



Brazil

Brazil is simply overwhelming: the fifth largest country in the world, 210 million people, a white-sand coastline of over 7,000 kms, the vast wildernesses of the Amazon and the Pantanal giving life to some of the greatest biodiversity on the planet, and fabulous music and dance in cosmopolitan cities. Passionate, colourful, exciting, dramatic and a nation of people that embrace fun and fiestas!

At a glance

- Due to its sheer size the country can be visited all year round
- Cultural melting-pot of music, food and architecture
- Spectacular beaches and stunning islands
- Rich in wildlife – up to 4 million species of plants and animals
- Diverse topography – from mountains to beaches, jungles to wetlands
- One of the largest and most stunning waterfalls in the world – Iguacu Falls
- World-renowned Carnival (famously in Rio, but celebrated all over Brazil)



Getting there

Direct flights from London Heathrow to Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo with British Airways. Direct flight from London Heathrow to Sao Paulo with LATAM. KLM and Air France offer connections from regional airports in the UK. TAP Portugal operates from London Heathrow via Lisbon to 10 destinations in Brazil, including Rio, Salvador and Brasilia.

Prices from **£2,545 per person** (2 sharing) for a 9 night trip

Combinations

Due to the vastness of Brazil there is enough there to keep you entertained for several weeks (if not months!) However, for those looking at an extended trip it combines well with Argentina, Chile and Peru.



Rio de Janeiro

Flanked by mountains, rainforest and dazzling beaches, Rio – “a Cidade Maravilhosa”, the marvellous city – has one of the most spectacular settings in the world and does everything it can to show how much it deserves that glorious position! Exhilarating, passionate, entertaining, dynamic, playful, Rio has long been a magnet for people who want to live life to the full. A city of intense contrasts and contradictions, nothing feels half-hearted. The towering statue of Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado mountain opens its arms to luxuriant wealth and cramped favelas alike. The whole city seems to gather on the magnificent Copacabana beach to play football, and volleyball. A feast for the senses in every way, Rio doesn't try to hold back anything. Music, food and humanity is everywhere on full display.

Rio Carnival



Future carnival dates are: 1 to 5 March 2019 and 21 to 25 February 2020.

Rio's carnival is perhaps the most famous in the world. The main parade of the Samba Schools takes place on a Sunday and Monday evening through a 700 metre, purpose-built 'Samba-drome' enjoying rapturous applause from the crowd and close scrutiny from the judges. Thousands of brightly-coloured feather and sequin clad dancers samba to the intoxicating beat

of drums, whistles and the cheers of the crowd. We offer packages including carnival tickets. During the carnival period, hotel prices do increase and early booking is recommended. On the weekend following the main carnival, an event called the Champions Parade takes place. This is a more affordable experience and avoids the minimum stay enforced by hotels during the main carnival period. This features the Top 6 Samba schools parading again.

Highlights of Rio

- Corcovado – the statue of Christ the Redeemer, one of the Seven New Wonders of the World
- Sugarloaf Mountain, where the glass-panelled cable car travels between two granite peaks nearly 400m high
- Tijuca Forest – the largest urban forest in the world, with amazing views of the city
- Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon – just 3 of the wonderful beaches, each with a different personality
- Lapa – the bohemian district of Rio, where you can samba till dawn
- Carnival – unequalled in the world, but so popular you need to book a long way in advance!



PortoBay Rio Internacional Hotel Copacabana Beach **BB**

The hotel overlooks the world-famous Copacabana Beach. It has 117 rooms in several categories; superior, deluxe and suite which have either partial or full ocean views. All rooms are air-conditioned and facilities include free Wifi, TV, mini-bar, safe deposit box and tea and coffee making facilities. Food and Beverage options include a restaurant, bar and rooftop lounge. Also on the rooftop you will find a small outdoor pool and bar. Other facilities include a sauna, beach service, massage room and perhaps the most scenic gym in the world! A long-standing Sunvil favourite.



Belmond Copacabana Palace Copacabana Beach **BB**

This Art Deco landmark is Rio's most elegant and renowned hotel. It is a Rio landmark in its own right since opening its doors in 1923, it has been favoured by the rich and famous including film stars, rock stars, presidents and members of royal families. The hotel has 239 air-conditioned rooms which vary in size and their views. It has a large swimming pool, fitness centre, exclusive beach service, spa, piano bar and a rooftop tennis court! The hotel has several of Rio's leading restaurants including Cipriani and the Michelin-starred Mee, which serves Asian cuisine. A truly special experience!



