

itinerary

brazil in a nutshell

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Rio de Janeiro	2
Iguassu Falls	2
Salvador	2



This roundtrip is ideally suited to those who have little time available but still want to get a taste of some of Brazil's natural and cultural highlights. An exciting program leads you from some of the world's most famous cities: Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, to one of the world's natural wonders: the Iguassu Falls. Brazil is full of great contrasts and this seven day roundtrip gives you just enough time to get an idea of Brazil's tremendous size and beauty.



DAY 1 | RIO DE JANEIRO

Arrival at the airport, meet-and-greet with our local, bilingual guide and transfer in private, air conditioned vehicle to the hotel. After check-in, free time to relax in vicinity of the hotel. Overnight at selected hotel.

DAY 2 | RIO DE JANEIRO

Designed for those who have a full day available and wish to visit two of Rio's main attractions, today's tour includes both Sugarloaf and Mountain. The first stage of the tour takes in a number of sites of interest in downtown Rio de Janeiro, namely the contemporary Metropolitan Cathedral, with its vast stained-glass windows and Aterro do Flamengo, a calm, spacious park with lawns and blossoming trees, offering lovely views of Rio and The Sugarloaf.



The tour then proceeds through the old Urca neighborhood towards the Sugarloaf, where a cable-car starts the steep, exhilarating 215m climb up Morro da Urca. From here, the cable-car travels high above the rugged, vegetated terrain to the Sugarloaf's 395m summit. Visitors can enjoy wonderful panoramic views over Rio de Janeiro from the top, sunsets being particularly spectacular.

After a lunch, the tour continues on to the Corcovado. Perched atop the Corcovado (Hunchback) Mountain at an altitude of 710m, the statue of Christ the Redeemer is certainly one of the world's best-known and most-visited monuments. Clad with a soapstone mosaic, the statue is also one of Rio's finest Art Nouveau monuments and at night becomes a shining landmark visible from all over the city. From the top there are breathtaking views of Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon, the Botanical Gardens, Jockey Club and Rodrigo Freitas Lagoon. A rack railway takes the visitor up to the foot of the statue, the train leaving the Cosme Velho district and climbing the steep slopes of Tijuca Forest. Located around the base of Corcovado and with many springs and waterfalls, this dense forest was proclaimed a National Park in the early sixties.



DAY 3 | IGUASSU FALLS

Morning transfer to the airport for the flight to the Iguassu Falls, meet-and-greet with the local guide and transfer to hotel. Afternoon visit to the Brazilian side of the Iguassu Falls. The excursion begins at the Iguassu National Park Visitors' center, from where tourists board a vehicle for a drive through the park's lush sub-tropical vegetation. Near the falls, visitors leave the vehicle and proceed on foot along a walkway that leads into the canyon and onto spectacular panoramic viewpoints of the falls, among which a glass elevator that climbs the cliff face for a view of the upper falls and The Devil's Throat.

The Iguassu National Park, along with its sister park in Argentina, is the most significant area of remaining rainforest in the southern cone, and, together with the cataracts, has been declared a National Heritage Site by UNESCO. Overnight at selected hotel.

DAY 4 | IGUASSU FALLS

Half day excursion to the Argentinean side of the Iguassu Falls. The excursion offers lovely views over the Iguacu Canyon, en route to the National Park. The upper walkways are visited, allowing a birds-eye view of the falls and adjoining rainforest. A highlight of this trip is a visit to a suspended platform at the edge of The Devil's Throat. Overnight at selected hotel.



DAY 5 | SALVADOR

Morning pick-up at the hotel and transfer to the airport for flight to Salvador. Early afternoon arrival, meet-and-greet and transfer to hotel in Pelourinho, the historic heart of Salvador. Overnight at selected hotel.

DAY 6 | SALVADOR

Half day historic city tour during which the tourist gets to know the characteristics of the earliest streets and architectural structures of Bahia. This fascinating tour, starts with a walk along the historical center of Salvador and a true World Heritage site, considered by UNESCO as a highlight of XVII and XVIII century colonial architecture. Clinging to steep terrain, the picturesque colonial houses and churches (such as the Igreja do São Francisco) of the Pelourinho, artistically decorated in a myriad of colors, make this enchanting part of town a must for anyone visiting Bahia.

As Pelourinho is situated on an elevated point of the city, tourists are rewarded with stunning views over the surrounding city and harbor. The subsequently proceeds through other the traditional neighborhoods such as Vitoria and Campo Grande (the square where Bahian carnivals begin and end) with a brief stop at the park and fountain of Piedade. Overnight at selected hotel.

DAY 7 | SALVADOR - BACK TO HOME

Time permitting, morning at leisure in Salvador. Transfer to airport for onwards connections.

INCLUDED:

- 2 nights Rio de Janeiro at selected hotel.
- 2 nights Iguassu Falls at selected hotel.
- 2 nights Salvador at selected hotel.
- Selected number of Nights at resort of choice in proximity to Salvador.
- Transfers as specified in air-conditioned vehicles.
- All excursions and packages listed above with English speaking guides.
- Breakfast plus all meals as specified.
- Hotel taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED:

- All domestic and long haul flights, airport taxes etc.
- All meals and excursions not listed above

The itineraries is available with different category hotels and are selected on basis of customer preference.

Due to the vastness of the country, the best way to visit Brazil is by using a "Visit Brazil Air Pass" which allows you to fly between cities.

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