

SPECIAL PROGRAM: CARNIVAL IN RIO DE JANEIRO

Itinerary STARTS FEB 13, 2015:

DAY 01 (13Feb) : RIO DE JANEIRO | INC: -/-/-

Arrive to Rio de Janeiro. Transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure.

DAY 02 (14Feb) : RIO DE JANEIRO (Sambodromo & Carnival Parade) | INC: B

Breakfast. Day at leisure.

Evening at leisure.

After dinner (around 19:30hs) transfer to the Sambodromo for the Carnival Parade - Carnival main attraction is the Samba Parade Show which is something everybody has to experience at least once in life.

The Sambodromo was designed by Brazil's world-famous architect, the modernist Oscar Niemeyer. It had been purposely built for the Samba Parade and was inaugurated in 1984. It can seat around 70,000 people, which is already far too few for the ever growing Rio Carnival Parade. However, since it is under protection, it cannot be rebuilt nor expanded.

It is truly magnificent and overpowering, lit up with special effects on Samba Parade nights, filled with thousands of cheering spectators and surrounded by many other thousands of people who could not get inside.

Your tickets are for Grandstands VIP bleachers of Sectors 9 and have numbered seats. The elevated position gives you a better idea of schools as a group.

After the parade, passing midnight return transfer to your hotel.

DAY 03 (15Febr) : RIO DE JANEIRO (Half day tour to Corcovado Mtn) | INC: B

Breakfast. Morning at leisure.

At around 14:00 hs picking you up from your hotel. We'll pass the Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas (except on Sundays) on our way to reach the Cosme Velho Train cog station, which sits at the bottom of Corcovado Mountain. Here, we will take the ride up to the top, through the dense Tijuca rain forest to the 38m tall (125ft) Christ Redeemer Statue.

With a panoramic view from the top, the guide will show you the spectacular sights of Rio and the surrounding countryside for approximately 40-60 minutes.

After riding the train back down, passengers are returned to their hotels.

DAY 04 (16Feb) : RIO DE JANEIRO (Half day tour to Sugar Loaf) | INC: B

Breakfast. In the morning, after pick up, you will do a Panoramic tour of downtown Rio passing by the Sambodrome and a stopping at the Metropolitan Cathedral which was built in a pyramidal form with an internal diameter of 96 meters and a height of 80 meters.

Familiarize yourself with traditional Cinelândia Square with its historical buildings, the Municipal Theater, the National Library and the National Museum of Fine Arts. Via the Aterro do Flamengo, you will be taken to the neighborhood of Urca where one of the largest symbols of the city is located: Sugar Loaf.

You'll travel all the way to the top in two steps by cable car. The first cable car takes us to Urca Hill, a vantage point 215 meters high for which already grants beautiful views of Guanabara Bay and its islands, the Rio-Niterói Bridge and Corcovado Mountain.

From this stage, a second cable car takes us up to the top. At 395 meters we'll enjoy splendid views of Copacabana beach, the Santa Cruz fortress and several beaches of Niterói.

After riding the Cable car back down, passengers are returned to their hotels.

DAY 05 (17Feb) : RIO DE JANEIRO – END OF THE TOUR | INC: B

Breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport.

