

9 Days Brazil Coffee Tour 2018

Rio de Janeiro (3N) + Foz do Iguazu (2N) + Coffee Region (3N)

Valid Till : June 2019



Coffee Tour Brazil 2018 (USD)						
Hotels: Copacabana Praia (3N) + Viale Cataratas (2N) + Fazenda União (2N)	1 Pax		2 Pax		3 Pax	
	SGL	SGL	DBL	SGL	DBL	TRL
	\$ 6.154	\$ 4.136	\$ 3.366	\$ 3.495	\$ 2.724	\$ 2.653

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. 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.

Iguazu Falls! All the power and greatness of nature in front of you! Even in dreams it is impossible to describe the feeling that a person experiences standing in front of these impressive waterfalls!

Feeling like back in the 1860's: The Coffee Valley, in the Province of Rio De Janeiro, already accounted for 75% of all coffee consumed in the world, which allowed Brazil to become a leader in the production and export of this gold product. It is because of the rapid economic growth of this region (Coffee Valley), the coffee harrows have raised beautiful estates in the area. Of more than 200, about 30 have survived to this day and are open to visitors!

Day 1: Rio de Janeiro

Welcome to Brazil!

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

In the afternoon a half-day excursion to the Sugar Loaf is planned. The first stop is on Urca Mountain, with a wide viewing area, where you can eat in the restaurant or bar. 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. Then you will go by car to the central regions of the old Rio, where you will admire several old churches, monasteries, the main cathedral of the city, as well as buildings built in the colonial style. Our guide will take you to lunch where you will enjoy the delicious dishes of the local cuisine.

Day 2: Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast we set off on a tour through the city. Arriving at the station, where the environmentally friendly train will take us through the jungle to the top of Corcovado. On either side of the railway you will have spectacular views from Tijuca forest, inhabited by monkeys and other exotic animals and birds. At the top of Corcovado, at an altitude of 700 m above sea level, stands the symbol of Rio - Statue of Christ the Savior (38m), which was built in 1931. A breathtaking panorama view of the metropolis and its environs Bridge Niteroi, Guanabara Bay, the Botanical Garden, the world's largest Maracana stadium, Sugar Loaf, and more is possible from the top of Corcovado.

Day 3: Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast enjoy a free day to discover more of the city by yourself or ask for our optional tours.

Botanical Garden

The Rio de Janeiro Botanical Garden is a worth-visiting magnificent 137-hectare (338-acre) garden over 200 years old featuring a 750-meter (half-mile) avenue of 134 impressive royal palms and more than 7000 types of plants. There you can see orchids, bromeliads, cacti, huge bamboos, and carnivorous plants, among many others. The most famous one is Victoria, a huge water-lily floating on the water that is capable of sustaining a 5-year old kid on it! (not included)

Monkeys are sometimes visible during the visit, and there are always plenty of birds flying over the trees (the more recognizable ones are toucans).

Duration: 4 hours

Tropical Islands Tour

The town Itacuruça situated on an island 1,5 hours away from Rio de Janeiro, in Mangaratiba, is active in fishing, tourism and agriculture. The town has small fishermen houses. In order to get there you need to cross the Cepetiba Bay in Sabeiro schooner. During the trip you will enjoy the romantic views of the tropical green islands. You may have a luck to see dolphins, huge fishes, parrots, turtles and poisonous stingrays. On the way the schooner will stop for you to take a bath in the ocean. You will have a delicious lunch at the island, take a walk on the island, swim in the bay or in the pool and return to our schooner that will take you back to Rio.

Duration: 8 hours

Rio at Night: Samba&Capoeira Show

You will spend an unforgettable night in Rio! Our guide will pick you up at the hotel and take you to the exciting show full of Brazilian samba and capoeira performed by beautiful and professional dancers. You can have dinner during the show. After the end of the show our guide will bring you back to your hotel..

Duration: 4 hours

Royal Petropolis

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.

Flying over Rio by Helicopter

You will take a helicopter tour from the Sugarloaf mountain. During your flight you will get amazed by the mindblowing view of the city below with its infinite beaches, huge Christ statue, Botanical Garden and many more. (8-9 minutes)

Day 4: Rio de Janeiro – 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.

In the afternoon you will visit the Brazilian side of the magnificent Iguazu Falls . Following the walkways which border the canyon of the Iguassu River, you will enjoy the sight of hundreds of small waterfalls. At the end of this Trail you will arrive right in front of the huge and impressing Devils Throat, the strongest and most powerful of all waterfalls. You will feel the waterfalls with the splashing water around you and the whole area around is full of beautiful rainbows.

At the end of the tour your guide will drop you off at your Hotel.

Day 5: 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 6: Foz do Iguazu – Rio de Janeiro – Rio das Flores

Transfer to the airport for flight to Rio de Janeiro. Upon arrival transfer to the Valley of Coffee of the State of Rio de Janeiro (about 3 hours). Check-in on the most historical Hotels Fazenda União.

Day 7: Rio das Flores

Get ready for your fair share of caffeine! Today, you will travel to the Rio das Flores region, home to some of the most popular coffee farms in Brazil. Visit the Paraizo farm, where more than 500 slaves have been working. The family of the real owners have been living here for over 100 years. You can see amazing examples of the French and Brazilian art in this house. After the excursion you will have lunch.

In the afternoon visit of Fazenda Ambiental Fortaleza which has been a coffee plantation since 1850. Since 2002 the owners have been working on transforming the farm into a model of sustainable organic agriculture.

Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 8: Rio das Flores

Breakfast and departure to visit the Fazenda Taquara. One of the only farms who still produce coffee. You will see the whole production process and try some of the famous coffee! After lunch we will visit FAZENDA SANTA EUFRÁSIA.

It is said that Saint Euphrasia was born in Constantinople. In the State of Rio de Janeiro, there is a historical plantation named in her honor, which has now been declared a national heritage site. Its founder was landowner Ezequiel de Araújo Padilha, who planted its 192,000 coffee trees. The great grandfather of current owner Dona Beth purchased the estate in 1905, and ended up discarding coffee and raising cattle. Dona Beth subsequently restored the tradition and planted 9000 coffee trees that are harvested every year.

The plantation is extremely pleasant and the owner asserts that it has been visited by historical characters such as the Count d'Eu and Princess Isabel, whose dinner menu is on show in the dining room, elegantly fitted with original period furniture. Guided tours are led by the congenial Beth wearing period attire, and who goes about explaining in rich details the customs and items that date from those noble times. Transfer back to hotel and dinner.

Day 19: Rio das Flores – Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your international flight home.

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Hotels according to the program including breakfast, Full Board in Rio das Flores
- ✓ Private Transfers with driver only
- ✓ Tours in Private with English Speaking Guide
- ✓ Food according to the program
- ✓ Excursions according to the program

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Domestic flights Rio de Janeiro - Iguassu - Rio de Janeiro - from USD 350
- Additional excursions
- Food and drinks not mentioned in the program
- Personal spendings

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