

Brazil: A Journey Through the Vibrant Culture of Rio de Janeiro and Salvador

DURATION | 9 Days

TRIP LEVEL | Active

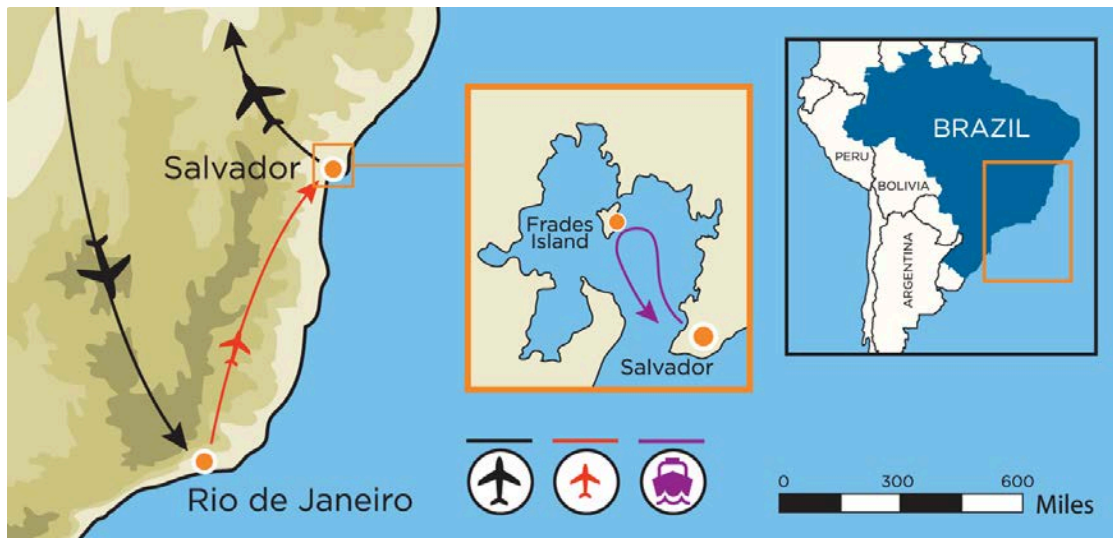
Trip Overview

Big, bold, and enchanting, Brazil is a multi-cultural wonderland. Fall under its spell as you dig deep into two fascinating cities—Rio de Janeiro and Salvador de Bahia. Discover their historical roots, natural beauty, exquisite architecture, and iconic music. From Sugarloaf to Ipanema, from Christ the Redeemer to Carnival's backstage magic, and from beachfront to hillside neighborhoods, stroll, taste, dance, and indulge in everything Rio—the city with the samba soundtrack. Celebrate Salvador de Bahia's proud blend of Portuguese and African heritage in its colorful center, Pelourinho, and discover its exuberant Afro-Brazilian soul in the art and music of Rio Vermelho.

Trip Highlights

- Ride the cable car up Sugarloaf Mountain; bicycle along the shores of Ipanema and Copacabana beaches; take in sweeping city views from Christ the Redeemer Statue; and visit Rio's world-renowned Botanical Garden.
- Discover Pelourinho, and the multi-cultural music scene of bohemian Vermelho; learn the origins of Brazilian cuisine at a local market; and cruise through All Saints Bay to two fascinating islands.
- Practice the smooth dance moves of Samba; sip cachaça spirits at a tasting; venture into the backstage world of Carnival preparations; and revel in the colorful energy of the Bahia Folklore Company.

Map View



Trip Itinerary



Day 1

Welcome to Brazil!

Arrive in Rio de Janeiro, the Cidade Maravilhosa—Brazil's "Marvelous City." Prepare to be wowed by its multi-cultural style, its breathtaking natural beauty, and the warmest of welcomes. Transfer to your hotel and meet your Brazilian guide and fellow AdventureWomen travelers for introductions and welcome dinner on nearby Leme Beach—a toast to the adventure ahead!

