

# 6 Days Express Brazil

*Rio de Janeiro (3n) + Buzios (2n)*

*A trip through the magnificent Rio de Janeiro, combined with the Iguassu Falls and Buenos Aires. You will see green hills, blue sky, rocky mountain and beautiful beaches in Brazil, while seeing the world widest falls the next day.*

Rio de Janeiro & Buzios				
6 DAYS - 5 NIGHTS		SGL	DBL	TRL
4*	Americas Copacabana: Standard Room, BB & Buzios Beach Hotel Standard Room, BB (or similar)	\$ 1.640	\$ 890	\$ 722

\*Price per person in USD

## Day 1. Rio de Janeiro

Take in the breath-taking view as your plane descends upon Rio de Janeiro – the 'Marvellous City' where rolling green hills, turquoise ocean, sandy beaches and high-rise urban development is all packed together in a unique blend of life and humanity. Your driver will take you from the airport to the hotel, during which time you can get a different perspective of the city, passing through the colonial style buildings and along the world-famous beachfront. The natural beauty of Rio is almost transcendental and gives you a taste of the Amazon rainforest while still retaining everything that is so incredible about a Latin American city. A walk along the mosaic tiles of Copacabana reveals much about the life of a 'carioca' (Rio local) – a refreshing caipirinha as the waves lap against the shore, a fiercely competitive game of foot volleyball, and thousands of beachgoers sunning themselves on the white sands. You have truly arrived in paradise.

**After accommodation and rest you will have an excursion to H. Stern factory of precious stones!**

**It is one of the world's oldest factories for processing precious and semi-precious stones. Here you can see the works of skilled jewelers and make great purchases!**

## Day 2. Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast in your hotel you will be taken to the mythical Sugarloaf mountain, protruding abruptly from out of the ground like an asteroid just fallen from space. A magnificent cable car ride will take you up to Urca Mountain, the stop off between ground level and Sugarloaf. From there you can enjoy a smooth cocktail or sample some of Brazil's many signature dishes. Once arriving to the top of Sugarloaf mountain you will see the captivating beauty of Rio from a different angle, To your left you can see Copacabana beach stretching off into the distance, and on the horizon the faint outlines of Two Brothers and Gávea mountains. Below you is the quaint and intimate Red Beach, while to your right you can see across Guanabara Bay to Niterói and, closer in, Rio's Botafogo and central neighborhoods, with the unmistakable silhouette of Christ the Redeemer casting its eternal gaze over the city. This trip is essential to gain a different perspective on Rio, and to truly understand its beauty.

After descending the mountain by cable car, you will head into the Old Town and Centre, where colonial architecture still remains and many old churches such as the Candelária are still in use. The cobbled streets and bright colors are a stark contrast to the whitewashed, sun soaked streets of Ipanema but in many ways are part of the authentic, nearly-forgotten Rio of old, and one can almost feel the hustle and bustle of hundreds of years ago when these streets were filled with merchants and citizens of the Portuguese Empire.

### **Day 3. Rio de Janeiro**

#### **Tour to Corcovado Mountain + Crist the Redeemer Statue**

After a delicious tropical breakfast in your hotel, you will head out on a trip to see the world-famous Christ the Redeemer statue on top of Corcovado Mountain. A specially designed train will take you from the foot of the mountain along a winding road through the magical Tijuca rainforest where you will see some of the enchanting tropical wildlife on constant display in Rio, such as toucans, monkeys and armadillos. At the summit of Corcovado, 700m above sea level, proudly stands the iconic image seen around the world – a 38m high statue of Christ the Redeemer. But that is not the only breathtaking thing about this place – when up close to the statue you will be overwhelmed by the stunning panoramic view of the city, so high up it seems as though you are truly flying with the birds around you. From the far reaches of Guanabara Bay, to the Maracanã Stadium, all along to Sugarloaf Mountain, Copacabana, Ipanema and Gávea Mountain, you can see the whole of Rio de Janeiro.

### **Day 4. Rio de Janeiro – Buzios**

Transfer to the airport with driver only.

*Buzios is a small fishing village situated 177 km away from Rio de Janeiro with more than 20 magnificent beaches and crystal-clear water, wonderful landscape and exotic vegetation, privileged with a great year-round summer. Originally settled by European pirates and slave traders, this mixture of many bloods prospered and became a picturesque village, elected one of the 10 most beautiful areas in the world famous for its unique combination of rustic charm, architectural harmony, incredible beauty and sophisticated boutiques and restaurants visited by travelers who come from all over the world to savour its magic.*

### **Day 5. Buzios**

Free Day to enjoy and relax

### **Day 6. Buzios – Rio de Janeiro**

After breakfast, free time until your transfer to the airport for your flight back home!

## **END OF SERVICES.**

#### **Prices include:**

- Accommodation to suggested hotels on program or similar;
- Excursions described on program in regular basis with an English-speaking guide;
- All transfers airports/ hotels/ airports with Driver only.

#### **Prices don't include:**

- Optional excursions;

- Meals & beverages not mentioned;
- International flight;

**\*All the hotels can be substituted by a similar class hotel**

**\*\* This program availability and prices will be confirmed upon booking**

### **Excursions with additional charge:**

#### **Rio by night Show**

*Starting with the pick up at the hotel, you will go to enjoy a fantastic Brazilian show with dancers and musicians their typical costumes and happy music. It will make you will want to come back and experience Carnival as well! At the end, you will be taken back to your hotel. Dinner not included.*

#### **Helicopter flight**

*You will enjoy spectacular views when you get in the helicopter at Sugarloaf. During the flight, you will discover magnificent sights below you, Praia Vermelha, Sugar Loaf, Copacabana, Ipanema & Leblon beaches, the huge statue of Christ and "Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas".*

#### **Royal Petropolis**

*Petropolis - is a city located in the mountains 60 km from Rio de Janeiro. King Pedro II bought land here in 1830 and built a summer palace here to bring a sick daughter, especially for the hot weather. European founders of the city built a lot of buildings, which were of German architecture. At the Royal Palace, many of antique furniture is preserved and household items of the royal family, which are now exhibited in the museum. It also stores jewelry, for example a gold crown with diamonds and pearls. Together with our guide you will visit the Gothic Cathedral, the burial of Princess Isabel, King Pedro II and his wife, and then go to the Royal Museum.*

#### **Botanical Garden**

*Within the Botanical Garden more than 7,000 species of plants are growing, including Imperial and surprisingly high palm trees and the most exotic and strange inhabitants of the Amazon Valley live there: The most famous plant is Victoria Regia, the giant water lily, with its huge floating leaves which bear the weight of up to five years old children.*

#### **Favela Tour - Rocinha**

*A Favela tour is an experience if you look for an insider point of view of Brazil. The tour introduces you to another Rio, within Rio city: the favela. There are close to 750 favelas in Rio. Mostly placed on former public areas on the hillsides, they are now home to 20% of Rio's population, however they remain a mystery for most people who don't live there. The tour is not only to explain about favelas, but to give you a whole new understanding about different aspects of Brazilian society. You will go to the favelas of Vila Canoas and Rocinha, the largest one in the country. Picturesque from a distance, once closer they reveal their complex architecture, developing commerce and friendly people. Most Samba Schools participating in the Carnival parade come from favelas. The tour changes their reputation of areas related only to violence and poverty. Don't be shy, you are welcome there, and local people support your visit. If you really want to understand Brazil, don't leave Rio without having done the Favela tour.*

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