

Incentive

Iguassu Falls, Rio de Janeiro & The Amazon



Brazilian Highlights



Sample Itinerary

Iguassu Falls / Rio de Janeiro & The Amazon, 8 nights,

Day 1: Arrival in Iguassu Falls -> Brazilian National Park

Arrival in Iguassu Falls and reception by our guide and transfer to Bourbon Das Cataratas Hotel & Resort. Our guide will be waiting with a sign with your company logo.

Iguassu Falls, located in the Parana State, is itself an attraction. Iguassu Falls is the municipality where the main tourist attractions go hand-in-hand with the most exuberant scenery provided by nature and mankind. In the "Land of the Falls", it is possible to take in the splendor of the native and man-made forests, rivers and lakes, and still in this ecological paradise, have the opportunity to shop for the most varied products, not only in Iguassu Falls but in Ciudad del Este (Paraguay) and Puerto Iguacu (Argentina) as well.



Porterage service at airport and hotel is included. The busses can also be personalized with your logo. Arrive at hotel, welcome drink and check-in.

Buffet lunch included at hotel restaurant



After lunch we will depart from hotel to visit the Brazilian side of the waterfalls, a walking tour through the walkways on the national park offering awesome view of the falls. Then we will take our bus and ride a few kilometers on the National Park until the Macuco trail. There we will board jeeps and will explore the fascinating jungle observing its exuberant flora and fauna. Arriving on the river banks we will board specially built motorboats that will take us upstream the nearest possible under the thundering

waterfalls. Return to hotel.

Welcome Dinner tonight is at a typical restaurant with folklore show.

Day 2: Iguassu Falls -> Argentinian National Park

After breakfast we will depart for visit to the Argentinian side of the waterfalls.

Transport takes visitors across the Argentinean border and ends up into the Parque Nacional del Iguazu, 40 km away from the Brazilian border. Once in Argentina, walking tour on the falls. The view are magnificent, specially the one right on top of the Devil's Throat. The river down tours let people reach the San Martin Island surrounded by breath taking ambiance (citizens of certain countries need a Visa for this tour). Lunch will be served in a typical restaurant at the Argentinian side.



Then we will visit Itaipu Damm, one of the biggest power plants in the world. Over 12.6 MW generating machinery to attend 38% of Brazilian and Paraguayan demand. The impressive civil engineering work was built by Brazilian and Paraguayans across the Paraná, 7th world's largest taking advantage of a 120 m difference of level along 200 km river course.

Dinner at hotel

Day 3 – Iguassu Falls -> Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast depart from hotel to visit the Birds Park, one of the most fascinating experience in the world. Several species of colorful birds and animals from South America and other parts of the globe. Walking through the park, by some tracks inside the native jungle, passengers have the opportunity to see and be together with some wonderful bird species.

Lunch will be at Recanto Gaucho, a typical Gaucho Ranch where a Gaucho barbeque will be served. Here we will have also the opportunity for “Cachaca” (Brazilian liqueur made of sugar cane) tasting and to see the typical life at a ranch in this three borders area. During lunch we will have animation with live music and typical Gaucho dances. While group is having lunch and fun at the Ranch our team will take care of the pre-check-in at airport which is located close by.

Transfer to airport for flight to Rio de Janeiro. Along the way to airport each passenger will receive its boarding pass (that was already printed on the pre-check-in).

Arrive in Rio, reception by our guide and transfer to Intercontinental Hotel. Arrive at the hotel, private check-in area and welcome drink. A samba trio will take care of the entertainment during check-in.

Day 4: Rio de Janeiro -> Sugar Loaf

Whoever comes to Rio de Janeiro may take months in this city without getting bored. Many tourists come to Rio to see our famous beaches, long and full of life. The most famous of them is Copacabana Beach with its 6 Km long and Ipanema the most fashionable of them all. And the longest among them all is Barra da Tijuca with its 18 Km. The city of



course has much more to offer. Places like the Pão de Açúcar (Sugar Loaf), mainly during sunset, to the Corcovado and Cristo Redentor, the mountain (709m) in which we find the famous statue of Christ the Redeemer and to the Tijuca National Park (the largest rainforest inside urban area in the world) make of Rio a unique city !! Interesting are also a stroll in the downtown area with the Avenida Rio Branco or to seat in one of Rio’s many street cafes, for a coffee, a beer or for a caipirinha (Brazilian National Drink, made of lime, sugarcane sugar, ice cubes and cachaca) with

the songs of Samba, Chorinho or Bossa Nova in the background !! Of course we can not forget to mention its wonderful restaurants with exquisite cuisine from all different Brazilian regions: one of the highlights of a visit to Rio de Janeiro.

