



Historic tour around Brazil

Recife / Olinda / Salvador / Ouro Preto / Mariana / Congonhas / São João Del Rei / Tiradentes / Barra do Piraí – Valença / Paraty / Rio de Janeiro



Day 1 – Recife

Arrival at the airport and transfer to Golden Tulip Recife Palace Hotel. Day at leisure.

Day 2 – Recife

After breakfast, departure to a cultural tour in Recife, visiting the Museum of the Northeast Man, designed by Gilberto Freyre, Ricardo Brennand Institute, with its remarkable collection of more than two thousand works of the prominent artist and Atelier Francisco Brennand. Following we will visit the Government House, Republic Square, the Golden Chapel and Cachaçaria Carvalheira, where we have the opportunity to taste good “cachaças”. After the tour, return to hotel. Overnight.

Day 3 – Recife / Olinda

After breakfast, we depart to a Panoramic tour passing by Boa Viagem's beach, the center with its colonial districts, its old churches, its rivers and bridges. In Olinda, the "Humanity Cultural Monument" (tkr not included) with its convents, narrow streets and colorful houses. From "Alto da Sé" you have the most beautiful view of Recife, its islands and deep blue water. After the tour, transfer to Pousada Sete Colinas, in Olinda.

Day 4 – Olinda / Salvador

Breakfast. Morning at leisure. Transfer to Recife airport to take the flight to Salvador. Arrival in Salvador and transfer to Solar do Carmo. Overnight.

Day 5 – Salvador

After breakfast, a full day tour to meet Salvador and its history. We start in the modern suburb of Barra at the mouth of the Bay with its famous lighthouse and make our way slowly by car or coach to the old historical section of town, the Pelourinho area with the largest and best preserved complex of colonial architecture in the Americas. We stroll through the narrow, bustling streets lined with buildings of an age gone by, soaking in the sights and sounds of this vibrant city. We visit the church of São Francisco with its exuberant gold-leafed Baroque interior and the Pelourinho square, the heart of the old town. After lunch, we will visit the lower city, which takes us to the quiet waters of the Itapagipe Peninsula where the first holiday residences were built. Now a peaceful family district, life moves at a slower pace than the bustling upper city. Fishermen fish from dugout canoes, locals collect shell fish at low tide, schooners are at anchor, all protected by the famous Bonfim church, one of the most important churches of pilgrimage in Brazil and deeply syncretised with the Candomblé. We continue to the Monserrat district with its panoramic view of the city and on to the Mercado Modelo, a thriving market for local artefacts. Return to the hotel and overnight.



Day 6 - Salvador

Day at leisure. Tour by night at Miguel Santana Theatre (closed on Sundays and Tuesdays). The Bahia Folklore Company (Balé Folclórico da Bahia) is one of the most respected folklore dance troupes in the world. The company performs in the intimate Miguel Santana Theatre in the Pelourinho in a seamless presentation of the multiple African traditions that underpin Bahian culture. We will see the sacred dances of the Candomblé; puxada de rede, a song by fishermen in honor of Yemanjá, the goddess of the sea; maculelê, an acrobatic stick and sword dance with origins in the cane fields; capoeira, a martial art/dance of Angolan origin and the samba de roda, a spinning, swirling version of this exuberant national dance. Dinner at a local restaurant. Return to the hotel and overnight.

Day 7 – Salvador / Belo Horizonte

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to take the flight to Belo Horizonte. Arrival and transfer to **Liberty Palace Hotel**. Overnight.

Day 8 – Belo Horizonte / Ouro Preto

Transfer from Confins Airport to Belo Horizonte. Lunch at Dona Lucinha Restaurant specialized "mineiros food". City Tour in Belo Horizonte with visit to the Pope Square, the Liberty Square and the Pampulha Complex with panoramic view of Mineirao and Mineirinho Stadium. Transfer to Ouro Preto first city of Brazil considered a WORLD HERITAGE BY UNESCO, check-in in the Pousada Minas Gerais or Ancanjo Hotel. Overnight in Ouro Preto with free dinner.



