

Brazil Discovery

Sao Paulo - Amazon Jungle - Salvador - Rio de Janeiro - Iguazu Falls

Itinerary:

DAY 01: SAO PAULO (City tour) | INC: -/-

Arrive to Sao Paulo. Transfer to your hotel.

In the afternoon we will have a City tour. Beginning with a tour through downtown (the oldest area where the city was founded), the residential area of Higienopolis, followed by another residential area, Pacaembu and its football stadium. Then the faculty of medicine (biggest in Latin America), the Butantan Institute with its snake farm and where a visit will be made, the Palace of Bandeirantes (headquarter for the state government), the Morumbi football stadium (biggest private owned stadium - 80.000 people), the elegant residential area of Jardins, the Ibirapuera Park (project of Oscar Niemeyer), Avenida Paulista (the financial center) and return to the hotel.

DAY 02: SAO PAULO / MANAOS (Amazon Jungle) | INC: B/D

Breakfast. Pick up from your Hotel Lobby and transfer to the

airport for your flight to Manaus. Arrival, transfer to the pier and boat transfer to the Lodge.

IMPORTANT: Arrival in Manaus must be before 13:00hs.

Arrival at the Amazon Ecopark Resort, check-in welcome reception with local juices after which guests will be shown to the room. Then, tour to visit the Monkey 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.

Dinner at the lodge included.

Later night tour "Alligator Spotting".

Depart lodge in paddle or motorized canoes, to appreciate the sounds of the jungle at night, with the possibility to spot small alligators (or other nightly creatures). Alligators are spotted because their eyes shine like small red lights, once the alligator is spotted by the guide spotlight, the guide will try to catch a small alligator with his own hands and bring it on to the canoe, and a brief explanation of their habitat follows. The alligator will then be safely release back to the river. (No harm is done to any of the animals). Duration: about 1 hour, a bilingual guide accompanies every group.

DAY 03: AMAZON JUNGLE | INC: B/L/D

Breakfast. During the morning a trip will also be made to the unforgettable MEETING OF THE WATER, where the fast moving

DAY 04: AMAZON JUNGLE – MANAUS / SALVADOR | INC: B

After breakfast, guests will have a morning of leisure to relax and explore the area, then transfer back to Manaus' airport. Departure flight MUST TO BE after 13:00 hs.

Flight to Salvador. Arrival in Salvador, reception at the Airport. Transfer to your hotel.

DAY 05: SALVADOR (City Tour) | INC: B

Breakfast. Today we will have an historical city tour of Salvador da Bahia. The streets of Central Salvador take tourists back to the beginnings of Brazil. Our tour begins at the Barra Lighthouse. We will then pass the Teatro Castro Alves, Forte de São Pedro and Praça Castro Alves on route to the Historical Center (Pelourinho). More than a thousand homes, churches and monuments built since the 16th century help make up the greatest collection of Baroque architectural heritage in Latin America.

Church entrance fees are not included.

Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 06: SALVADOR / RIO DE JANEIRO | INC: B

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Rio de Janeiro. Arrival in Rio de Janeiro.

Reception at the Airport. Transfer to your hotel.

DAY 07: RIO DE JANEIRO (Tour to Sugar Loaf and Corcovado Mtn.) | INC: B/L

Breakfast. In the morning, after pick up, you will do a day-long tour. Sugar Loaf and Corcovado Mountains, including the impressive Christ Redeemer statue overlooking the city should

definitely be at the top of your list, and Gray Line Rio de Janeiro is the perfect guide for your day. First thing in the morning, you'll be picked up from your hotel and taken through downtown Rio for a panoramic tour. See the Sambrodome, stop at the Metropolitan Cathedral and discover the Cinelandia Square and its wealth of historical buildings. The Municipal Theater, National Library, and National Museum of Fine Arts are all on your way as well as you head toward toward the Urca neighborhood, home of Sugar Loaf Mountain. Ride the iconic cable cars all the way up the mountain, stopping at Urca Hill and its vantage point overlooking Guanabara Bay and its islands, the Rio-Niteroi bridge and Corcovado mountain. Finish your ascent to the top of Sugar Loaf, enjoying gorgeous views of the Copacabana beach and Santa Cruz Fortress.

Enjoy lunch before you head over to the base of Corcovado Mountain via the Cosme Velho Train. Ride through the lush and dense Tijuca rainforest to the towering Christ Redeemer statue. Standing guard over the city of Rio, the statue has a fascinating history—your knowledgeable hometown guide will share all the secrets with you before you head back to your hotel.

DAY 08: RIO DE JANEIRO (Samba show with dinner) | INC: B/D

Breakfast. Today get ready for a full day of relaxation.

Pick up from your hotel at evening: "Rio nights are electric. Feel the energy in the air... your heart beats faster...music and fun are key ingredients of Rio's exciting nightlife!" This atmosphere is brought to life at Plataforma's nightly Carnival Parade!

Indulge in a traditional Brazilian Barbecue dinner featuring marinated grilled meats and local delicacies. Following dinner, enjoy prime seating for the Plataforma 1 Samba Show... an experience of live music, brilliant costumes, rhythmic drumming and unbelievable dancing!

DAY 09: RIO DE JANEIRO / IGUAZU FALLS | INC: B

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguazu Falls.

Reception at the Airport. Transfer to your Hotel.

DAY 10: IGUAZU FALLS (Argentine side Falls) | INC: B

Breakfast. After Breakfast, early in the Morning, get your cameras ready because a memorable experience awaits you as you explore this natural wonder of the world. The 200,000 year old falls span across the border of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay and are known to pour over 400,000 gallons of water a second onto the rocks below!

We will travel outside the city of Iguassu to the national park where we will spend the day exploring the falls and learning about the history and culture.

We will explore the three tiers of the park to see the falls from different vantages. The lower path leads to the base of the falls where the intense crash of the falls releases a thick mist into the air. The upper path leads to incredible panoramic views of the falls from an extensive footbridge, also an unforgettable experience.

You will be guided throughout the tour but will have lots of free time to take pictures, enjoy the nature and see the falls at your own pace.

At the end of the tour we will all meet back up for transportation back to the hotel.

DAY 11: IGUAZU FALLS (Brazilian side Falls) – END OF THE TOUR | INC: B

After breakfast pick up from your Hotel Lobby to go to the Brazilian side of the Falls, located 24 kilometers from downtown Foz do Iguaçu. Arrival to the Visitors Center, at the entrance of the Iguassu National Park, about 10 kilometers from the city center.

After passing through the Center, the visits continue, now inside the National Park, along a paved road that will take us to the magnificent Iguassu Falls. There, happens the walking tour along the catwalk measuring one kilometer of easy hike. Along this easy trek, there are several gorgeous panoramic views of the Falls and other main falls.

At the end of the tour we will all meet back up for transportation to the airport.