



**PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL
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RIO DE JANEIRO AND SALVADOR**

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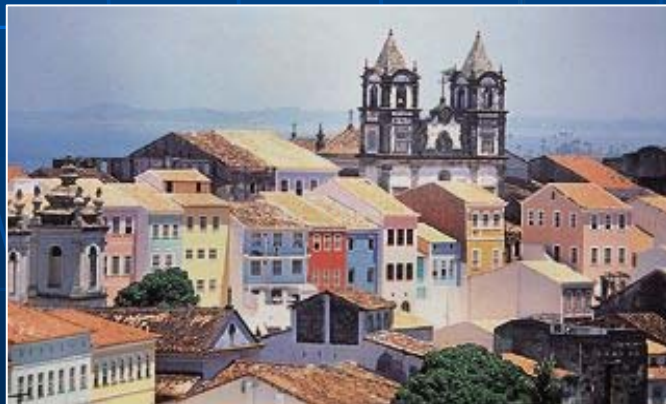
Brief Introduction to the destination

There are cities whose secrets can be told in few words - others, one is unable to image without the aid of pictures. One has to sketch their profiles and color them. With Rio de Janeiro, it is even more difficult. Its color and profile are unique in the world. There is no way to describe such a wealth of sensations. Rio de Janeiro - a city of contrasts. Contrasts of color, of life styles and dazzling scenery that will always fascinate and make one long to be there. Rio de Janeiro is a city sculptured in space that sits capriciously on a thin strip of land between the mountains and the sea. Its horizontal dimensions and hills provide a unique vertical perspective. Every segment of the landscape is different: on the ocean side of the city islands reflect the sun the other side is bounded by a forest with its lush greenery. Winding through the midst of all this, the city, with its avenues and skyscrapers. Rio is the capital of happiness, the sun washed city of Carnival, built around the most beautiful bay in the world. A popular song calls Rio "the wonderful city" and Stephan Zweig wrote: "The beauty of this city is unexplainable".....



SALVADOR - BAHIA

Bahia situated on the NE coast of Brazil is a lovely tropical state with white sandy beaches, coconut groves, golden sunshine, refreshing blue sea and great weather year round. It is the heart of Brazil. Once the economic, cultural and political center of the South Atlantic. Bahia is colonial, modern and mystical. White settlers from Europe, black slaves from Africa, along with the native Indians built a harmonious life, which still prevails today. Salvador / The Saviour - capital of Bahia was the first capital of Brazil. It is divided into 2 - "Lower City" at sea level contains the old port and commercial district - "Upper City" is reached by stone steps and the Lacerda elevator, it contains the old government buildings, residential district, museums and churches. Salvador and its many beaches are there to be discovered and enjoyed. There are enough churches for each day of the year; majestic and simple: made of gold, silver and stone like the São Francisco and Senhor do Bonfim. There are many museums like the Costa Pinto, which portray the art, customs and life of the past. Fortresses built centuries ago in medieval style still stand. Pelourinho is considered the most important architectural setting in the world that has completely restored recently. Bahia is a unique architectural monument, with its old mansions and houses. The warmth of the "Baianos" and their openness is evident. People of mixed blood - mulattos - the result of an incredible mixture of races: black, white and Indian. Religious festivals like the Capoeira, a dance game originated from the slaves using a musical bow "berimbau", are fascinating. Bahia is known as the Land of All Saints. It is characterized by its profound and multiple religious beliefs specially Catholicism and Candomblé. Bahia is a fantastic mixing of religions, which constitutes a great part of Bahian soul.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SUGGESTION

DAY 01 – FLIGHT TO RIO DE JANEIRO - BRAZIL

DAY 02 – RIO DE JANEIRO

Participants of the group will be met by our uniformed, bi-lingual guides at the International airport of Rio de Janeiro, right after customs clearance. The transfer time with our deluxe air-conditioned motor coaches to the hotel Copacabana Palace will take approximately 35 minutes max., depending on the traffic conditions of this arrival day. En route, our guides will welcome all participants on behalf of the groups sponsor shall also give some basic briefs about the city and the Hotel.