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Salvador

An atmospheric city and cultural melting point where African and Portuguese influences collide. Designated a World Heritage site by UNESCO. A heady mix of colourful architecture, food, music and dance. Wander the cobbled streets and charming squares among the shabby but beautiful colonial architecture of the Pelourinho district. The African heritage is everywhere: in the music, the food, the dance, the traditions (like Capoeira) and religion (the once-forbidden Candomble). With wonderful beaches nearby, Salvador is a unique and beguiling place that epitomizes what makes Brazil so special.

OUR TOP TIPS

Tuesday is a good night in Salvador for live music including bands in the streets • The coastline between the states of Bahia and Pernambuco is ideal for a self-drive itinerary • Watch the spectacle of the locals performing Capoeira (part martial art and part dance) in the streets • During the Carnival period you will find a more participatory and local experience on the streets of Salvador



Villa Bahia

Salvador **BB**

Villa Bahia is a charming 17th century colonial house that overlooks the town square in Salvador's historic Pelourinho district. The hotel with its unique design has 17 spacious air-conditioned rooms with rustic style furniture. Four of these have personal patios and six of the rooms face out onto the colourful and historical town square (can be noisy at times). A plunge pool lies at the back of the hotel and the restaurant serves traditional Bahian cuisine and fantastic caipirinha cocktails. This hotel comes highly recommended.



Fera Palace Hotel

Salvador **BB**

A new addition to Salvador's hotel scene is this 1930's Art Deco style property. Recognisable by its triangular structure similar to New York's Flatiron building, this smart property offers contemporarily furnished rooms. Centrally located close to the historic district and the elevator which links the upper and lower town, its rooftop pool and lounge bar offers fantastic views of the city and All Saint's Bay. The Adamastor Restaurant serves international and Bahian cuisine.

Iguaçu Falls

Taller than Niagara, nearly 3 kms wide and so thunderous they can be heard from miles away, 275 separate cascades combine to form the mighty "Cataratas do Iguaçu." The Falls are one of the most iconic sights in the whole of South America. They're located on the border between Brazil and Argentina, in an area designated a UNESCO World Heritage site that is enclosed by 2 National Parks composed of virgin jungle ecosystems on both sides. Not to be missed on any account – but be prepared to get wet!



Belmond Hotel das Cataratas

Iguaçu Falls National Park **BB**

The only Brazilian hotel located within the national park, this luxurious property is one of the country's most famous hotels. With its colonial style and distinctive pink painted walls. Set in 15 sq. kms of subtropical rainforest and just a short stroll from the falls, the hotel has 187 air-conditioned rooms and suites. There are elegant lounge areas, two restaurants, bars, a very inviting and large swimming pool, a tennis court and a luxurious spa. A charming property and one of our firm favourites.



Vivaz Cataratas Hotel, Resort & Aquaparque

Iguaçu Falls **BB**

Located close to the bridge linking Brazil with Argentina and a 10 minute drive from the Brazilian side of the falls, the Vivaz Cataratas Hotel re-opened in late 2017 after an extensive refurbishment. This modern resort style hotel has 172 comfortable rooms in 3 categories. Each room has a small fridge, TV and safe deposit box. Facilities include two restaurants and a pool bar. This hotel has a swimming pool, spa and gym. There is an aquapark next door and a golf course opposite. Good for families.



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The Pantanal

The Pantanal is considered by many to be the world's last great wilderness and offers some of the best wildlife viewing on the continent. The largest freshwater wetlands in the Americas - an area roughly the size of France. With open space and vast pristine swampland, wildlife is far more readily visible and abundant than in the Amazon. The Pantanal is host to the greatest concentration of fauna in the entire continent.



Pantanal Seasons

The Flooding (Nov-Dec) Vegetation begins to flower and mating time for the majority of the animals. Transport by boat, long days and presence of mosquitoes! • The Flood (Jan-Mar) Concentration of mammals in small non-flooded areas. Flora springs to life and Caiman start nesting. • The Emptying (Apr-Jun) Concentration of reptiles and birds. Caiman hatch and big bird colonies. Cooler nights. • The Dry (Jul-Oct) Concentration of birds and reptiles. Winter climate and abrupt temperature changes. Less mosquitoes.

OUR TOP TIPS

We recommend the area of Porto Jofre on the Cuiaba river which offers the best opportunity for spotting jaguars in the wild.

