



College Study Tours

BRAZIL

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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.

Sightseeing tour of Rio: Today's guided tour takes you through Colonial Rio, passing by the Metropolitan Cathedral, Pyramid Fountain, Paço Imperial and São Bento Monastery.

Day 3: Rio de Janeiro

Corcovado and beach tour: Ascend the lush slopes of Corcovado aboard a cog train. At the summit marked by the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer, enjoy breathtaking vistas of the city and beaches below.

Day 4: Rio de Janeiro

Samba school: The Carnival in Rio de Janeiro has been celebrated for centuries, and is by far the largest carnival in the world. Today you'll visit a samba school, where locals who plan to participate in the Carnival come together to create and rehearse their unique moves. Each neighborhood has a samba school, ensuring a diverse representation of Rio's culture during the Carnival. You'll learn how to move to the samba's intense beat while getting an immersive (and rare) look into how just one of Rio's many neighborhoods express their culture.

Day 5: Rio de Janeiro

Tropical island tour: Take a coastal drive southwest of Rio de Janeiro to the small fishing village of Iracuruçá (meaning stone's cross) on the beautiful Sepetiba Bay. Here you'll board a *saveiro* (two-masted schooner) and spend the day cruising the sunny emerald waters of the Costa Verde. Sit back and enjoy all the wildlife including dolphins, giant kingfishers, parrots, turtles and stingrays. The area has calm waters that make it ideal for snorkeling, swimming and canoeing. Enjoy a swim before you continue on to a tropical island for lunch.

Day 6: Rio de Janeiro

Cog-wheel train up Corcovado Mountain: Board a cog-wheel that carries you into Tijuca National Park to the top of the 2,400 feet tall Corcovado (Hunchback) Mountain. This 8,000 acre rainforest was once stripped bare of its native vegetation by coffee and sugar cane plantations. Today it remains one of the last remnants of the Atlantic Rainforest that once dominated the southern coast of Brazil. At the top stands the statue of Christ the Redeemer, one of the most famous images of Rio de Janeiro. Weighing more than 1,000 tons, the statue appears to gaze across the bay with welcoming outstretched arms. Some say it looks as if Christ is preparing to dive into the waters below. From here, you can take in a magnificent 360-degree view of Rio de Janeiro's natural beauty.

⊕ Brazilian evening: Feel the frenetic tempo of the samba during your optional Brazilian evening. Born out of the fast-paced and fashionable streets of Rio de Janeiro, the samba compels your feet to move. Shimmering costumes and thunderous accompaniment give you a glimpse into the carnival life of this electric city.

Day 7: Rio de Janeiro

Estádio do Maracanã: Tour the largest stadium in South America, an incredible venue holding more than 78,000 spectators. The arena first opened in 1950 to host the FIFA World Cup and is currently undergoing renovations, in order to host the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Day 8: Depart for home

Take the day to explore Rio at your own pace and pick up any last minute mementoes. This evening, we'll transfer to the airport where you'll check in for your overnight return flight home.

⊕ 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 8: Rio de Janeiro | Iguazu

Travel to Iguazu: Transfer to the airport for your flight to Iguazu. After your arrival, transfer to your hotel, your base for exploring one of the world's most magnificent waterfalls.

Visit Iguazu National Park: Travel deep into Iguazu National Park and take in the beauty of subtropical plants and trees, including the abundant heart-of-palm. Stop at the park museum to learn about the local flora and fauna of the tropical forest. The park is home to more than 2,000 plant varieties and nearly 400 bird species, including toucans, parakeets and hummingbirds.

Day 9: Iguazu

View the falls from the Brazilian side: Depart this morning for the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls, which boast 275 falls cascading over a precipice nearly two miles wide and 262 feet high. It's absolutely breathtaking and nearly impossible to capture on film or in words—come see for yourself.

Macuco Safari: Ride the rapids during this adventure of a lifetime. Feel the intensity of the falls and power of the river while you explore the pristine waters of Iguazu. Back on land, you'll enjoy a delicious dinner among friends.

Day 10: Iguazu

View the falls from the Argentine side: Take in the spectacular sights of the Argentine side of Iguazu Falls. Walk along the area footbridges for incredible views of the Alvar Nuñez, Bossetti and Dos Hermanas waterfalls.

Free time: Take the afternoon to explore Iguazu or simply relax in one of the most beautiful places on earth. Then, enjoy a leisurely dinner of local specialities.

Day 11: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport where you'll fly back to Rio de Janeiro and check in for your overnight return flight home.