Optional suggestions on gimmicks for the arrival at airport and transfer:

Option 1: After custom formality, participants will proceed to the arrival hall where the group could be also welcomed by a dancer, dressed as “Carmen Miranda...” – the famous Brazilian icon and hand out good luck charms to all participants, while our staff handles the transportation of their luggage to their respective motor coach.

Option 2: ...To get a flair of the ‘samba spirit’.. We also suggest a surprise appearance of a samba dancer, dressed in a typical, colorful carnival costume – which welcomes participants during the arrival transfer...
Actually, the dancer would be hidden in the restroom of the motor coach and suddenly appears during their transfer drive to the hotel, offering participants a glass of champagne while samba music would start to play via the PA system of the coach.....

Arrival at the Hotel and Check in

Upon arrival at the Hotel Copacabana Palace, the group will be directed to a private area and while serving a welcome drink, the check-in formalities will take place:

room keys will be ready in alphabetical order of participants’ names

Luggage will be distributed directly to their rooms

If you could pass us on the participants personal data, such as: full name, address, passport number, nationality and age – in return we could prepare their hotel registration forms and guests are then kindly only requested to sign.

CHECK-IN time at hotel: check in time is at 02:00 PM and to have the rooms guaranteed for early arrivals, the hotel can apply an additional charge of 50% to 100% of a daily room rate, depending on the exact time of arrival at the hotel and their respective occupancy.

Therefore, for early morning arrivals we certainly recommend to check this item carefully, as after a long intercontinental flight it is very advisable to have the room ready upon arrival at the hotel.

After check-in hotel reminder of morning at leisure to relax...

Lunch at the hotel – which can be taken during a pre-set period of time, either at the main restaurant of the hotel or can be also ordered via room service, according to the individual preference of participants. 16:00 – PM Depart hotel for:



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- Visit of Sugar Loaf followed by a welcome dinner at ‘Porção’, a typical Brazilian steak house.

Departure from the Hotel for a first sight of Rio, proceeding to Sugar Loaf - with its unique situation at the entrance of the Guanabara Bay, allows literally a close look at the city and its beaches from high above (400M - 1,200Ft.). The top is reached by a modern two-stage cable car ride, lasting altogether less than half an hour, enjoying the limitless view over the city, its mountain range in the back, the bay cut by the great bridge over to Niterói and the ocean.

After the visit, group will descent the mountain by cable car again and proceed by coach to the Brazilian steakhouse ‘Porcao’ – located at the Flamengo Park with a beautiful view of the Guanabara Bay and the Sugar Loaf. The restaurant offers a large, exceptional salad buffet and waiters serve from the spit a great variety of different types and cuts of prime meat.



After dinner return transfer to the Hotel around 21:00.

-Overnight Rio de Janeiro.

DAY 03 – RIO DE JANEIRO

Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

Breakfast will be taken at the main breakfast venue of the hotel, unless a private set-up is requested, with additional service charge by the hotel.

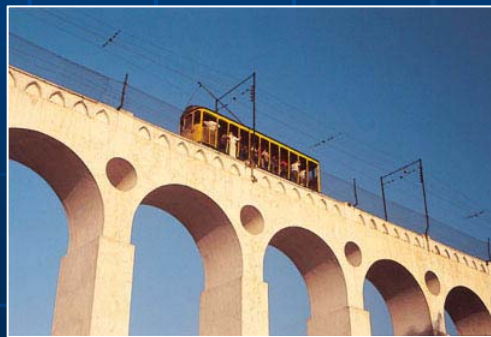
10:00 AM Departure hotel for:

Historical visit of the city, with streetcar ride in Santa Tereza and lunch at Confeitaria Colombo