Pousada do Rio Mutum

Northern Pantanal **FB**
(excursions and activities included)

The lodge is set in lovely tropical gardens which is frequented by a large amount of birds and wildlife. The pousada has 22 spacious air-conditioned units (split into 2 double rooms per unit) with private veranda and bathroom with hot showers. General facilities include a swimming pool, a small shop for essentials and a restaurant serving a good selection of local dishes. Guided activities such as horse riding, walking (dry season only), canoeing, fishing, 4WD safaris and boat trips are all included with a bilingual naturalist guide. The lodge is located two hours by road from Cuiaba airport.

Caiman Ecological Refuge

Southern Pantanal **FB**
(excursions and activities included)

This property is a 53,000 hectare private reserve whose core activities are cattle ranching, pioneering conservation and ecotourism. There are 2 lodges in the reserve - Baiazinha with 6 rooms, and Cordilheira with 5 suites. Both of these have fans and air-conditioning as well as en suite facilities and Wifi. The lodges are located 22 kms apart and run as separate operations, each with a pool, restaurant, bar, lounge and own guides. Stays here include 3 daily excursions, such as walks, canoeing and jeep tours with bilingual expert local wildlife guides. Minimum stays and date restrictions apply in the high season.

The Brazilian Amazon

The large and bustling city of Manaus is the gateway to the Amazon. The rainforest itself - known as the "lungs of the planet" because it produces 20% of the world's oxygen. The magnificent Amazon River is the Basin's life-force, originating as a trickle high in the Andes and finally merging into the Atlantic at a width of up to 300 miles. An area of unsurpassed biodiversity, 1 in 10 of all known species can be found here. There are more species of fish in the Basin than in the entire Atlantic Ocean. It has the largest collection of living plants and animal species anywhere in the world.

OUR TOP TIPS

Go to see the curious Solimoes and Negro rivers which run side by side (known as the 'Meeting of the Waters' boat tour) before merging to become the Amazon • Have a wander around the thriving city of Manaus and see the grand opera house



Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge

Anavilhanas National Park, Rio Negro, Amazon **FB**
(excursions and activities included)

Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge is located on the banks of the Rio Negro (Black River), approximately 3 hours by road from Manaus. This stylish lodge has 16 cottages and 6 bungalows all with air-conditioning and a balcony with a hammock. The palm thatched rooms are equipped with a hair-dryer, safe deposit box, hot shower and TV. The lodge has a restaurant, bar, small library, handicraft shop, swimming pool and a 13 metre high Observation Tower. A full programme of activities such as canoe trips, jungle hikes, piranha fishing and visits to local communities are included each day.



M/Y Tucano

Operates from Manaus **FB**
(excursions and activities included)

The M/Y Tucano is an unpretentious expedition cruise vessel which operates 4 and 6 night itineraries deeper into the Amazon than other vessels. With 3 decks, she measures over 80 ft long and has 9 comfortable but cosy staterooms, all with outside views. The simple wood panelled cabins all have a private bathroom and air-conditioning. The dining room serves good wholesome meals. The top deck is an open observation deck and has a large sun canopy; a wonderful place to spot wildlife. Experienced naturalist local guides lead daily small-group excursions on lesser-visited tributaries.



Sail on a Jangada in north-east Brazil

Coastline and beaches

Stretching for nearly 7,500 kms, the Brazilian coastline is as varied as it is vast. From the swamps, mangroves and river channels of the north, it follows a course taking a diverse range of twists and turns that include dunes and lagoons. Whales can be seen off the Bahian coast in the north and the Santa Catarina coast in the south (between July and October). From large cities such as Fortaleza, Recife, Rio and Florianopolis to simple fishing villages, beaches play a large part of Brazilian life and culture. The city beaches buzz with activities such as games of volleyball and football and can be crowded, but away from the cities, you can enjoy miles of beaches without seeing another soul.



Beach Areas

NEAR RIO

Ilha Grande island - mountainous jungle with beautiful beaches - and no traffic!

Parati - a UNESCO World Heritage Site with cobbled streets and hidden courtyards. Excellent snorkelling.

Buzios Peninsula - 4 hours by road from Rio and 17 sandy beaches. Chic and sophisticated resort with a good selection of restaurants. Boat trips to other islands.

THE NORTH EAST

Olinda - 3 magnificent beaches, Muro Alto, Porto de Galinhas and Maracaípe, famous world-wide to surfers. Millions of fish flourish among the coral.

