

# Incentive Rio de Janeiro



## Sample Itinerary

## Rio de Janeiro Program, 6 nights, New Year in Rio de Janeiro.

### **Day 01: Arrival in Rio de Janeiro**

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.

Arrival in Rio de Janeiro international airport, meet and greet by our English speaking guide and transfer to your hotel. Upon arrival we will have a separate check-in area at hotel and a samba trio will take care of the entertainment during check-in.

In the Evening we suggest a Welcome Dinner at hotel pool area, including cocktails before dinner.

### **Day 02: 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 03: Rio de Janeiro



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 04: Rio de Janeiro

Brazilian buffet breakfast at hotel. Day at leisure : relax at Intercontinental Hotel excellent pool area, enjoy the beach or for optional activities. Our guides will be at disposal at the hospitality desk at hotel.

In the evening, it is party time !! One of the biggest events in the world gathering over 2 Million people on Copacabana Beach. We suggest group to take part on one of the parties at one of the five star hotels located on Copacabana beach. Our suggestion is the JW Marriott, central located, offering complete view of the festivities from the pool area. The Marriot (as many other of the hotels on Copacabana Beach) has a party on the roof area, with gala dinner, beverages included, music for dancing and a Brazilian show (transfer to/from JW Marriott is included). It is going to be a long and exciting evening. Alternately we can use one of the restaurants located on Copacabana Beach. They all have New Year Gala Dinner with prices ranging from USD 100,00 per person.

Happy New Year !

### Day 05: Rio de Janeiro

Brazilian buffet breakfast at hotel. We suggest today to be at leisure to rest from the long evening before, relax at Intercontinental Hotel excellent pool area, enjoy the beach or for optional activities. Our guides will be at disposal at the hospitality desk at hotel.

### Day 06: Rio de Janeiro

**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.



**Farewell 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 m<sup>2</sup>, 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 reinvigorated 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 at Aprazível restaurant, see below).

**Day 07: Rio de Janeiro**

Brazilian buffet breakfast at hotel. Day at leisure. Transfer to airport for 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.

**Suggested 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).**