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TRIP DETAILS

- Brazil

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ITINERARY IN BRIEF



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Contrasts of Brazil

Day 1: Rio de Janeiro

Random arrivals at Rio International airport and private transfer in to your selected hotel. Our bilingual guide will meet all passengers' right after customs clearance. The transfer time will take approximately 45 minutes depending on the traffic conditions of this arrival Day. En route, our guides will give some basic briefs about the city and their respective hotel. Service operated for a min of 2 passengers. Day at leisure. Overnight at selected hotel

Day2: Rio de Janeiro

Morning visit to Sugar Loaf for a welcoming caipirinha toast on top of Urca Hill. Over a million tourists each year visit the world famous 'Pao de Acucar' (Sugar Loaf Mountain), which has become an iconic symbol of the city of Rio de Janeiro. Rising up from a small peninsula at the entrance of Guanabara Bay, its name is said to refer to its resemblance to the traditional shape of a concentrated, refined sugar loaf. The journey to the top is made in glass cable-cars.

The first cable-car takes passengers to the top of Urca Hill, which rises 215 meters above sea level. On this first stage, you will have time to admire spectacular views of the entire bay and its surrounding islands sipping a refreshing caipirinha, our special treat to welcome you to the Wonderful City!

From Urca Hill, passengers continue in a second cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf which rises 395 meters above sea level and offers a 360 degree view of the entire city including Botafogo and Copacabana Beaches, Corcovado and downtown Rio. Before returning to the hotel, we will go on a panoramic tour by downtown area, stopping by the Municipal Theater and the Cathedral for a glance of the most well kept secrets of Old Rio. Balance of the Day at leisure. Overnight at selected hotel

Day 3: Rio de Janeiro

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Day at leisure. Overnight at selected hotel

Day 4: Rio de Janeiro - Iguazu falls

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Private Transfer out from Hotel to Airport to catch a short flight to Iguazu falls

Transfer in from Brazilian airport to the selected hotel. Our bilingual guide will meet all passengers right after the disembarking gate. The transfer time will take approximately 30 minutes depending on the traffic conditions of this arrival Day. En route, our guide will give some basic briefs about the city and their respective hotel.

Afternoon visit to the Brazilian side of the falls. The trip begins at the Iguacu National Park with a drive through the lush subtropical vegetation of the park en route to the falls. Take a stroll on the trail that descends down the canyon, to offer panoramic views of more than 240 falls. Embark on the glass elevator up the cliff face for an exquisite view from the upper deck. The Iguassu National Park along with its "sister" park in Argentina form the most significant remaining rainforest in the southern cone of South America which along with the waterfalls, have been declared a National Heritage Site by UNESCO. We will end the tour with a visit to the artisans fair. Overnight at selected hotel

Day 5: Iguazu falls

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Morning visit to the Argentinean side of the falls. We will cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge heading towards the Iguacu National Park in Argentina. At the entrance, a small train takes visitors on a tour through the park, making 2 stops. Follow the pathways to the top of the waterfalls that provide spectacularly unique views of the 'Cataratas', amidst the abundant nature filled with orchids, colorful birds and other wildlife. The highlight of the tour is a visit to the suspended platform at the very brink of the 'Garganta do Diabo' waterfall (Devil's Throat) – the largest fall in the park. Overnight at selected hotel

Day 6: Iguazu falls / Manaus

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Private transfer from hotel to the airport to take the flight to Manaus

Arrival in Manaus and transfer to lodge in shared basis. Evening Alligator Spotting

After enjoying a delicious dinner guests will embark in motorized canoes on a unique adventure deep within the Amazon jungle in search of alligators which are also known as "caimans" by the locals. Equipped with flashlights and accompanied by knowledgeable guides, guests will be provided with all important information before we begin our quest for these semi-aquatic carnivorous reptiles. We will glide down the river under the moonlight, to the soothing sounds of the waters and animals of the forest. Upon spotting the "caimans", we will use our flashlights to temporarily paralyze them, enabling the guides to draw the canoe near the creatures for an up close and personal view of these beautiful animals.

Note: during "high water level" season (from April to August) and on full moon evenings, it might be difficult to find alligators. Buffer Dinner at Ecopark restaurant. Overnight at Amazon Ecopark

Day 7: Manaus

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Morning Nature Hike. The Amazon jungle is home to thousands of species of plants and animals waiting to be observed and discovered. On this tour guests will be accompanied by a specialized guide who will lead visitors on a trek through the forest where he will point out and explain the various species of flora and fauna that coexist within the rainforest. Lace up your shoes and get ready to explore the allure and mystery of the Amazon Jungle! Buffet Lunch at Ecopark restaurant. Visit to the Monkey's Jungle

A rehabilitation center for primates brought to this local by IBAMA when confiscated from illegal sales and exports. At this location primates are initially kept in quarantine in order to be evaluated and treated by veterinarians and biologists. After a period of time primates are reintroduced to the jungle.