Fernando de Noronha is an archipelago of 26 islands and inlets located in the Atlantic

Ocean, a 1-hour flight from Recife. This protected area is the perfect environment for turtles, reef sharks and spinner dolphins. It's a great destination for diving with clearer waters between August and December.

PRAIA DO FORTE

Palm trees, coral reefs, calm waters and tranquillity at **Praia do Forte** which is a one hour drive from Salvador. The city beach can be crowded - we recommend Praia do Lord and Papa Gente which are within a 15 minute walk. It remains a lovely resort and great emphasis is placed on the conservation of the area. It is also an ideal place for families, windsurfing and sailing. There are tours to see Humpback whales between July and November.



Ponta dos Ganchos Nr Florianópolis **BB**

The hotel is located on a privately-owned peninsula, surrounded by the exuberant Emerald Coast. One of the most exclusive resorts in Brazil, 50 minutes by road from Florianopolis. It has 25 very spacious and luxurious villas (all offering sea views and privacy) some with jacuzzi and plunge pools. The property has a gym, restaurant (renowned for excellent cuisine), bar, lounge, games room, tennis court, heated swimming pool, massage gazebos, kayaks, spa and nature trails. There is an option to dine on a private island reached by a candlelit causeway. Highly recommended.



Tivoli Ecoresort Praia do Forte **HB**

Situated a 20 minute walk from Praia do Forte, this smart resort occupies an area of 30,000 hectares of tropical forest and is surrounded by five environmentally protected areas. A golden sandy beach lies between the hotel grounds and the sea. 287 air-conditioned rooms are distributed over two floors; all have a balcony or terrace and many have sea-views. Commensurate with its size, the resort has many facilities with several swimming pools, a large spa, four restaurants serving different cuisines, three bars, tennis courts, watersports centre and kids club.

OUR TOP TIPS

- Travel on a Jangada over a coral reef - a flat piece of wood with a sail (see above)
- Try the delicious stew Octopus Moqueca



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Suggested itineraries

Please find some suggested itineraries which can be tailored to suit individual requirements. They are simply examples of what is feasible within different timeframes. There are additional itineraries on our website or please speak to us for further guidance. They are aimed at individual travellers (NOT group escorted tours). Tours include an English speaking guide. Prices are a guideline only please contact us for an exact quote. Please note that we are able to quote for land only arrangements (no flights) but we require a minimum of 7 nights.

Guide prices include

- International economy return flights from the UK (see the itinerary for specific airline details)
- Accommodation - standard room unless stated otherwise
- Private transfers and tours (unless indicated otherwise)
- Internal flights (as featured in the itinerary)
- Meals (as outlined in the itinerary)

Board basis key

- BB** Bed and Breakfast
- HB** Half-Board
- FB** Full Board
- AI** All inclusive

Classic Brazil - 14 nights

Based on British Airways direct flight
Guide price per person (2 sharing) £5,075

- Rio de Janeiro 3 nights **BB**
- Iguacu Falls 2 nights **BB**
- Manaus 1 night **BB**
- Amazon 3 nights **FB**
- Salvador 2 nights **BB**
- Praia do Forte 3 nights **HB**

Day 1 Upon arrival in Rio, transfer to Porto Bay Rio Internacional Hotel (Limited Ocean View Room) 3 nights. **BB**

Day 2 Full day guided sightseeing tour in Rio.

Day 3 Day at leisure.

Day 4 Transfer to the airport. Fly to Foz do Iguacu and transfer to Belmond Das Cataratas hotel (Superior Room) 2 nights. **BB**

Day 5 Guided full day tour of the Argentinian side of the falls.

Day 6 Transfer to the airport (Brazilian side). Fly to Sao Paulo and connect with a flight to Manaus. Transfer to Villa Amazonia Hotel 1 night. **BB**

Day 7 Transfer to Amazon Ecopark (Superior Plus Room) 3 nights. **FB**

Days 8-9 Group daily tours and activities including a cruise to the Meeting of the Waters (lunch not included).

Day 10 Transfer to Manaus airport. Fly to Sao Paulo (or Brasilia) and connect with a flight to Salvador. Transfer to Villa Bahia 2 nights. **BB**

Day 11 Guided half day tour of Salvador.

Day 12 Transfer to the resort of Praia do Forte and stay at Tivoli Ecoresort Praia do Forte (Premium Room) 3 nights. **HB**

Days 13-14 Days at leisure.

