



1 Day - Rio De Janeiro

Arrival and transfer to selected Hotel, Excelsior Copacabana or similar. Accommodation and departure to Visit Corcovado (open: daily 9am-7pm). The statue of Cristo Redentor (Christ Redeemer), with arms outstretched over the bay, then passing by Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Glória do Outeiro (Gloria Church on the Hill; open: Tues-Fri 9am-noon, 1-5pm, Sat-Sun 9am-noon) dated from 1739. During the 19th century, the Imperial family attended Sunday Mass here. Inside, the church's walls are decorated with handsome old Portuguese *azulejos* (blue-and-white decorative tiles), and Mestre Valentim decorated the wooden altar. The church today is fashioned for wedding. Proceed for lunch in a *churrascaria* (barbecue house) restaurant. Return to Hotel. Overnight.

Day 2 - Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast and departure to Historic Center, visiting some churches, the Igreja de Nossa Senhora do Carmo (Carmelite Church: open Mon-Fri 8am-2pm, Sat 8am-noon) the second church is Igreja da Ordem Terceira do Monte do Carmo (open Mon-Fri 8am-2pm, Sat 8am-noon). Across the street, with its entrance at Rua Primeiro de Março, is the church of Santa Cruz dos Militares (built in 1780-1811 - baroque style). The next church is cathedral-sized Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Candelaria (open: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat-Sun 9am-1pm), and proceed to visit Igreja and Mosteiro de São Bento (St. Bento Church and Monastery; open daily 7-11am, 2-6pm, {www.osb.org.br}). Stop for taking a break, lunch *Confeitaria Colombo* (open: Mon-Fri 8:30 am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm) offers a delicious buffet. Return to hotel. Overnight.

Day 3 - Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast and immediately departure to visit Capela de São Pedro de Alcantara (built in 1854-Urca) following Sugar Loaf, 396m above sea level you can read much of Rio like a map. The simplest way to reach the top of Sugar Loaf is aboard an aerial cable car, which makes the journey in two stages. On the top you have a good panoramas over Rio, view of Botafogo and Guanabara Bay across to Niteroi. A brief stop to visit. The Igreja N.S.Do Brasil (built in 1929 neocolonial style). Return to Hotel, lunch (map). Overnight.

Day 4 - Rio de Janeiro / São Paulo

Breakfast and transfer out to Airport, bound to São Paulo. Arrival and transfer to Blue Tree Hotel. Accommodation and day at leisure. Overnight.

Day 5 - São Paulo

Breakfast and departure by bus to Aparecida do Norte and Guaratingueta, the major Basilica in Brazil, N.Sra Aparecida. Mass at Basilica. Proceed to Guaratingueta, lunch and visit to Frei Galvão (declared Saint by the Pope) House. Visit to The Igreja Nossa Senhora da Graça. Those tours takes 10 hours. Return in the afternoon to São Paulo and overnight in Hotel.

Day 6 - São Paulo / Belo Horizonte / Congonhas / São João Del Rey / Tiradentes

Breakfast and departure in a morning flight from São Paulo to Belo Horizonte. Arrival in Belo Horizonte and proceed the journey to Congonhas (85 km).

Congonhas contains important works from the Golden Age of Brazil. The main points of interest are Aleijadinho's sculptural masterpieces of the twelve Prophets, carved in soapstone and his sculptural representation of the *Via Crucis* (Stations of the Cross), done in polychromatic woodwork. The set of life-sized sculptures is Brazil's greatest artistic treasure. **Proceed to São João del Rei** - 100 km.

São João del Rei: The settlement was founded in 1703, when gold was discovered in the area. Being at the junction of the various roads that cut across the interior on the *Capitania*, São João always fulfilled important

functions, such as the political center and commercial axis. Significant urbane and religious architecture developed there, accumulating an excellent cultural collection.

Highlights: *Churches of Pilar (1721), Carmo (1733) and São Francisco de Assis (1749)
Lunch *Restaurante Quinto do Ouro* (Regional buffet food).

Proceed to Tiradentes - 15 km. Overnight Pousada Villa Allegra.

7 Day - Tiradentes (lunch) / Transfer to Ouro Preto

09h00 - HD City Tour with lunch at *Taberna Padre Toledo* (Regional buffet food).

Tiradentes

It was the first settlement in the Rio das Mortes region when gold was found in 1702. Tiradentes, who was born here, became our national hero while participating in the Inconfidência Mineira (1789), a republican liberation movement in Minas Gerais that was repressed by the Portuguese.



Highlights: * Church of Santo Antonio (1710); * Museum of Padre Toledo; * Fountain of São José das Botas (1749)

Transfer to Ouro Preto -180 km. Overnight *Pousada Clássica*.

8 Day - Ouro Preto

FD tour + lunch *Casa dos Contos Restaurant* (Regional buffet food).

Ouro Preto: Founded in 1698, Ouro Preto is the masterpiece of colonial architecture in Brazil. Declared by UNESCO as a "Cultural Patrimony of Mankind". Due to its distance from the coast and the exhaustion of the mines after 1789, it is the one town in Brazil to remain as an outstanding artistic and architectural example of that era. Along the same period, there developed liberation movements inspired by the Illuminism ideas and the concrete example of the American Revolution.

9 Day - Ouro Preto/Mariana/ Belo Horizonte/Recife

Mariana: The enchanted city, founded in 1696, was, for a short time the capital of State of Minas Gerais. It was originally called Royal Village of Our Lady of Carmel. In 1745 it received its present name which was in honor of Queen Maria Ana.

A walk down its picturesque streets allows you to see houses which date from the beginning of the XVIII century, with their balconies of wood, iron and even soapstone.



Optional Visit the Gold Mine (rate upon requested).

Lunch at *Clube do Ouro Restaurant* (Regional buffet food).

Arrival and reception at the Airport transfer to Hotel selected, Blue Tree Towers Recife.

Day at leisure. Overnight.

10 Day – Recife / Olinda

Breakfast and departure to visiting the churches. Return to hotel and overnight.

11 Day - Recife

Breakfast and departure to transfer to Airport.

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