



## **Contrasts of Brazil - 9 Days (#19349)**

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### **Trip Highlights**

Iguassu Falls - Rio de Janeiro - Salvador

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 01**

#### **Day 01: FOZ DO Iguassu**

Transfer in from IGU airport and visit to the BR Falls with Macuco boat ride. Welcome to Foz! Meet your guide at the arrival area and embark on a private transfer to your hotel.

After check-in, you will visit the Brazilian side of the fall. The trip begins at the IGUASSU National Park in Brazil. En route to the falls, we will drive through the lush, subtropical vegetation of the park. After arrival, we will take a descending trail of the canyon, from where we can enjoy panoramic views of more than 240 falls. We will board a glass elevator, which takes us to a platform where more exquisite views will be revealed. Along with its “sister” park in Argentina, The Iguassu National Park forms the most significant remaining rainforest in the southern cone of South America, which along with the waterfalls



have been declared a National Heritage Site by UNESCO. For passengers staying at Hotel Das Cataratas, the tour departs from the hotel. We will end the tour with a visit to the artisans fair. The big adventure begins at the Macuco Safari entrance gates, located at kilometre 25 on the Cataratas Highway, inside the Iguassu National Park. We will embark in open jeep-towed wagons permitting a free view of the scenery along the trail. During the three kilometres stretch through the jungle, multilingual guides point out and explain the flora and fauna of the Park. Second stage of the tour is an optional hike of 600 meters, which leads us to the waterfall baptized Macuco Falls. The Macuco Falls, perfect for a refreshing dip on days of intense heat, spill down from a height of approximately 20 meters. Access is via a stairway carved into an ancient rock.

The last stop is the Macuco Safari dock on the Brazilian side of the Iguassu River. In the water the inflatable bimotor boats are secure and efficient vessels, especially constructed to withstand the rigors of the excursion. Before embarking, passengers receive life-vests and plastic containers made to protect photographic and filming equipment. The boat travels up-river, passing the canyon, facing the rapids, at a speed permitting the appreciation of the scenery. Rocks, animals and a spectacular green landscape complete the scenery until we reach the great horseshoe known as the Devil's Throat. To top the tour off, the pilot will give everyone a splash by navigating through the spray of one of the falls! We recommend that passengers bring a change of clothes, due to the constant spray from the falls, and to not bring anything that can get wet - lockers are available at the pier before boarding.

Duration: approximately 5 hours.

#### Day 02

#### Day 02: FOZ DO Iguassu

Full Day Argentina Falls. Departure from the Hotel, Cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge with its lovely view of the Iguassu Canyon heading towards the IGUASSU National Park in Argentina. At the entrance, a small train takes visitors on a tour through the park, making 2 stops: upper and lower circuit. Follow the walkways to the top of the waterfalls that provide spectacularly unique views of the 'Cataratas', amidst the abundant nature filled with orchids, colourful birds and other wildlife. The highlight of the trip is a visit to the suspended platform at the very brink of the Devil's Throat – largest of the waterfalls.

Duration: approximately 7 hours.

#### Day 03

#### Day 03: FOZ DO Iguassu - RIO DE JANEIRO



Transfer out from hotel to IGU airport. At the scheduled time, meet your guide at the lobby for check-out assistance and embark on a private transfer to the airport to catch your next flight to Rio (not included).

Transfer in followed by a Visit to Sugar Loaf Welcome to the Marvellous City. Meet your guide and embark for your first adventure: A visit to the Sugar Loaf - Over a million tourists every year visit the world famous Pão de Açúcar (Sugarloaf Mountain), which has become an iconic symbol of the city of Rio de Janeiro. Rising up from a small peninsula at the entrance of Guanabara Bay, its name is said to refer to its resemblance to the traditional shape of concentrated refined sugar loaf. The first cable-car takes passengers to the top of Urca Hill, which rises 215 meters above sea level and offers spectacular views of the entire bay and its islands. From Urca Hill, passengers continue in a second cable car to the top of Sugarloaf which rises 395 meters above sea level and offers a 360 degree view of the entire city including Botafogo and Copacabana Beaches, Corcovado and downtown Rio.

**Day 04**

**Day 04: RIO DE JANEIRO**

Visit the Corcovado Mountain and the Samba city. Depart from the hotel to visit the Christ Statue, elected as one of the seven modern wonders of the world. The statue sits 2,300 ft. above sea level, atop Corcovado Mountain. Following a scenic drive along the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, we will arrive at the bottom, where we embark on a small train that climbs the beautiful mountainside. Upon reaching the top, visitors will experience a panoramic view of Rio de Janeiro and discover why it is known as the “Marvellous City”! A stop for lunch will be provided (meal not included).

After lunch, we’ll head to the Samba City. Although Rio’s Carnival takes place just once a year, preparations for this iconic event happen almost daily throughout the year. This afternoon you will visit the Cidade do Samba, the warehouses which store the floats and costumes for each samba school. Learn about the history of this famous parade and get into the carnival spirit with the chance to try on one of the colourful costumes.

Duration: approximately 8 hours.

**Day 05**

**Day 05: RIO DE JANEIRO**

Day at Leisure. Take your time to explore the city at your own pace or ask for one of our optional tours.