Day 15 Transfer to Salvador airport. Fly to either São Paulo or Rio de Janeiro to connect with a return flight to the UK. Alternatively, extend your stay in Brazil.

Colonial Cities of Brazil - 12 nights

Based on British Airways direct flight
Guide price per person (2 sharing) £3,880

• Salvador 3 nights **BB**

• Tiradentes 1 night **BB**

• Ouro Preto 2 nights **BB**

• Paraty 3 nights **BB**

• Rio de Janeiro 3 nights **BB**

Day 1 On arrival at Salvador airport, transfer to Casa Amarelindo Hotel (Superior Room) 3 nights. **BB**

Day 2 Guided half day sightseeing tour in Salvador, including a walk in the historic Pelourinho district.

Day 3 Day at leisure.

Day 4 Transfer to the airport. Fly to Belo Horizonte. Transfer to Congonhas then onto Tiradentes. Villa Allegra 1 night. **BB**

Day 5 Transfer to Sao Joao del Rei and then continue to Ouro Preto. Pousada Mondego (junior suite) 2 nights. **BB**

Day 6 Sightseeing guided tour in Ouro Preto and Mariana.

Day 7 Transfer to Belo Horizonte airport. Fly to Sao Paulo. Group transfer to Paraty. Pousada Porto Imperial 3 nights. **BB**

Days 8-9 Days at leisure.

Day 10 Group transfer to Rio de Janeiro. Porto Bay Rio Internacional Hotel 3 nights. **BB**

Day 11 Guided full day sightseeing in Rio visiting Corcovado Mountain and the Santa Teresa district.

Day 12 Day at leisure.

Day 13 Transfer to Rio airport for return flight to the UK (or extend your stay in Brazil).

Natural Wonders of Brazil - 15 nights

Based on British Airways direct flight
Guide price per person (2 sharing) £5,090

• Rio de Janeiro 3 nights **BB**

• Amazon 3 nights **FB**

• Cuiaba 2 nights **BB**

• Pantanal 4 nights **FB**

• Iguacu falls 3 nights **BB**

Day 1 Upon arrival in Rio, Transfer to the Porto Bay Rio Internacional Hotel (Limited Ocean View Room) 3 nights. **BB**

Day 2 Group guided full day sightseeing tour in Rio.

Day 3 Guided half day visit to the Botanical Gardens.

Day 4 Transfer to the airport for a flight to Manaus. Transfer to the Anavilhanhas Jungle Lodge 3 nights. **FB**

Days 5-6 Guided tours and activities included.

Day 7 Transfer to Manaus airport. Fly to Cuiaba and on arrival, transfer to Deville Prime Hotel 2 nights. **BB**

Day 8 Guided full day tour to Chapada dos Guimaraes. Lunch included.

Day 9 Group transfer to the Pantanal. Pousada Rio Mutum 4 nights. **FB**

Days 10-12 Guided tours and activities included.

Day 13 Transfer to Cuiaba airport. Fly to Sao Paulo and connect with a flight to Iguacu.

Viale Cataratas hotel 3 nights. **BB**

Day 14 Guided full day tour of the Argentinian side of the falls.

Day 15 Day at leisure.

Day 16 Transfer to the airport. Fly to either Sao Paulo or Rio to connect with return flight to the UK. Alternatively extend your stay in either Brazil or Argentina.

Brazil Express - 9 nights

Based on British Airways direct flight
Guide price per person (2 sharing) £2,545

• Rio de Janeiro 3 nights **BB**

• Paraty 3 nights **BB**

• Iguacu falls 3 nights **BB**

Day 1 Upon arrival in Rio, transfer to Porto Bay Rio Internacional Hotel (Limited Ocean View Room), situated on Copacabana Beach 3 nights. **BB**

Day 2 Guided full day tour of Rio visiting Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Mountain.

Day 3 Day at leisure.

Day 4 Group transfer to Paraty. Pousada Porto Imperial 3 nights. **BB**

Days 5-6 Days at leisure; explore Paraty's traffic-free streets; see the fishermen bring in their catch, or take a schooner boat trip to a nearby island.

Day 7 Group transfer to Sao Paulo airport. Fly to Iguacu. Transfer to Viale Cataratas hotel 3 nights. **BB**

Day 8 Guided half day tour to the Argentinian side of the falls.

Day 9 Day at leisure. Optional visit to the Brazilian side of the falls (not included).

Day 10 Transfer to the airport. Fly to Sao Paulo or Rio to connect with return flight to the UK.

