



## Day 1: Fly to Brazil

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Rio de Janeiro.

## Day 2: Rio de Janeiro

**Arrive in Rio de Janeiro:** Welcome to Rio de Janeiro, the Marvelous City. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore the city on your own.

## Day 3: Rio de Janeiro

**Sightseeing tour of Rio de Janeiro:** Famous throughout history for its unparalleled natural beauty, Rio de Janeiro is emerging as a major player in the global economy. On this morning's guided tour of the city, see how its history and modernity are deeply intertwined. Visit the historic Candelária Church, born of Spanish sailors nearly 400 years ago, and the Municipal Theater, whose own evolution parallels the rise of modern Rio. Stop at the 17th-century Church of Santo Antonio before a visit to bustling Carioca Square and its aqueduct, an impressive example of colonial engineering. Finally, admire the pristine sands of Rio's first-class beaches and the distinguished Urca district on your way to the ultra-modern Cathedral of Rio de Janeiro, the colossal downtown church with room for 20,000 people.

**Cogwheel train up Corcovado Mountain:** Ride through Tijuca Forest to the top of Corcovado, the mountaintop perch of Christ the Redeemer, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. From its side, you'll see why the views of the harbor below are regarded as some of the best in the world.

**Carnaval Experience:** Participate in a Carnaval experience and learn how the city turned an annual parade into a multimillion-dollar enterprise.

**Brazilian BBQ dinner:** After a full day, enjoy the unique spices and flavors of a traditional Brazilian feast.

## Day 4: Rio de Janeiro

**Business visit:** Home to a major seaport, Brazil's state oil company and a sophisticated technological sector, Rio de Janeiro boasts a number of businesses that have achieved success on the world stage. Today, you'll go behind the scenes at one of these leading companies.

## Day 5: São Paulo

**Fly to São Paulo:** Take a short flight to São Paulo, world city.

**Sightseeing tour of São Paulo:** Your local guide introduces you to the city driving Brazil's economic progress. Start with a drive down Paulista Avenue, one of the area's most famous thoroughfares and the cradle of São Paulo's business district, and into Liberdade, home to the largest Japanese population in the world outside of Japan. As you pass through Anhangabaú Valley, you'll see why the area was so influential in the early history of the city. Then, see the headquarters of the São Paulo Stock Exchange, one of the largest in the world, and the Martinelli Building, the first skyscraper in Brazil and a symbol of the country's modernization. You'll also get a feel for the city's religious ties with visits to the impressive Cathedral of São Paulo, the São Bento Monastery and the Pátio do Colégio, a Jesuit school whose first mass marked the birth of the city. Your tour ends with a taste of culture at the Banco do Brasil Cultural Center and São Paulo's own Municipal Theater.

## Day 6: São Paulo

**Business visit:** Developments in the financial, service and manufacturing sectors have helped São Paulo blossom into a city of truly global economic significance—it now claims the 10th-largest GDP in the world. Get an inside perspective on what's driving the city's success during a visit to a leading business today.

## Day 7: São Paulo | Depart for home

**Free time in São Paulo:** Take the day to explore São Paulo at your own pace. You might choose to visit the Museo Paulista, which commemorates independent Brazil, or the Praça da Sé, the historic center of the city.

**Return flight:** Transfer to the airport and board your return flight, arriving home on Day 8.

## Day 8: Arrive home

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## Day 7: Iguazu

**Fly to Iguazu:** Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguazu. When you arrive, meet your Tour Director for this portion of your tour and transfer to your hotel, your base for exploring one of the world's most magnificent waterfalls—Iguazu Falls. Upon seeing the falls for the first time, Eleanor Roosevelt reportedly exclaimed "Poor Niagara!" With 275 falls cascading over a precipice nearly two miles wide and 262 feet high, Iguazu Falls is truly in a class of its own.

**View the falls from the Argentine side:** Take in the spectacular sights of the Argentine side of Iguazu Falls. Navigate a series of footbridges to Devil's Gorge, the highest of Iguazu's falls. Then continue on for incredible views of the Alvar Nuñez, Bosseti and Dos Hermanas waterfalls.

## Day 8: Iguazu

**View the falls from the Brazilian side:** Depart this morning for the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls. Among the many breathtaking falls here, experience the awesome power of Devil's Throat, whose 14 waterfalls drop 350 feet with such force to spray the resulting mist 100 feet into the air.

**Macuco Safari:** Travel deep into Iguazu National Park, home to more than 2,000 plant varieties and nearly 400 bird species, including toucans, parakeets and hummingbirds. Trek by foot to the banks of the Iguazu River and venture by motorboat through the Iguazu Canyon. From here, you'll have an unforgettable view of the falls as they plunge into the river below.

## Day 9: São Paulo | Depart for home

**Fly to São Paulo and return home:** This morning, return to São Paulo, where you'll check in for your overnight flight home.

## Day 10: Arrive home