After breakfast we will leave hotel for a citytour in Rio de Janeiro downtown area. We will pass along some of Rio’s nice beaches, visit the city commercial and banking area, pass along the Parliament, the Municipal Theatre, the Cathedral, Maracana Soccer Stadium and take the cable car up to Sugar Loaf mountain. We will be on top of the mountain by sunset, one of the most terrific sights in the world. Overnight at



Intercontinental Hotel Rio de Janeiro.

Day 5: Rio de Janeiro -> Tropical Islands



Fullday **Tropical Islands** schooner tour with lunch. Depart at 8:00 from hotel by bus for a 80 Km ride to the small fishermen town of Itacurussa. There we will board a schooner (private for our group) and explore the small paradisiac beaches on Itacurussa Bay. We will stop in one of the islands for lunch at a very interesting restaurant. Buffet with typical Brazilian food: barbequed fish chicken and beef and several choices of salad. The restaurant is located direct on the beach. A **samba group** will be taking care of the

musical entertainment over the whole day.

Day 6: Rio de Janeiro -> Corcovado

Citytour, including the southern beaches of Rio, Tijuca Forest and train to **Corcovado**. We will leave by bus at around 9:00 AM from hotel. Our tour heads first to the Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas area and stops at the Cosme Velho district where we will take the train that will take us on a 3,7 Km ride up to the top of Corcovado mountain (710m). On the top of the mountain we will see the statue of Christ the Redeemer. The mountain offers a fantastic view to Rio de Janeiro, then a panoramic tour along the southern beaches of Rio de Janeiro. We suggest a Samba Surprise Party on Tijuca Forest, incl. Caipirinha.



Gala Dinner at Casa das Canoas: Tonight we will be transferred to Casa das Canoas for cocktail, gala dinner and an exclusive private Samba Show and Carnival Ball !!!



Located right in the **heart of Tijuca forest**, the largest green space in an urban area in the world, the Casa das Canoas with its 12.000 m², is an example of the most refined Brazilian colonial architecture. After crossing its gates, the visitor feel as if they were transported to an old Rio de Janeiro where the conclusive presence of nature serves as perfect scenery for sociability among people.

Besides magical spectacle of this luxurious nature, Casa das Canoas is part of the district and city's history. The area belonged to commendatory Conrado Jacob Niemeyer. Owner

of almost all lands in the region, he built, with own resources, the way connecting Vidigal Beach to the former Gávea Beach. This road, nowadays know as Niemeyer Avenue, was donated by him to the city by 1916 and constitutes one of the main connecting ways between important Rio de Janeiro's districts.

It was also Jacob Niemeyer the one that was in charge of the building of the only church in São Conrado, donating at that time a sculpture of Saint Conrad brought from Germany. This sculpture was responsible for the districts current name and can be admired, until now, inside the church.

Still belonging to commendatory's descendent the renowned Niemeyer family, the Casa das Canoas is, for all that, part of Rio de Janeiro living history. Build with construction material proceeding from Old Rio and decorated with pieces of art and antique furniture, the visitors have then the feeling of returning to the past at the same time that feel refreshed by the rare and intimate contact with nature.

After **1 hour cocktail party** and the **4-course gala dinner (including mineral water, soft drinks, beer and domestic wine unlimited)**, there will be a **private samba show** and **carnival ball** with performance of a Carnival group with mullatas, samba players, moderator, **lambada presentation**, a **show of Brazilian folklore dancers**, presentation of famous carnival deluxe costumes. A total of about 18 performers. After the show (around mid-night) return to hotel (this option can be replaced by dinner and show at Aprazível restaurant, see below).

Day 7: Rio de Janeiro -> Manaus (The Amazon)

Arrive in Manaus, reception by our guide and transfer to the pier located at the Tropical Hotel, on the riverbanks of Rio Negro. A stylized indian will welcome our group at the pier



giving them indian made necklaces. We will board our private regional boat and be transferred to the Amazon Eco Park. The total time of the transfer is of about 1 hour (30 minutes by bus from airport to pier and 30 minutes by boat until the Amazon Eco-Park).

Manaus, capital of the state of Amazonas, is the largest state in Brazil. It is also the ideal point of departure for visiting the rest of the Amazon region. Tour boats leave Manaus to see the Meeting of the Waters, where the black waters of the Negro River meet the light waters of the Solimoes River, flowing side by side without mixing for several miles. Visitors can also explore river banks and "igarapes", swim and canoe in placid lakes or simply walk in the lush forest. The most adventurous may even choose to spend a night or two in the jungle in close contact with nature.



