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Brazil 11 Days

Rio de Janeiro - Iguacu - Manaus

01 Day: International arrival in Rio de Janeiro

Assistance on your arrival in Rio de Janeiro and transfer to your selected hotel. Free time to rest and prepare for starting your trip around this unusual city and magical country. **Meals Included: None**



02 Day: Rio de Janeiro - half day tour to Pan de Azucar Hill - Copacabana - Ipanema

You will visit one of the most important landmarks in the city, Pan de Azucar Hill, which makes for a classic post card photo and a must see attraction. The tour begins at the beaches of Flamengo and Botafogo, pausing at the Praia Vermelha cable car station, the point at which you begin the ascent to the top of Pan de Azucar. There are two sections on the cable car ride, first from Praia Vermelha Station to the Urca Station, and then from Urca Station to the hilltop (**396 m**). Once there, you are blessed with an unbelievable vista of the city and beaches, as well as the meeting of the Guanabara Bay with the Atlantic Ocean that is simply a marvel.

The Fortaleza de São João da Barra do Rio de Janeiro, popularly known as the Fortaleza de São João or Forte São João, is a 16th-century star fort in the present-day Urca neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro, erected by Estácio de Sá to protect Guanabara Bay from French invasion.

Copacabana - Ipanema: Famed for its crescent-shaped beach, Copacabana is one of Rio's liveliest neighborhoods, drawing a cross-section of locals and visitors to round-the-clock activity along its sands and mosaic-tiled promenade. Amid the high-rises overlooking the beach are the art deco Copacabana Palace hotel and imposing Copacabana Fort, home to a military museum. Inland, laid-back sidewalk cafes and casual bars line tranquil streets.

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03 Day: Christ the Redeemer - Tijuca National Park

we continue with the excursion to the other famous hill, Corcovado, begins at the district of Cosme Velho, at a train station, where you will board another cable car that takes you to the top of Corcovado Hill and the Cristo Redentor (**Christ the Redeemer**). It is a gigantic 40 meter, 1100 ton statue, famous around the world. The hilltop possesses the best view of the city, including the Atlantic Ocean, lovely beaches, the downtown area, and Guanabara Bay. In the afternoon, **Tijuca National Park**, The Tijuca Forest is a tropical rainforest in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It is claimed to be the world's largest urban forest, covering some 32 km², although there are sources assigning this title to the urban forest of Johannesburg, South Africa, where between 6 and 9.5 million trees were planted

At night, you are going to have the unique experience of eating dinner at a traditional Brazilian steak house, where you will be offered a huge variety of meats and mega salad bar with all the fixings. After a satisfying dinner, it's off to the city's most famous theater for an unforgettable taste of Brazilian folklore: a samba show. The entire affair is wrapped in the magical world of the Brazilian Carnival that is intertwined with colors and the sounds of exotic percussion instruments. Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner Zamba Show



04 Day: Walking Tour - Iguacu

We are going to visit several attractions in the historical parts of the city. Read here about some of the places we'll visit on Rio Walking Tour.

Colombo Bakery: Most famous bakery of Brazil, that was inaugurated during the first years of the Brazilian Republic, in 1894. Beautiful Parisian style architecture and delicious traditional Brazilian

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and Portuguese snacks. Travessa do Comércio: Old commercial part of the city. Cobblestones and beautiful colorful colonial houses. Today this area is full of cozy bars and restaurants to enjoy happy-hour after the tour!

XV Square: One of the most important squares of Rio de Janeiro. In this square we'll find the old port of the city, the Imperial Palace and two important churches.

Paço Imperial (Imperial Palace): The house of the Royal Portuguese Family when they moved to Rio de Janeiro 1808! Inside of the palace we'll see some old pictures of the area and the emperors of Brazil.

Cinelandia: One of the main attractions of our Rio de Janeiro of Downtown and Lapa. The name of Cinelandia comes from cinema! It used to be an upscale area of the city, full of cinemas and theaters. Cinelandia also has a nickname of "**Paris Carioca**" or "**Brazilian Broadway**".

Municipal Theater: Located in Cinelandia Square, one of the most fascinating buildings of downtown Rio is without questions the Municipal Theater. This eclectic building full of golden details is almost a miniature of the Opera of Paris!

National Library: No more or no less than the biggest library of Latin America. This library is based on 60,000 books that John VI brought with him from Portugal 1808. The library has just finished a huge renovation work so it's very stunning to see from outside.

Lapa: The most bohemian neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro. Here we'll see the Carioca Aqueduct that was used to transport water from Carioca River until to Carioca Square and other parts of Downtown. Today Carioca Aqueduct is a famous landmark. We'll also catch a sight of a building that looks like a Mayan Pyramid. Not to disappoint you, but actually it's not a pyramid, but the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Sebastian of Rio de Janeiro.

