



Sapphire

Fortaleza, Cumbuco, Canoa Quebrada, Natal, Pirangi, Jacumã, João Pessoa, Igarassu, Itamaracá e Olinda, 8 days.

Day 1 (Sun) - Fortaleza / City Tour / Cumbuco

Morning visit to the city including: the coast road with the Iracema Meireles and do Futuro beaches; the Art and Popular Culture Museum, Cultural Metropolitan (Metropolitan Culture Centre), Fortaleza Nossa Senhora (XVII Century), the José de Alencar Theatre and the Tourism Centre, where it is not possible to resist the purchase of local artisan craft in wood, ceramic, and “fillet” and “labyrinth” lace work. The principal attraction of the Cumbuco beach is its dunes with their fine white sand. Here everybody has a buggy trip and goes esquibunda, Ceará’s most popular sport, where one boards - seated or standing - down the dunes. The buggy trips can be “with or without excitement”, be prepared to negotiate dunes of up to 10 metres in height. **Overnight in Fortaleza.**



Day 2 (Mon) - Fortaleza / Canoa Quebrada

Morning visit to Canoa Quebrada with its dunes of very fine sand, white faults extending like a wall facing the sea and warm waves. lunch under canvas on the coast after passing an unforgettable day. **Overnight in Canoa Quebrada**



Day 3 (Tues) - Galinhos / Natal

Morning trip to Galinhos, peninsula surrounded by dunes, salt-pan and river. After passing an unforgettable day on to Natal. **Overnight in Natal**



Day 4 (Weds) - Natal / City Tour / Pirangi

Morning visit to the city, including the Potengi Palace, the Cathedral, Ladeira do Sol, Praia dos Artistas Artists’ Beach), Fort of the Three Kings (biblical), The Capitol Column... Along the modern Coast Road, a visit to Ponta Negra (Black Point). A trip to Pirangi, where is the largest cashew tree in the world. **Overnight in Natal.**

Day 5 (Thurs) - Natal / Jacumã

The beach 32kms north of Natal offers optimum bathing conditions as the sea is calm and clear. Jacumã also offers a complex of fixed and moving white and golden sand dunes where tourists can have an emotional ramble and also (optional) visit the Jacumã Lake set amongst the dunes where the famous sports of “aeribunda” and skibunda” (seated boarding) can be enjoyed. There is an excellent menu to choose from at the Naf-Naf restaurant in Jacumã, on the coast. This is the most charming place on the Northern Littoral!!! **Overnight in Natal**





Day 6 (Fri) - Natal / João Pessoa

Morning departure for the Paraíba capital, complete with antiquities such as churches, museums, cultural centres, parks and old buildings. The Santa Rosa Theatre in Pedro Américo Square is one of the four oldest theatres in Brazil (1888). The St. Francisco Cultural Centre (1589) took almost 200 years to complete. Its Baroque group is made up of the church of St. Francisco, the convent of St. Antônio and the Popular Culture Museum, which has permanent exhibitions on folklore, xylographs and sacred art. There will be a visit to the Ilha de Areia Vermelha (the isle of the red sand) for bathing and to see the sunset on the Praia do Jacaré (Jacaré beach). Overnight in João Pessoa.

Day 7 (Sat) - João Pessoa / Igarassu / Itamaracá

Igarassu, 39kms from Recife, is located in the region where the first exploration during the Portuguese colonization took place. It is notable, also, for its religious festivals, such as the Buscada (search) de St. Gonçalo do Amarante and for the Saints Cosme and Damião, whose church is the oldest still standing in Brazil (1535). We will visit Itamaracá Island and Orange Fort, from where we can cross over to Coroa do Avião to enjoy bathing and delicious seafood. **Overnight in Recife**



Day 8 (Sun) - Recife / Historic Tour / Olinda

Visit to the city, including the beach, Boa Viagem church, the Capibaribe and Beberibe Rivers and the Capela Dourada (Golden Chapel). Trip to the Forte das Cinco Pontas (the Five Points Fort), Ruas (streets) do Sol and da Aurora (Old Recife), Forte do Brum (Brum Fort), Pátio de St. Pedro, Campo das Princesas, the Maurício de Nassau Bridge (the oldest in Brazil). Visit to the city of Olinda - Historic and artistic monument (said title awarded by UNESCO), the Heights and church da Sé (1537), the old slave market, the steep streets and convent of St. Francisco (1585).

2009 REGULAR DEPARTURES: JAN 04th / FEB 01st / MAR 01st / APR 05th / MAY 03rd / JUN 07th / JUL 05th / AUG 02nd / SEP 06th / OCT 04th / NOV 01st / DEC 06th

Hotels used in the quote*:

FOR – Hotel praiano / C.Q. – Pousada Sete Mares / GALINHOS – Peixe Galo NAT – Rifóles / JPA – Hardman / REC - Marante

Remarks:

01. The site visits and nights of hotels of the mentioned cities in this program may change accordingly to the sea levels variation and also tropical rain as well; or due any specific reason that someplace is closed;
02. Hotels mentioned are subject to availability and might be change for similar category
03. Breakfast included in all hotels mentioned. (other meals are NOT included)
04. NOT INCLUDED: entrance fees, buggy, rafts, schooner, catamarans, security insurances, extra expenses in hotels, flights, TFR in/out, or any service not mentioned. (find below prices for the entrance and tickets)
05. Portuguese, Spanish and English speaking guide full time in the bus for more than 30 pax's. Portuguese and English speaking local guide when in the micro-bus for less than 20 pax's.
06. Deluxe air conditioned new buses are used in the whole. Micro-buses with air conditioned are used when group is less than fifteen pax's;
07. Baggage allowance: 1(one) bag per pax (nor exceeding 20x 50x 70)
08. CHD under 4 years old is free; under 10 years old pays 50% (when together with 02 adults).