

14 Days Treasures of Brazil

Rio de Janeiro (3N) + Ouro Preto (2N) + Salvador (1N) + Praia do Forte (4N) + Foz do Iguazu (3n)

Day 1: Rio de Janeiro

Welcome to Brazil!

Upon arrival in Rio de Janeiro, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Rio de Janeiro is green hills, blue sky, beautiful bays, islands and marvelous beaches. It is the second biggest city in Brazil (after Sao Paulo) and, certainly, one of the most beautiful cities in the world! Beach hotels are situated along the whole perimeter of Guanabara Bay and, if you are staying in one of these hotels, the beauties of Rio de Janeiro are open for you all the time. Blue ocean water will call you to the beach. The most popular beaches - Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon, are famous for their black and white tiled promenade. From early morning to late in the night you can see people playing soccer and volleyball on the golden sand of the beaches. For those who prefer active holidays, Rio offers opportunities to practice almost any sport: golf, tennis, surfing, rafting, diving, delta flight and many others. Numerous open cafeterias on the beach will offer you refreshing coconut water, freshly squeezed juices and other drinks. You can also see presentations of local musicians on the beach playing all kinds of music.

Day 2: Rio de Janeiro

City Tour and Sugar Loaf

After breakfast you have the chance to go on a half-day excursion to the Sugar Loaf. The first stop is the Urca Mountain, with a wide viewing area that also offers the possibility to have a snack in the restaurant on top of the mountain. On the mountain of Sugar Loaf you will have a beautiful view of Rio, Copacabana beach, the bay, the surrounding mountains, islands in the ocean, bridge Niteroi, and the statue of Christ on Corcovado Mountain. After going down by cable car, the tour continues by car to the central regions of the old town of Rio where you can admire several old churches, monasteries, the main cathedral of the city as well as buildings in colonial style. Our guide will take you to a local restaurant where you can taste the delicious dishes of the local cuisine.

Duration: 4 hours

Day 3: Rio de Janeiro

Corcovado and Christ the Redeemer Statue (4 hours)

After breakfast we set off on a tour through the city. Arriving at the station, the environmentally friendly train will take us through the jungle to the top of Corcovado. On both sides of the railway you will have spectacular views of Tijuca forest, inhabited by monkeys and other exotic animals and birds. On top of Corcovado, at an altitude of 700 m above sea level, you will stand in front of the symbol of Rio de Janeiro- Statue of Christ the Savior (38m) that was built in 1931. From top of Corcovado, you have a breathtaking panoramic view of the city and its surroundings like the Bridge Niteroi, Guanabara Bay, the Botanical Garden, the Maracana stadium and the Sugar Loaf.

Duration: 4 hours.

Day 4: Petropolis & Ouro Preto

After breakfast you will go on a guided trip to Petropolis, located high in the mountains 60 km away from Rio de Janeiro. Petropolis is one of the most important Brazilian historic towns located in the mountains 60 km away from Rio de Janeiro. Pedro II bought this land in 1830 to build a summer palace and bring there his daughter who could not stand the hot climate of Rio de Janeiro due to her health conditions. The European founders of the city built many constructions there, the beautiful examples of German style architecture. The Royal palace still preserves many objects of Royal furniture and the Royal family's objects that are now exposed in the museum. Here you can find unique jewelry works; for example, a golden crown decorated with diamonds and pearls. Together with our guide you will visit the Gothic Cathedral where Princess Isabel, King Pedro II and his wife are buried. Then you will visit the Royal museum. Afterwards you will leave to the state of Minas Gerais and spend the night in Ouro Preto.

Day 5: Ouro Preto

After breakfast you will go visit with a guide the church complex Kongonyans, the town of Mariana and the mines Passagem de Mina, where gold was mined in the past. Then you will have a city tour of Ouro Preto.

Of all the exquisite colonial towns scattered around Minas Gerais, Ouro Preto is the jewel in the crown. Significant historically as a center of gold mining and government, and as the stage for Brazil's first independence movement, the city remains vital in modern times as a center for education and the arts, and is one of Brazil's most visited tourist destinations.

Day 6: Ouro Preto - Salvador

After breakfast our guide will pick you up for an exciting City Tour of Belo Horizonte.

Known to the locals as Beagá, Belo Horizonte was named for its beautiful view of nearby mountains. Urban sprawl makes it harder to appreciate the natural setting nowadays, but Brazil's third-largest city still has considerable charm. Walk down the buzzing cosmopolitan streets of the Savassi neighborhood on a Saturday evening, eat at one of the fine restaurants in Lourdes, stroll through the densely-packed stalls at Mercado Central, attend a weekend street fair or a concert at the Palácio das Artes, or visit the Inhotim art museum west of the city, and you'll see that Belo Horizonte has countless dimensions.

After the City Tour you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Salvador, where you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel.

In Salvador - the African soul of Brazil - the descendants of slaves preserved their cultural roots more than anywhere else in the New World. The result is hypnotic drum beats, graceful movement, fragrant spices, inherent sensuality and an energy that brings good luck and positive results.

Salvador combines all these elements in wild festivals, including Brazil's hottest Carnival. But even on ordinary days you can come across a capoeira (martial art/dance) circle, munch acarajé (bean and shrimp dumplings fried in dendê oil) and witness a Candomblé follower possessed by an African deity. Also mind Brazil's best all included hotels at the beautiful beaches near Salvador!