Located in the midst of lush jungle, just half an hour by boat from Manaus, the Eco-park has an educational and research center open to all those interested in discovering the rainforest and all its wonders. Air conditioning bungalows with private baths built in perfect harmony with nature. Home comfort a most exotic setting. It offers 60 rooms, 2 restaurants that can accommodate up to 300 people. The Eco-park is known for its unique and pioneer course of survival in the rainforest: bilingual guides with ample knowledge of the area will teach you how and where to find edible fruits and potable water, learn first aid, to build a shelter, to make bridges of ropes, to find your way in the forest and so much more.



dinner and overnight.

Arrive at the Eco-Park, check in, welcome drink made of typical local fruits, Visit to Monkey Jungle !! Return to Amazon Eco-Park,

Day 8: Amazon Eco-Park Jungle Lodge

After breakfast we will explore the jungle on a Jungle Nature Hike, our guide will give us some explanations on how to survive in this fascinating environment. Return to Amazon Eco-Park where a typical regional lunch will be waiting for us. In the afternoon depart to visit to Home of local Amazonian how people got adapted to live in have one of the highlights of our will try to catch the terrific Piranha, Meeting of the Waters. Dinner (for our "chef" of cuisine will prepare a piranhas caught in the afternoon. for an alligator spotting tour.



residents where we will see the Amazon. Then we will tour. A fishing trip, where we along the way to the those looking for exotic taste delicious soup with the After dinner we will depart Overnight.

Day 9: From the Amazon back home



After breakfast, transfer back to Manaus airport. Along the way we will explore a bit of Manaus: Visit to some typical neighborhoods in Manaus with a little stop at the Rio Negro Palace, where the local Mayor lives and where we can appreciate its architecture. Then, visit to the Indian Museum, where we can see some of the tradition, objects and costumes used by locals. Then we will visit the famous Amazon Opera House and head towards the airport for our flight back to Rio de Janeiro (or Sao Paulo) and connection flight back home.

Suggested Restaurants for lunch and dinners:

Rio de Janeiro:

Marius Barbeque Restaurant (located on Copacabana Beach), very nice restaurant with charming decoration and excellent barbequed food

Rio's Barbeque Restaurant (located on Botafogo Bay, with view to the Sugar Loaf), excellent barbeque restaurant – one of the best in Rio – with exquisite decoration and excellent service

Barril 1800 (located on Ipanema Beach), very nice restaurant with international food and Brazilian dishes in the most sophisticated and fashionable beach in the metropolitan area of Rio de Janeiro, excellent service and food

Confeitaria Colombo, traditional café with excellent buffet service; in colonial style in the heart of the historic part of Rio de Janeiro

Marius Crustaceos (located on Copacabana Beach), wonderful sea food restaurant (just like in the barbeque places, the system here is also the eat-as-much-as-you-can at a flat rate), includes shrimps, fish, squid, lobster, etc..., excellent service

Aprazivel, cozy restaurant in the elegant and intellectual district of Santa Tereza on Rio de Janeiro hights. The Aprazivel has typical Brazilian food (including fish made in the Northeast way and meat made in the South of Brazil way), excellent services and offer an awesome view of Rio de Janeiro. This is one of the best restaurants in town and a good “budget” combination with a Carnival Show for a welcome or farewell Gala Dinner. Santa Tereza is the place in town where we find many artists and their ateliers. As well as film makers and people of the cult scene.

For roundtrip transfers to any of the above restaurants, please add USD 15,00 p/person. (transfers not to be quoted in case restaurant is insert in any of the above excursions).

Additional for beverages during lunch or dinner: A basic package (open bar) with mineral water, soft drinks, beer, 1 caipirinha (the National Brazilian drink) and ½ bottle of wine during meals in Rio de Janeiro costs:

- At restaurants: **USD 10,00 p/pax.**
- During Tropical Islands excursion: **USD 12,00 p/person.**

(above restaurant rates can either be added to a citytour or excursion rate for lunch, or please add USD 15,00 p/person for transfer from hotel and back).

Add-ons:

Towels with Company Logo:

Caps with Company Logo:

T-Shirts with Company Logo:

Caipirinha-Kit in wooden made box with Company Logo:

Samba Cds // Bossa Nova Cds:
Tucan made with semi-precious stones:

Stickers for the CDs and Caipi-Kits with
Company Logo: free of charge.

Tags for marking reserved tables with
Company Logo: free of charge.

Bus and airport signs with Company Logo free of charge.

Stamped postcards made with group picture with
the Sugar Loaf on the background and
Company Logo (150 postcards // minimum)

Additional stamped postcard:
(the picture is taken on first day, during transfer in
and postcards delivered to participants, so they
still have time to send the postcards out of Rio,
before end of the trip).

(Company Logo to be sent us by e-mail).