Day 8: Manaus

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. FD Meeting of the waters with lunch. On this guided tour by motorized canoe guests will be able to witness one of the Amazon's most fascinating natural wonders. We will depart to the "meeting of the waters" where the Solimoes River and the Rio Negro converge to create the enormous Amazonas River. The two rivers flow side by side for several kilometers and each maintains its own individual coloring before mixing. The crystal-clear blue waters of the Solimoes River contrasts with the muddy waters of the Rio Negro and create a unique and gorgeous natural spectacle. Buffer Dinner at Ecopark restaurant. Overnight at Amazon Ecopark

Day 9: Manaus / Belo Horizonte

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Private transfer to the airport to take the flight to Belo Horizonte

Arrival in Belo Horizonte and private transfer to hotel. Arrival meet and greet by local guide at the Airport for our transfer to the Hotel. Overnight at selected hotel

Day 10: Belo Horizonte / Ouro Preto

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Private transfer to Ouro Preto.

Full Day tour in Ouro Preto with lunch. Ouro Preto was founded in 1711 and soon became the center of the gold diamond and semi-precious stone trading in the colonial-era. The town has managed to preserve across the years its 18th century architecture which offers visitors a first-hand look of its historical heritages. The city is considered to day by UNESCO as a Historical and Cultural Patrimony of Mankind.

Taste the typical dishes of the region: Feijao Tropeiro and Tutu a Mineira. Lunch will be served at Casa dos Deguste restaurant (Regional buffet food).

Overnight at selected hotel

Day 11: Ouro Preto

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Day at leisure. Overnight at selected hotel

Day 12: Ouro Preto / Salvador

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Transfer from Ouro Preto to Belo Horizonte airport (CNF) to take the flight to Salvador

Arrival in Salvador and private Transfer in from airport to selected hotel. Arrival meet and greet by local guide at the Airport for our transfer to the Hotel. Overnight at selected hotel

Day 13: Salvador

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Morning visit to Lower Salvador.

The Lower City tour offers another perspective of the sprawling city taking us to the quiet waters of the Itapagipe Peninsula where life moves at a slower pace than the bustling upper city. Fishermen fish from dug out canoes, locals collect shellfish at low tide, schooners lie at anchor, all protected by the famous Bonfim church, one of the most important churches of pilgrimage in Brazil and deeply syncretised with the Candomble. (visit). We continue to the Monserrat district with its panoramic view of the city and on to the Mercado Modelo, a thriving market for local goods and souvenirs. This is also where you can test your bargaining talents! This tour is a complement to the Historical city tour. Please note that the Church of Bonfim is closed on Mondays. Duration: 3 h

Stop for Acaraje tasting

During the tour we will stop at a well-known food stand to taste one of the most famous Bahian street food the Acaraje: deep fried rolls prepared with shrimp, black-eyed peas, red chilli pepper, onion and garlic. Overnight at selected hotel

Day 14: Salvador

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel's restaurant. Private transfer to the airport to take the flight back home.

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Price includes:

Welcome and transfer from airport upon arrival. Accommodations, meals, transfers and tours as noted in day-by-day itinerary. Entrance fees on sightseeing, tours. Official English / Spanish speaking local guide on tours. Services in group basis.

Price does not include:

International and domestic flights. International and domestic airport departure taxes. Meals not mentioned in the itinerary. Optional activities. Personal expenses (laundry, beverages, communications, etc).

Notes:

- Prices in USDollars, minimum 2 passenger/s.
- A supplement will apply for solo travellers.
- Official English / Spanish speaking local guide on tours.
- Triple rooms with 2 beds only, hotels don't guarantee 3 beds.
- Specific properties may be replaced for others of same quality.
- Check in at hotels is normally at 3pm. Check out at 12.00 (noon)
- The order of the itinerary may be altered according to flight schedules.
- All prices may vary on special holidays, Easter week and/or long Weekends.
- Services in shared basis (SIB) does not apply for transfers with pick up before 7 am. They are only available from 7 am to 8 pm. Arrivals and departures out of this schedule will require private services.
- The itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational and/or weather reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities in the itinerary or the specified route and visits, and though such cases are exceptional, in general the itinerary should be treated only as a basic guideline.
- Category of hotels is based on standards of the country (only to be used as a guide). One star being the most limited of services and, five stars having superior amenities and closer to international standards.
- Domestic flights are not included in the package price because their prices vary unpredictably and can only be fixed at the time of reservation.
- Please note that availability for the suggested properties have been consulted; however, no holds have been placed, therefore this option is still subject to availability, which can change at any time and without notice.
- Upgrades are available such as superior room types (at some hotels), different hotels, additional activities during free time, transfers in SUV or 4x4 vehicles, charter flights, helicopter transfers and additional tours for a supplemental cost.
- Remember to contact directly the embassy or nearest consulate to reconfirm this and if there is any other special requirement to enter the country (ies).
- We strongly recommend that prior to travel you purchase an appropriate travel insurance policy to cover delays, cancellation charges, cancellation of services, loss or theft of luggage or personal effects, medical expenses, accident and others. One option to try: <http://www.columbusdirect.com/index.cfm?sourcecode=latdis>
- Also please note: In some cities like Rio de Janeiro, Salvador, São Paulo etc the hotels charge a Tourism City Tax (per room and per night), on behalf of the Conventions Bureau. Prices vary depending on hotel category, from USD\$1.50 to \$6). These taxes are not included on hotel rates and may change without previous notice. (Hotels charge this tax directly).

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