After departure of the hotel, tour proceeds to visit famous Maracana Soccer Stadium, inaugurated in June 1950 – it still is the world's largest soccer stadium and retains all the glamour that makes it a landmark and an irresistible attraction for visitors to Rio. After the visit of the Maracanã stadium, the group will proceed to the Sambodromo, where Rio Carnival Parades take place every year. A short stop will be made at the Sambodromo, and from there the tour will proceed to Santa Tereza - a traditional city district and board the famous Santa Tereza Streetcar, for a 20 minutes ride towards the old city center, crossing this picturesque district, as well as the former aqueduct of Rio, where they will have a splendid view of the city center of Rio. Arrival at “Carioca” square, the Group will take a 10 minutes walk through the heart of the downtown area, until they reach the ‘Confeitaria Colombo’ Restaurant for lunch.

Confeitaria Colombo is the oldest and most traditional tearoom in Rio - its magnificent salons lined with ornate jacaranda-framed mirrors imported from Belgium at the turn of the century. The art nouveau decor is found throughout its showcases, furniture and fittings, ceiling lights and floor dating back to this delightful past.

After lunch return to the hotel. Arrival at the Hotel at about 03:30 PM.



- 19:30 hs – Dinner at Marius Crustaceos

Mariu's Crustaceos - Considered one of the best sea food restaurants in Rio, the restaurant is located in front of Leme Beach and it has a very casual atmosphere and excellent service. The décor is very nice, with huge windows facing Leme beach. The restaurant has a nice buffet with several different salads (all based on sea food), and also hot dishes. A buffet with Oysters is also available. On table waiters serves on a non-stop style all kind of sea food – shrimp, lobster, fish and many others – dessert is also on a buffet, typical Brazilian sweet. After dinner return transfer to the Hotel.



-Overnight Rio de Janeiro.

DAY 04– RIO DE JANEIRO

Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

Breakfast will be taken at the main breakfast venue of the hotel, unless a private set-up is requested, with additional service charge by the hotel.

- 08:45 AM Departure Hotel for a Full Day Tropical Island tour with lunch included

The "Tropical Islands" tour is a highlight of a visit to Rio de Janeiro. After a 1hrs and 30 minutes drives along the south coastline of Rio, participants will board Brazilian flaybooden, locally called "saveiro" and begin their cruise through the emerald green waters around of the many islands of this area. A stop will be made for swimming, before arriving at the island of ' Bernardo', where lunch will be served. After enjoying the lunch and the bucolic scenery of the cove, surrounded by tropical vegetation, the return cruise begins.

Return coach transfer to the hotel and arrival around 18:30 pm.

⇒ *Optional suggestion for entertainment for this day:*

– a typical samba trio, with 02 dancers on the boat and island, entertaining them with Brazilian rhythms and the dancers will teach and invite participants to dance Samba.....



Early morning – Departure from the Hotel for a Full Day at a private Island in Angra dos Reis.

- 08h30 Departure Hotel for a full day boat trip to the Emerald Coast of Rio:

Participants will be picked up by motor coach and transferred to the pier of the Porto Real in Angra do Reis. It is about 1 hour and 30 minutes driving and there they will board a private Yacht, who will bring to the private Island 'Piedade' - a beautiful property which belongs to a very well Brazilian socialite, who rents it out for very exclusive people. The Island has a terrific infrastructure and her employees render a super personalised service to our guests. There they can enjoy the little private Beach, a very nice lunch is serviced under the coconut palm trees.....



By the end of the afternoon they will board the yacht again and arrive in Rio around 19:00.

-Dinner will be at 'Cais do Oriente'

The Group will be transferred to the restaurant 'Cais do Oriente' by motor coach from the disembarkation of the cogwheel train.

This restaurant, located in the old center of Rio, has a nice courtyard where the 03-course lunch will be served.

Return to hotel after Lunch



-Overnight Rio de Janeiro.

DAY 05– RIO DE JANEIRO

- Buffet Breakfast at the hotel

-09:00 AM Depart Hotel for:

Visit of Corcovado, Statue of Christ by 4 X 4 Jeeps....