Day 9 – Mariana / Ouro Preto

Breakfast and transfer to the first city of Minas Gerais, called Mariana, followed by city tour and visit to Basílica da Sé Main Cathedral. Optional tour at the Passagem Mine. Lunch at Chafariz Restaurant in Ouro Preto. In the afternoon, city tour in Ouro Preto with visit to Mineralogy Museum, São Francisco de Assis Church and Casa dos Contos. Dinner at Deguste Restaurant. Overnight in Ouro Preto.

Day 10 – Ouro Preto / Congonhas / São João Del Rei / Tiradentes

Breakfast and transfer to Tiradentes, passing through Congonhas. Visit to Basílica Bom Jesus de Matozinhos, Passos Chapel and Prophets. The journey continues to São João Del Rei with visit to São Francisco de Assis Church and panoramic tour at the city. Lunch at Villeiros Restaurant. After lunch, arrival in Tiradentes and visit to Matriz de Santo Antônio, Padre Toledo Museum and São José Fountain. Overnight in Tiradentes in Pousada Villa Allegra.

Day 11 – Tiradentes / Barra do Piraí

Breakfast. Check out and transfer to Barra do Piraí. Lunch at Graal restaurant in Juiz de Fora. After lunch, transfer to Barra do Piraí – Ponte Alta Hotel Farm. Foreseen arrival at 04:00pm. Dinner at Ponte Alta Farm Overnight at Ponte Alta Hotel Farm. Night free.



Day 12 – Barra do Piraí / Paraty

Breakfast at the Farm. Free morning to enjoy the farm beauties from the times of the coffee cycle. Lunch at the Farm. Transfer to Paraty. Foreseen arrival at 05:00pm. Accommodation at Pousada do Corsario. Overnight.

Day 13 – Paraty

Day at leisure to relax. Opportunity to to make a good schooner tour in a clear and warm water. Perfect for swimming and snorkeling!

Day 14 – Paraty / Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast, transfer to Rio de Janeiro. Accommodation at South American Hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight.

Day 15 – Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast, transfer to downtown for an unusual walking tour which gives the visitor a feeling for the legends and stories woven around the narrow streets and old historical buildings of downtown Rio. The walk includes a visit to many interesting points, such as the São Bento Monastery, Candelária Church, Praça XV, the "Travessa do Mercado", Imperial Palace ('Paço Imperial'), the cultural center located in the beautifully-restored Banco do Brasil, the Casa França-Brasil, Ouvidor Street and Gonçalves Dias Street with the traditional Colombo Coffee Shop. The walk continues on down Uruguaiana Street, Carioca Square, and up to the Metropolitan Cathedral where passengers will meet the transportation that will take them back to their hotels. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight.



Day 16 – Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast, departure in a tour to Corcovado and Sugar Loaf, the two largest tourist attractions in Rio. The tour starts with a visit to Christ Statue at Corcovado mountain taking the cog train through the luxuriant rain Forest. Enjoy the spectacular views of Rio and the surrounding countryside. After the morning tour, relax and enjoy lunch at Estrela do Sul Restaurant (BBQ). In the afternoon, join the Sugar Loaf tour, driving by downtown Rio, with its fine colonial-style portuguese buildings, and continuing on to the cable car at Praia Vermelha (Red Beach). A ride to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain gives the visitor a wonderful view of the city nestling between the mountains and the sea, and the sight of the sun going down over Copacabana beach is magical. After riding down the cable car, our coach returns passengers to their hotels. Overnight.

Day 17 – Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to take the flight back home.

The itinerary include:

- Transport in executive vehicle (Car, van, micro-bus or bus);
- Transfer Bus Station / Hotel / Bus Station in Ouro Preto in van or micro;
- Bilingual guide during all itinerary;
- Lodging with breakfast in hotels mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals described in the itinerary;
 - o Coliseu Restaurant in Salvador during city tour
 - o Uauá Restaurant in Salvador during by night tour
 - o Dona Lucinha in Belo Horizonte
 - o Chafariz in Ouro Preto
 - o Vilheiros in São João Del Rei
 - o Graal in Juiz de Fora
 - o Fazenda Ponte Alta in Barra do Piraí
 - o Churrascaria Estrela do Sul in Rio de Janeiro
- Driver's and guide's expenses with meals;
- Lodging with full board at União Farm.

The itinerary not include:

- Drinks during the meals;
- Visitation fees to monuments not mentioned in the itinerary;
- Extras expenses;

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