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Selarón Stairs: The final stop of the Rio de Janeiro of Downtown and Lapa, the most famous steps of the world, Selarón Stairs! More than 200 steps full of ceramic tiles from 60 countries of the world. P.m. Transfer to The Airport for your fly to Iguacu, upon arrivel transfer to the selected hotel Meals Included: Breakfast



05 Day: Iguaçu Argentinean side of the Falls

With a total area of 55,500 ha, Iguaçu National Park is named after the river that marks its northern boundary. There, in the midst of a lush sub-tropical jungle, is majestic Iguaçu Falls, one of the planet's largest and most spectacular on account of the river's powerful flow and its more than 275 drops. You will venture into the midst of its drops and falls, following a pathway of raised footbridges, thereby being able to appreciate this wonder from many different angles. The lower circuit puts you so close to the water that you will feel a part of nature and the constant mist will cool you off. At the top circuit, you will stop at different lookouts, climbing until you reach the incredible " Garganta del Diablo ", Devil's Throat, undoubtedly the most spectacular of all the falls, whose waters drop more than 80 meters.

Option 1: River adventure – 12 minutes (Argentina)

Your river adventure begins at the docks located at the end of the lower circuit, across from San Martin Island, where a powerful speed boat await to take you into the lower canyon of the Iguaçu River and to circle the island until you reach the base of Tres Mosqueteros Drop, where you will be able to see drops on both the Brazilian and Argentine side, as well as the Garganta del Diablo. The icing on the cake is a visit to the Argentine side of the falls, where you will "baptized" at the bottom of the San Martin Drop, the largest a boat can approach. Difficulty: 100m staircase.

Option 2: The Great Adventure – 1 hour (Argentina)

In a ride that combines rainforest and falls, you will enter the lush jungle vegetation in trucks accompanied by experimented guides. After the ride, you will walk to the docks to board a boat that will take you to the lower Iguaçu River. As you shoot the rapids, you will get a great view of the drops from the haven of San Martin Island to Tres Mosqueteros Drop, including a panoramic view of the Garganta del Diablo. The boat will then circle the island until reaching the most exciting part of the trip: San Martin Drop, the largest a boat can approach.

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06 Day: Iguaçu Brasil Side - Manaus

Between 8:00-9:00 am, pick from your hotel in Puerto Iguazu or Foz de Iguazu to start half day excursion to the Iguaçu Falls. On arrival, and after taking your entrance ticket, it's time to start the excursion to the national park. In there you will board a bus that will take you to the entrance of the main circuit to the falls and the curious pink hotel, Belmond Das Cataratas. At the park, you will visit the main circuit of 1500 mts with a constant panoramic view to the falls, from here you will also see the Melia Iguazu hotel and lighthouse at the Argentinean side of the falls. At the end of the circuit, you will be so near the falls that you will end soaked by their mist. This place it's great for photos and videos!, Around 14hs, return to your hotel and transfer to the Airport for your fly to Manaus **Meals: Breakfast**



07 Day: Manaus Amazon

am you are picked up at your Manaus hotel starting the journey. The shuttle crosses the Rio Negro Bridge and brings you to the Açutuba beach. From there, we continue by fast boat along the Rio Negro river and the beautiful archipelago. On arrival at the lodge in the Anavilhanas natural reserve area, you will be welcomed and accommodated to your room. We will show you around and explain the details helpful for a comfortable stay. After lunch we will enjoy a canoe ride for piranha fishing. You will also experience the Anavilhanas islands, their animals, monkeys and with information from the guide. The group will return to the lodge along the river shortly before dinner where you may enjoy the hammocks overlooking the Rio Negro river and a cooled drink After dinner the group will leave by canoe for caiman (Alligator) night spotting. The guide will explain about the night life speciality, amazon nature and show you the different caimans. Depending on the sky, you will enjoy a ride back to the lodge with moon light and stars reflected in the river. Enjoy a good night sleep at the jungle lodge

Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch & Dinner

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08 Day: Manaus Amazon

For the early birds who like it, an early canoe trip allows to enjoy the sunrise before breakfast. After breakfast we will leave for a trekking journey through the jungle. You will learn how natives use and read the jungle, medial plants, how to communicate with the help of trees, which plants to use to protect against a Jaguar, the possibility to see animals such as jungle spiders, lizards and birds. The trekking also allows to take a swim in a little waterfall before you head back to the lodge. After lunch you will depart to visit a genuine Indian village and experience their rituals, dances and traditional clothing. If lucky, you might get invited to a dance. You are also allowed to take pictures. Your guide will be able to translate to the tribe leader if you have question. From the Indian village, the group continues to visit the unique pink dolphins in the Rio Negro. You can either stay in the water and watch them directly or swim with the pink dolphins. After these two exciting excursions, we will head back to the lodge

