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TRIP DETAILS
10 days / 9 nts - Brazil

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Trip Ref 3193

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Colonial Treasures

Day 1: Arrival in Rio de Janeiro (dinner show)
Rio de Janeiro - Capital of the State of Rio de Janeiro, and also Brazilian capital from 1763 to 1961, is nestled between the mountains and the sea. Its magnificent shoreline includes charming bays and beautiful beaches, dotted with islands up and down the coast. Flying into Rio is a beautiful sight, whether it be at night or during the day, the visitor quickly finds out why Rio is known as the Wonderful City. It is also an important center for art and fashion. Arrive Rio de Janeiro - transfer to hotel.

Evening - Rio by night with dinner and show - (Rio By night show at Palataforma with dinner at BBQ Restaurant (Not opened on Sun). Enjoy a nice dinner in one of Rio best barbecue restaurant. After dinner, show at Plataforma, a samba house, where guests will enjoy a show with elaborately costumed mulatas, singers and dancers, presenting Brazilian folklore and capturing the carnival rhythms. Overnight Hotel Sofitel Rio de Janeiro.

(Included meals: dinner)

Day 2: Rio de Janeiro (Corcovado)

Morning tour to Corcovado - After a beautiful scenic drive along Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, passengers arrive at the bottom of the Corcovado hill where they will embark on a comfortable train which will climb the beautiful mountain, where the statue of Christ, the Redeemer is located (2,300ft, 700m above sea level). From the top, discover why Rio is known as the Marvelous city! This tour also includes drive along Rio's famous beaches. This afternoon, Secrets of Old Rio (Available in the afternoon from Tue to Fri)- An interesting walking tour within the colonial part of Rio . The downtown area is where the 400- year-old city started to grow and is nowadays a very busy trade center. Despite this hectic movement, you can discover the most interesting places, combining baroque and modern architecture, little cafes, and pedestrian streets. Overnight Hotel Sofitel Rio de Janeiro.

(Included meals: breakfast)

Day 3: Rio de Janeiro (Petropolis tour)
Morning tour to Petrópolis (Museum does not open on Mondays)- City of Petropolis, located in the Mountain region of Rio - 1hour from Rio - Known as the Imperial City - for it was chosen at the time of Brazil's monarchy to be the summer residence of the Emperor of Brazil - Pedro II. Visit the Imperial Museum, the Crystal Palace and the Sao Pedro de Alcantara Neolithic Cathedral. (on Mondays, most of visitation sites are closed). Overnight Hotel Sofitel Rio de Janeiro.

(Included meals: breakfast)

Day 4: Rio de Janeiro - Belo Horizonte (Ouro Preto)
This morning, you will be transfered to Rio airport for flight to Belo Horizonte. Arrival in Belo Horizonte, immediate transfer to the city of Ouro Preto. Ouro Preto was founded in the early 18th century. It was built on rocky ground and declared a national monument in 1933. It is the masterpiece of colonial architecture in Brazil with fountains, churches, ruins and towers shining with colored tiles. Due to its distance from the coast, it is the only town in Brazil to remain as an outstanding artistic and architectural example of that era. Ouro Preto baroque architecture can be viewed upon as typically Brazilian. Accomodation and Overnight at Pousada Mondego.

(Included meals: breakfast)

Day 5: Ouro Preto (walking tour)

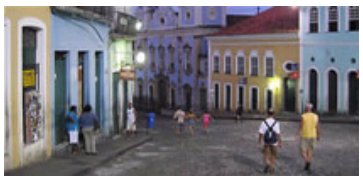
Morning walking tour of Ouro Preto with Lunch (Not opened on Mon) - Ouro Preto was founded in the early 18th century. It was built on rocky ground and declared a national monument in 1933. It is the masterpiece of colonial architecture in Brazil . A visit to Ouro Preto is a step back into history .Lunch Included. Overnight at Pousada Mondego.

(Included meals: breakfast, lunch)

Day 6: Ouro Preto - Salvador (Bahia by night dinner show)
Morning transfer back to Belo Horizonte Airport for flight to Salvador. Salvador - .Capital of the State of Bahia, and was also Brazilian capital until 1763, is divided in two parts. The Lower City is at sea level and contains the old port and the commercial area where visitors will find a complete and varied assortment of Brazilian arts and crafts at the Modelo Market. It is also the best place to witness a demonstration of "capoeira", a martial art developed by African slaves in Brazil, originally as a form of combat and later as a type of dance and folklore tradition. The "Upper City" can be reached by stone steps, alleyways or the famous Lacerda Elevator. This part of the city contains the old government buildings, the residential districts, museums, churches and much of the newer architecture. Arrive in Salvador, transfer to Hotel. In the Evening, Bahia by night with dinner and show (Not available on Sun and Tue) - The show takes place in the 18th century colonial complex Solar do Unhao which had it is own church, manor house and slaves quarters, in the old stockrooms and is a showcase of the Candomble; the manculele, the dance of the caboclo and capoeira. Buffet Dinner is offered during the show. Overnight Hotel Pestana Convento do Carmo.

(Included meals: breakfast, dinner)

Day 7: Salvador (City tour)
Half day Historical tour - We start in the modern suburb of Barra and make our way slowly by to the old historical section of town, the Pelourinho area with the largest and the best preserved complex colonial architecture in the Americas. We visit the church of S. Francisco with its exuberant gold-leafed Baroque interior and the Pelourinho Square, the heart of the old town. This tour shows two distinct aspects of Salvador, the new and the old, concentrating on the early expansion of the city. Overnight Hotel Pestana Convento do Carmo.



(Included meals: breakfast)

Day 8: Salvador (Full day Cachoeira)
Full day Cachoeira with lunch - We leave the city behind and drive through the oldest farmland in Brazil. We visit an experimental cacau plantation,lunch in Cachoeira, a charming colonial town setting on the banks of the Paraguassu River and later take a walking tour of the town with it is many wood sculptors ateliers, bustling market (Wed, Fri and Sat) and visit the Sisterhood of the Boa Morte, a sorority which traces it is origins back to the time of slavery. Overnight Hotel Pestana Convento do Carmo.

(Included meals: breakfast, lunch)

Day 9: Salvador
Day at leisure in Salvador. Overnight Hotel Pestana Convento do Carmo.

(Included meals: breakfast)

Day 10: Salvador - Sao Paulo
Transfer to airport for your flight to Sao Paulo to connect for your international flight back home.

(Included meals: breakfast)

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Price includes:
Transfers, tours, daily breakfast, ground transportation as indicated on itinerary, excursions with English speaking local guides. Other meals as specified each day. Services in private basis unless it is indicated as shared.

Price does not include:
Airfares, airport departure taxes, hotel taxes, meals not mentioned in the itinerary, personal expenses (laundry, beverages, telephone, etc).

Notes:
- If there is not availability at the quoted hotelsat the time of booking, we will offer similar ones.
- We recommend you check well in advance with the corresponding Consulate near your country, to find out if there are any special requirements (such as Visa, vaccination, etc).

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