Clients will experience a tour in 4 x 4 Jeeps through the Tijuca Forest until the top of the Corcovado Mountain where the Christ the Redeemer Statue is located. This exciting tour begins by visiting the statue of Christ the Redeemer located at the Corcovado mountain, located right in the middle the heart of the exuberant Floresta da Tijuca (Tijuca Forest), the largest urban forest in the world, where the Corcovado Statue will be visited. Participants' will then board the modern cog-wheel train is boarded for a 20 minute ride to the top of the Corcovado (800M - 2,400ft). The Christ the Redeemer statue is an imponent monument with its 40M height and 1,100 tons of weight but the real spectacle is the 360 degrees view of the scenery below, encompassing city, bay, mountain and sea within a circle of up to 160Km – 160 miles

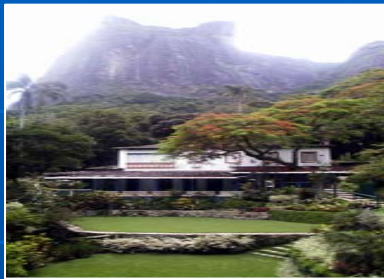
Lunch will be at Aprazível Restaurant

Located in Santa Teresa district, it does make part of the historical scenario of Santa Teresa ambience. Santa Teresa is well known as being part of the Cultural area of Rio de Janeiro with its ateliers, museums, bars and restaurants and being part of the bohemian environment of the Carioca night. Besides that, you find a very cosy ambience allied to a very special and refined Brazilian cuisine that makes Aprazível so successful.

Return to Hotel around 16h00.

- 20:00 PM Depart for Farewell dinner at 'Casa das Canoas' with private Carnival Show...:

In a beautiful tropical garden setting, in a 8,000 sq.meters area bordering Tijuca National Forest and with view to São Conrado beach. Casa das Canoas, built in Brazilian colonial style is decorated with Brazilian antique furniture and art objects making this a perfect setting for a cozy and refined atmosphere. Built in the lands of an old farm that belonged to the Niemeyer family Casa das Canoas is today the perfect venue for cultural and social events, offering modern infrastructure for private parties, business meetings, shows and exhibitions.



Description of the evening:

When arriving at Casa das Canoas, cocktail will be served in the garden area. After cocktail, the group will be guided to the veranda area, where dinner will be served. During dinner there will be a 5-piece band playing live music and participants can dance, if they please.

After dessert has been served, a vibrant Show with 25 Brazilian artists will start, presenting various Brazilian musical rhythms, including a display of Carnival costumes from this years famous Carnival Parades in Rio de Janeiro. The presentation of the Carnival show takes about 40 minutes, whereas towards the end of the show, the famous Mulato Girls, will invite the participants of the Group to join the dances to the samba rhythm ...the grand carnival finale.....

-Return transfer to hotel

-Overnight Rio de Janeiro.

DAY 06– RIO DE JANEIRO/SALVADOR.

Buffet breakfast at the Hotel – not private

Departure transfer from the Hotel to Rio de Janeiro International airport.

Arrival at Salvador international airport, the cradle of Brazil culture, meet and greet by a bilingual guide to transfer the participants to the Hotel.

While the participants leave the customs clearance, there will be a Mini-Band of Olodum playing and welcoming them to the city of Salvador.

Welcome drink during check in procedures.

Lunch at Hotel

16:00h Sunset Cocktail with a stop at Bonfim Church with typical “Baianas” giving “Bonfim Ribbons”.

Leave “Ponta do Humaitá” at schooners with “Bossa Nova & MPB” singer on board.



19:00h Dinner at “Dadá Patamares” Restaurant



Return to Hotel around 22h30.

-Overnight Salvador

DAY 07– SALVADOR

Buffet breakfast at the Hotel – not private

09h00 – Depart Hotel for a full day Salvador Rally City Tour

Duration: 8hrs.

