water pH, mosquitoes and viruses which cause dengue, cholera, malaria, yellow fever, do not proliferate in the area. The Amazon Village is classified as "Special Ecological Lodging" by Embratur - the Brazilian Tourism Bureau. The village consists of a central "open air" lodge surrounded by 21 bungalows, each one with two separate rooms (except two bungalows with 3 rooms), being 45 units in total. The complex is divided into the following areas.

- 1) Reception and bar: With comfortable sofas and chairs, perfect for relaxing before and after excursions.
- 2) Recreation area: Large terrace where you can sunbathe, read and relax with nature
- 3) Restaurant: Great atmosphere for experimenting our delicious cuisine, typical rustic architecture

Pestana Convento do Carmo : Located in the picturesque district of Pelourinho in Salvador the Convento do Carmo belongs to the traditional Pousadas de Portugal hotel group. Construction began on this friary in 1586, commissioned by the First Order of Carmelite Friars. Over the centuries, it has been the stage for major historical events and today it is Brazil's first luxury historic hotel. The striking colonial architecture of the Convento do Carmo blends with graceful furniture and works of art, taking guests back to an age of decadence and elegance. The hotel features 79 luxurious rooms and suites, a world-class restaurant, coffee shop, bar, pool, fitness center, spa, library, music room, meeting rooms, as well as a museum and church.

Pestana Bahia : Located on the beachfront the Pestana Bahia Hotel offers a prime location: it is just to 30 minutes from the airport and 10 minutes from the commercial area of the city. It is the ideal hotel for holding conferences, receptions, banquets and seminars for up to 1.000 people. Our experienced team offers support to ensure success of any event type, with a refined kitchen, flexibility and personal attention from the management. Near to Amaralina beach and Pelourinho, the hotel also offers a restaurant, bar, fitness center, swimming pool, beach service, sauna, and recreation room.

Sol Victoria Marina : Located in one of Salvador's most affluent districts the Sol Victoria Marina Hotel enjoys impressive view of the Bay of All Saints. The hotel is also a short ride away from the Port of Barra, Pelourinho and the large shopping malls. The hotel has 220 guest rooms which offer 24 hour room service and are equipped with air-conditioning, television, FM radio, mini bar, individual safe and telephone. Four convention rooms of different sizes are also available for conferences, seminars, cocktails or other events. Other amenities and facilities include three pools, laundry service, convenience store, travel agency and car rental services. A delicious Brazilian breakfast is served poolside or in guests' rooms daily.