**Day 06**

**Day 06: RIO DE JANEIRO**

Transfer out from hotel to Rio airport. After breakfast or at the scheduled time, embark on a private transfer to the airport to catch your flight for your next destination. Transfer o.w Airport / Hotel. Smile! You're in Bahia! Your local guide will be waiting for you at the airport and will provide a private transfer to your hotel.

**Day 07**

**Day 07: Salvador**

City tour Historical. This tour introduces you to Salvador City, showing how it has changed throughout the ages to become the Salvador of today. Starting out along the bay, the tour then works its way through Salvador's tree-lined streets up to Pelourinho, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its spectacular and well-preserved colonial architecture. Leaving our vehicle behind in the Municipal Square, close to the Lacerda lift, we will continue on foot, giving visitors the opportunity to fully appreciate the splendid buildings that take us back in time to the beginnings of this vibrant city. Along the way, we will stop off at the São Francisco Church, with its extravagant gold leaf baroque designs, from where we will continue our tour, heading towards the Largo do Pelourinho, at the heart of the neighbourhood.

Duration: approximately 4 hours.

SIB (shared) tour available in the morning on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

**Day 08**

**Day 08: Salvador**

Half Day City tour Panoramic with lunch. The lower city tour 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 shellfish at low tide, schooners are at anchor, all protected by the famous Bonfim church, one of the most important churches of pilgrimage in Brazil. We continue to the Monserrat district with its panoramic view of the city and ending at Mercado Modelo, a thriving market for local goods and souvenirs. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant.

**Day 09**

**Day 09: Salvador**



Transfer out to SSA airport.

At the scheduled time, your guide will assist you with check-out procedures before embarking to the airport.

## **Inclusions**

La Paz - 8 nights accommodation with breakfast.

Meals as specified in the program.

Arrival/ Departure airport transfer.

and/or German speaking guides. - Ojo de Perdiz

Transfers and excursions include local English

## **Exclusions**

International / Domestic Airfare

Optional activities

Meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified in the program

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for drivers

Travel and medical insurance.

## **Note**

Hotels Used

Iguassu Falls - Vivaz Cataratas

Rio de Janeiro - Windsor Copa

Salvador - Mercure Rio Vermelho

Vivaz Cataratas & Aquaparque - The Vivaz Cataratas Hotel & Aquaparque Resort has been totally designed with families in mind. It is set amidst lush nature with a modern structure and great leisure facilities for all. It is the only hotel in Foz do IGUASSU that offers its own water park ([www.acquamaniafoz.com.br](http://www.acquamaniafoz.com.br)), which is open from Tuesday to Sunday between October and February (days and times are subject to change). The resort's excellent facilities include a large green outside area, an ecological trail, tennis and volleyball courts, mini golf, a fitness centre, swimming pools, a sauna and spa, a playground, a business centre and guest parking. The modern accommodation consists of 170 apartments that are fully equipped with air conditioning, a minibar, cable TV, a safe, a private bathroom, a hair dryer, a telephone and free Wi-Fi. The



apartments are divided into 4 categories: Garden, Deluxe (more spacious than the Garden), Family Suite (with two rooms separated by a door and one bathroom) and the larger Deluxe Suite, which includes a hydro-massage bathtub. For children, the hotel has its own recreation team with run different activities every day, as well as a games room and other fun activities! Vivaz Cataratas is located just 10 km from the city centre, a 5 minute drive (6.5 km) from IGUASSU Falls, 30 km from the Argentine side of the falls and 3 minutes (4 km) from Foz do IGUASSU International Airport.

**FACILITIES:** Internet access | Car Park | Kids Club | Laundry | Pool | Restaurant | Fitness Center | Game Room | Sauna.

Windsor Copa Hotel - Inaugurated in June 2012, the new Windsor Copa is located 2 minutes walking from Copacabana Beach and the Arcoverde subway station, The hotel offers 146 comfortable rooms, all are equipped with Central air conditioning with individual control, free High speed internet, Cable TV, Minibar, Two digital phone lines and Private electronic safe. For guests comfort, a free of charge fitness center is located at the top floor.

**FACILITIES:** Internet access | Car Park | Restaurant | Service 24h | Fitness Center.

Mercure Salvador Rio Vermelho Hotel - The Mercure Salvador Rio Vermelho Hotel is situated 9 miles from the city center and 12 miles from the International Airport, nearby the beach and tourist attractions. With 175 rooms, this property contains all the amenities and services you would expect from a 4-star hotel. Each room is equipped with a telephone, air conditioning, a personal safe and a mini bar. To make each guest's stay complete, the hotel provides a cocktail lounge, dry cleaning and laundry services, conference rooms, 24-hour room service, restaurants and a business center. The hotel provides superior recreational and leisure facilities including a sauna, an outdoor pool and a fitness center.

**FACILITIES:** Internet access | Pool Bar | Laundry | Pool | Fitness Center | Massage Court | Game Room | Sauna.

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Fixed Departure

10 Sep, 2024	02 Oct, 2024	03 Dec, 2024
Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
AUD 3,588 P P twin share	AUD 3,588 P P twin share	AUD 3,588 P P twin share
AUD 4,454 P P single	AUD 4,454 P P single	AUD 4,454 P P single
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