

CLASSIC BRAZIL

HIGHLIGHTS

- GLAMOUROUS RIO DE JANEIRO
- ABUNDANT WILDLIFE IN THE HEART OF BRAZIL'S PANTANAL
- STAY IN A RESTORED MONASTERY AMIDST THE COLONIAL CHARM OF SALVADOR DA BAHIA



The colourful cities and spectacular natural surroundings of Brazil are spread across this vast and diverse country covering much of the area on the eastern coast of South America. Corcovado Mountain offers incredible panoramic views of the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro with its magnificent beaches, colourful samba bars and historical museums. Portuguese and African influences are wonderfully evident in the colonial architecture of the historical cities. The Iguazu National Park is the perfect setting to relax amongst exquisite scenery, breathtaking waterfalls and rare wildlife.

DAY 1

London/Rio de Janeiro

Depart from London Heathrow to Rio de Janeiro, a city of incredible contrasts, from the forested mountains to the golden beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana; the wealthy suburbs to the poorest favelas, and the pulsating nightlife to the wonderful museums. Opened in 1923, the stucco-fashioned Orient Express Copacabana Palace is an icon of Brazil's most glamorous city. Ideally located on the famous Copacabana Beach, it is renowned for exemplary service, superb cuisine,

opulence and its legendary carnival balls. Enjoy fine dining amongst the rich and famous at the sophisticated Hotel Cipriani Restaurant.

DAY 2

Rio de Janeiro

A full morning to soak up the Brazilian atmosphere on Copacabana Beach, or relax in the sophisticated urban sanctuary of the Copacabana Palace Spa. This afternoon your private guide will accompany you on a cable car ride to Sugar Loaf Mountain, offering a spectacular vista across the azure

waters of Rio's Guanabara Bay. You may like to take a helicopter trip over the incredible cityscape.

DAY 3

Rio de Janeiro

An early morning excursion takes you to the towering Corcovado Mountain to see the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue and wonderful sweeping views of the city. Later, explore the mountainous Tijuca Forest, the world's largest urban rainforest, home to many near-extinct plants and wildlife, followed by visits to the beaches and museums of this vibrant

city, famous for its sense of rhythm and fun. This evening you may like to visit a lively samba bar or take a 'footvolley' lesson on the beach.

DAY 4

Rio de Janeiro/Iguazu

A short flight this morning takes you to Foz do Iguazu where you will have the afternoon to enjoy Iguazu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and home to one of the world's largest and most impressive waterfalls, extending over some 2,700 metres. From the Brazilian side, walk beside

the thundering cascades and brave the pontoon extending into the base of the 'Devil's Gorge'. You will stay at the Orient Express Hotel Das Cataratas, the only hotel located within the Iguazu National Park, which has exclusive access to the falls.

DAY 5

Iguazu

This morning, cross the border to visit the Argentine side of the Iguazu falls. The Rainforest Ecological Train will take you through the forest to numerous walkways winding to the very top of ►



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the falls to experience their might from high above. This afternoon continue exploring the falls or alternatively enjoy a luxurious spa treatment at the hotel.

DAY 6

Iguaçu/Pantanal

A morning flight will take you via Sao Paulo to Cuiaba in the heart of Brazil's northern Pantanal. The Pousada do

Rio Mutum Lodge is situated in the beautiful Mato Grosso region beside the Mutum River which gradually merges in two large lakes surrounded by rolling hills and grassy plains: an ideal base from where to explore a vast and luxuriant wetland area with an abundance of wildlife.

DAY 7 AND 8

Pantanal

Over the next two days explore this unique region, rich in flora and fauna. Declared by UNESCO as a World Biosphere Reserve, the Pantanal is the world's largest wetland area with over 650 different species of bird, 1,100 of butterfly and more than 1,700 species of plants. Caiman, capybaras, monkeys, blue macaws, herons, toucans and

even jaguar are just some of the wildlife you may encounter. Excursions on horseback are one of the best ways to explore the Pantanal as it allows visitors to discover the flooded areas, inaccessible by boat or 4x4. The horses raised in the Pantanal have hooves that are resistant to water and adapted to walking long distances in flooded areas. Alternatively enjoy an early morning canoe ride to observe the beauty of the area and birdlife at dawn, or a boat trip down the Rio Mutum stopping to do some piranha fishing.

DAY 9

Pantanal/Salvador da Bahia

You will be driven to the airport today for your flight (via Sao Paulo or Brasilia) to Salvador da Bahia on the Atlantic coast where you will stay at the Convento do Carmo. Dating back to the 16th century, this lovingly restored former monastery originally commissioned by the First Order of Carmelite Friars, centres around two cloistered courtyards and combines the colonial charm so evident throughout Pelourinho with the excellent service that comes with Salvador's first heritage hotel. Ideally located near the historical highlights, Convento is the perfect base from which to explore.

DAY 10

Salvador da Bahia/Kiaroa

Spend the morning getting under the skin of Salvador da Bahia, one of Brazil's most historical and vibrant cities with a distinct African influence. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Pelourinho with its wealth of colonial architecture from colourful façades to impressive churches. After lunch you will be driven to Salvador Airport to catch a light aircraft flight to the exclusive luxury eco-resort of Kiaroa, named after the French Polynesian black pearl and set amongst 240,000 square metres of beautiful environmentally-protected Atlantic forest in the heart of the Maraú Peninsula.

DAYS 11 TO 13

Kiaroa

Settle in to the gentle pace of this remote part of Brazil's coastline, relaxing on the beach or in the excellent Armonia Spa. There is an excellent choice of activities on offer including tennis and volleyball, or you may also like to try one of the many highly recommended day trips in the local area. Don't forget to sample the excellent Brazilian cuisine at The Restaurant.

DAY 14

Salvador da Bahia/London

A short flight will take you to Salvador Airport for an onward flight to Rio de Janeiro, where you will connect with an overnight British Airways flight returning to London.



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