Dinner will be prepared at a fireplace above the river bank where you enjoy a BBQ meal The beautiful view, sound of the jungle and camp fire provide a great atmosphere while enjoying soft drinks, a beer or caipirinha if you would like to. Have a good night sleep in your room to be prepared for an exciting next day

Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch & Dinner



09 Day: Manaus Amazon

After a good morning breakfast, guests have the opportunity to go paddling in traditional wooden canoes (still used by the native Indians) and explore the small channels. This allows you to go at your own speed, have a swim or just float with the current



For those who prefer, you can also sleep-in, enjoy the veranda hammocks at the lodge, drink coffee/tea and read a book. The group will be back at the lodge shortly before lunch

After lunch, we will visit the Anavilhanas village with their friendly local families and kids. You discover some great fruits and seasonings that grow here. It's a pleasant walk along the river bank and a small, native village, that celebrates it's tradition away from a big city. We will prepare the overnight camp in the jungle, hammocks, insect nets and learn more about the forest and local nature. We will be back at the lodge so you can enjoy a shower, and get ready for dinner

After dinner, we will get ready for the overnight stay in the jungle. Take your pillow with you for a comfortable night in the hammocks. Fall asleep while listening to the sound of the jungle. It is a great and pure experience

Meals Included: Breakfast - Lunch & Dinner



10 Day: Manaus Amazon - Manaus City After returning to the lodge from your overnight jungle stay, you will enjoy your breakfast

Guests will departure for a trip in the Archipelago of Anavillhanas with the opportunity to see different birds and experience this unique natural reserve

We will be back to the lodge before lunch

afternoon (return)

After lunch we will transfer our guests back to Manaus arriving in the city around 4pm.. Please note that the order of the individual activities might change depending on weather, sky conditions or animal spottings.

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Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch



11 Day: Iguazu - Home

a.m. After Breakfast transfer to Iguaçu Airport for your fly to home by Rio de Janeiro **Meals Included: Breakfast**



Include:

- 10 Nights hotel accommodations
- All breakfasts and meals as described in the programme
- All entrance tickets applicable
- All transfers and land transportation
- Airfare Rio de Janeiro Iguacu Manaus Rio de Janeiro
- Daily tour per itinerary
- All applicable taxes
- Private Tour Leader Up End in Rio de Janeiro no extra cost but have to let me know on time
- All bilingual guided tours (English Spanish) as described in the itinerary

Not Included:

• International flights

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- Alcoholic drinks, soda or bottled mineral water
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- International or National personal telephone calls
- Meals not mentioned

Price per person in Hostal 3* DWB Occupancy: (Backpacker)

DWB: 2450\$USA

TWB: 2230\$USA

04 - 06 persons: 2150\$USA

08 - 12 persons: 2055\$USA

+ 15 persons: 2030\$USA

Hostal	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
El Misti	Copacabana	2021	2021	03
Tucan	Iguacu	2021	2021	02
Slepp Inn	Manaus City	2021	2021	01
Jungle	Manaus	2021	2021	03
Sleep Inn	Manaus City	2021	2021	01

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Price per Person in Hotel 3*: (Tourist Class)

DWB: 2530\$USA

TWB: 2320\$USA

04 - 06 persons: 2220\$USA

08 - 12 persons: 2145\$USA

+ 15 persons: 2120\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Windsor Martinique	Copacabana	2021	2021	03
Aguas do Iguacu	Iguacu	2021	2021	02
Blue Tree Premium	Manaus City	2021	2021	01
Jungle	Manaus	2021	2021	03
Blue Tree Premium	Manaus City	2021	2021	01

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Price per Person in Hotel 4*: (Firts Class)

DWB: 2645\$USA

TWB: 2430\$USA

04 - 06 persons: 2330\$USA

08 - 12 persons: 2255\$USA

+ 15 persons: 2230\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Arena Copacabana	Copacabana	2021	2021	03
Falls Iguazu H & Spa	Iguacu	2021	2021	02
Atlantica	Manaus City	2021	2021	01
Jungle	Manaus	2021	2021	03
Atlantica	Manaus City	2021	2021	01

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Price per Person in Hotel 5*: (Luxury Class)

DWB: 2990\$USA

TWB: 2755\$USA

04 - 06 persons: 2655\$USA

08 - 12 persons: 2580\$USA

+ 15 persons: 2550\$USA

Hotel	City	Arrive	Departure	Nights
Loi Suites	Copacabana	2021	2021	03
Panoramic Grand Hotel	Iguacu	2021	2021	02
Villa Amazonia	Manaus City	2021	2021	01
Jungle	Manaus	2021	2021	03
Villa Amazonia	Manaus City	2021	2021	01

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