Teams: Minimum 8pax, maximum 10pax.

Description of the day:

Leave the hotel by bus and drive to the Historic Center. During the ride, your guide will give some information about the city and the most important historic sites, using a city map to show these points.

Stop at Municipal Square, where you can take an overview of All Saints Bay (Baía de Todos os Santos) and the lower city, with supplementary historic information. After this, walk to “Terreiro se Jesus”, where the participants will receive a coconut water, each one with one number that will determine the components of each group.

The coordinator will give brief information about how does the Photographic Rally works. Each group will elect your own leader and he (she) will receive an envelope with: one city map, one object that will identify the components of the group (one colored bracelet), and the instructions of the first part of the rally, which consist in, by the charades/enigmas, discover the most important historic sites of the city and then, in each one of this sites, the teams will find one of the necessary ingredients to prepare a “Caipirinha”.

Will be 5 historic sites and 5 ingredients. In the 1st stage, all groups will go to the “Mercado Modelo” (handcraft market), where the vans will be waiting your team with the group identification.

There, one person will be dressed like one of the ingredients, giving to the teams an envelope with the next target and so on.

In each one of these sites, one person of the team must make a photo the other components, with the corresponding ingredient of the place, with the historic site in background.

After the circuit is finished, all groups will meet at the “Solar do Unhão” Restaurant. There will be one table for each group, where they will make the “Caipirinha”, using the ingredients.

The jury, is composed of 5 participants that handled the charades and will decide the best “Caipirinha”, as well as the most creative photo of each team, which will be developed during group lunch.

After lunch, the winner team will get their award for the best caipirinha and photo.



Dinner at “Trapiche Adelaide” Restaurant



Return to Hotel around 23h30.

- Overnight Salvador

DAY 08– SALVADOR

Buffet breakfast at the Hotel – not private

08h30 - Depart for a Full day Tour on the Islands located at the Todos os Santos Bay.

09h00 – Arrive at the Bahia Marina Pier to embark in speedboats for a trip on the Todos os Santos Bay.

10h00 – A stop for a swim and for sport recreation at the Frade Island where there will be an infrastructure of an Open bar, dry snacks, umbrellas, chairs with a sport staff that will monitor and coordinate the participants on volley and beach soccer games.

By 12h30 – The participants will board the speed boats and leave the Island for lunch on a private Island.

When arriving on the Island, the group will be welcomed by a Samba Trio.

Lunch will be served on a barbecue basis including a complete buffet of salads, side dishes and grilled beef, fish, chicken and sausage.



Return to Salvador at 16h00.

20h00 – Depart Hotel for the Farewell Night

Farewell Dinner at Farol da Barra (Barra Lighthouse) – Orixás from Bahia.

It is suggested that all the participants wears white cloths in order to get involved with the rhythm of the Orixás Bahia Night.



Upon arrival the participants will be welcome with a cocktail of hot and cold canapés as well as an open bar including batidas, caipirinhas, chilean white and red wines, soft drinks, beers, fruit juices and mineral water for 30 minutes.

After cocktails, a Seafood plated dinner (lobster, shrimp, fish, etc...).

During dinner a 5 piece band will be playing Brazilian music.

While coffee is served, participants will start to hear the sounds of “agogos”, “berimbaus” and “atabaques” the typical musical instruments of candomblé.

In procession a group of 50 religious will come in direction of the group, the religious celebration begins with all saints being invoked by the “mae de santo”.

Optional: A typical bahian fortuneteller will be available for reading the group’s fortune.

In the end of the Orixás presentation, the band will continue to play the bahian music....

End of the event... fireworks

Return to Hotel around 01h00.

-Overnight Salvador

DAY 09 – SALVADOR / BRUSSELS

Buffet breakfast at the Hotel – not private

Morning at leisure.

Lunch at Hotel

Departure transfer from Hotel to the International Airport of Salvador.

**** END OF SERVICES ****