Day 7: Salvador – Praia do Forte

Discover the essential sights of Salvador on a half day tour tracing the development of the city from its simple beginnings to the what is now the third largest city in Brazil. After hotel pick up with private guide he takes you to the mouth of the immense bay and then via elegant tree-lined avenues and bustling city streets to the Pelourinho, a Unesco Heritage site and the largest complex of colonial architecture in the South America. We leave the vehicle at the Municipal Square, by the towering Lacerda Elevator, with great views of the bay stretching out to the lower city, and stroll through the narrow, bustling streets lined with buildings in pastel shades of an age gone by, soaking in the sights and sounds of this vibrant city. We visit the church of São Francisco with its exuberant gold-leafed Baroque interior and the Pelourinho square, the heart of the old town.

Afterwards transfer to the coastal area of Costa de Sauipe to your hotel for relaxing beach days.

Praia do Forte, one of Brazil's most attractive beaches, is a fun destination which can easily be added to a trip to Salvador. A district of Mata de São João (pop. 37,201), Praia do Forte is about 60 kilometers to the north of Salvador, on the Coconut Tree Coast.

Day 8-10: Praia Do Forte

Free Days in your Hotel of choice, relax at the beach and enjoy the beautiful surrounding.

Day 11: Praia Do Forte – Foz do Iguazu

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Foz de Iguacu where you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel.

At the big waterfalls of Foz de Iguacu you can find the border triangle with Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina. A former frontier military outpost, construction and tourism led to development and growth in the area.

The Iguacu Falls receive their name from the Caigangues Indian word meaning 'great waters'. The falls are formed by the Iguacu River and consist of 275 separate falls; they are surrounded by the virgin jungle of Iguacu National Park which is home to about 2000 species of flora and 400 bird species (including parrots and toucans). The highest fall, the 'Garganta

do Diabo' (Devil's Throat) reaches 70m (230ft), which is one and a half times the height of the Niagara Falls. Besides taking in the stunning view from one of the many "catwalks" visitors may try rafting or take a spectacular boat ride through the falls.

Day 12: Foz de Iguacu

After breakfast an unforgettable adventure awaits you at the Iguazu falls Brazilian side. You will see hundreds of cascades of water falling down, and at the end we will come to a platform where the mightiest waterfalls, the Devils Gorge falls down into the Iguazu river leaving us wet with splashes and high with emotion! After this nature spectacular show our guide will take up the board a jeep through the tropical rainforest and then a boat will take us through the Iguazu river on high speed. We will actually get INTO the falls. Adrenaline guaranteed!

After the waterfun we will visit bird park. Walking inside huge cages exotic birds will fly freely around us, such as Tucans, Macaws and many other beautifully colored birds. Have a nice rest at your hotel after this "happening" day!

Day 13: Foz do Iguazu

Good Morning! After a delicious breakfast in your hotel, our guide will pick you up for a full day adventure to the Argentinian Side of the Iguazu Nationalpark. The Argentinean side is very different from the Brazilian one; there are the three trails leading you through the nature in the parc:

The Lower Circuit: At a length of 1,700 meters, runways venture into the lush jungle to take direct contact with the breaking of the Dos Hermanas, Chico and Ramirez. Walking down a runway you can be at the foot of a huge seawall water which is the fall of Salto Bosetti and you will enjoy the steep falls in the Saltos Alvar Nuñez, Elenita and Lanusse.

The Upper Circuit: a walk of 1,300 meters, elevated runways will take you on the fall line of several major jumps, reaching the edge thereof. It provides an overview of the whole area from a greater height.

The Devil's Throat: Accessed through the Rainforest with the Ecological Train arriving at the Devil's Throat Station. From there, after a 1,000 meters walk, you will reach the enormous 'Devil's Throat'.

You will walk around next to the falls to have a close look of the falls. You can feel the strength of the water and enjoy the 55.500 hectares of natural beauty!

In the evening your driver will drive you back to your hotel.

Day 14: Foz do Iguazu

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Rio. Connect to your international flight back home.

End of the Program

The Program includes:

- ✓ Accommodation in the mentioned hotels or similar, breakfast included
- ✓ Domestic flights (Rio de Janeiro-Salvador-Iguazu-Rio de Janeiro)
- ✓ Private Transfers and Tours with Guide
- ✓ Private Transfer with driver only Salvador-Praia do Forte-Salvador
- ✓ Meals mentioned in the Program

The Program does not include:

- International flights
- Optional Tours
- Personal expenses and tips

Following the Treasures of Brazil - Package 14 Days - 13 Nights

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| | ½ DBL | ⅓ SGL | ⅓ SGL | ⅓ SGL | ½ DBL | ⅓ TRP |
| Hotel Copacabana Praia (3n) or similar+ Hotel Pousada do Arcaño (2n) or similar + Vila Gale Salvador (1n) or similar + Vilangelim Eco-Pousada (4n) or similar + Viale Cataratas Hotel (3n) or similar + Services | \$ 4.968 | \$ 6.001 | \$ 8.347 | \$ 5.349 | \$ 4.317 | \$ 4.141 |

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