Meals: dinner | Overnight: Windsor Leme Hotel



Windsor Leme Hotel

Discover the charm of Rio de Janeiro with a stay at the Windsor Leme Hotel. Facing Leme beach and offering a plethora of amenities, including a rooftop pool. Conveniently situated near iconic city landmarks like Forte Duque de Caxias, immerse yourself in the beauty of the city by exploring nearby parks.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, hair dryer, minibar, cable / satellite TV, flatscreen TV, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi.



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Day 2

Discover Rio

Begin your day with a train ride up Corcovado Mountain to the iconic Christ-the-Redeemer statue. Continue to Santa Teresa and discover the charms of one of Rio's oldest neighborhoods where vintage cable cars (the last in the city) navigate winding streets. Enjoy lunch here, admire the outstanding art collection at the Chacar do Cu Museum, and take in the best views of Rio from Ruins Park.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Windsor Leme Hotel



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Day 3

A Behind-the-Scenes Carnival Tour and Samba Class

Start the day with a double cable car ride, the first to the top of Urca Hill with its enchanting panoramas of Guanabara Bay, and the second to the peak of fabled Sugar Loaf, rising 1,300 feet above Rio's harbor. After lunch together, enter the magical world of Rio's Carnival on a private backstage tour. Take a sneak peek at the elaborate float constructions and costume designs, perhaps dressing up in carnival attire yourself! Channel your inner samba diva as you practice smooth moves and join a fun percussion session with the samba school percussionists.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Windsor Leme Hotel



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Day 4

Botanical Garden Visit and Samba Show

Explore Rio's southern coast on a morning bicycle ride along the fabled beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema. After lunch, stroll through the sprawling Botanical Garden, one of the world's top ecological sanctuaries. Visit an NGO based in one of Rio's many favelas (slums) and learn about its community development projects. This evening, head to the renowned music venue, Rio Scenarium, for dinner and live Brazilian music sessions. Join the local Cariocas and dance the night away!

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Windsor Leme Hotel



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Day 5

Fly to Salvador de Bahia

After breakfast, head to the airport for your northbound flight to colorful, energetic Salvador de Bahia—a 500-year-old Portuguese settlement and the country's heart and soul of dazzling Afro-Brazilian culture. Check into your hotel and enjoy a leisurely afternoon, gathering with your group for dinner this evening.

Meals: breakfast, dinner | Overnight: Fera Palace Hotel



Fera Palace Hotel

Nestled in the heart of Salvador da Bahia, the elegant Fera Palace Hotel welcomes guests with 81 thoughtfully appointed rooms. Stay connected with complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the property, while the 24-hour reception ensures seamless service around the clock. This property holds an environmentally sustainable certification, reflecting its commitment to responsible hospitality. Experience the essence of Bahia in style and comfort at this distinguished establishment while enjoying its pools, poolside bar and rooftop terrace.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, hair dryer, minibar, refrigerator, safe, flatscreen TV, air conditioning, free Wi-Fi



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Day 6

Discover Salvador!

Delve into the history, culture, and cuisine of Salvador's unique neighborhoods, beginning with a walk along the cobblestone streets of Pelourinho, its UNESCO World Heritage Site neighborhood hallmarked by colorful colonial buildings and ornate churches. Before your lunch of regional specialties, savor the flavors of Brazil's famous sugarcane spirit, cachaça. Continue to the lively quarter of Rio Vermelho, famous for its female street vendors, live music, and casual gathering spots known as botecos.

Meals: breakfast, lunch | Overnight: Fera Palace Hotel



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Day 7

Local Market Visit and Cooking Class

Begin your culinary adventure in a vibrant market with stalls selling everything from religious artifacts to fish, slippers to spices, and ingredients for Salvador's delicious cuisine. Join a chef in their home kitchen and learn how to make the region's signature dish, moqueca, a fragrant seafood stew. Sit down together to enjoy the memorable lunch.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Fera Palace Hotel



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Day 8

Schooner Bay Cruise and Farewell Dinner

With Salvador's city skyline behind you, cruise to two tropical islands in All Saints Bay. Historic Ilha dos Frades, named for 16th-century French monks, is now a sanctuary of pristine beaches. And on Itaparica, discover old forts, fishing and artist enclaves. This evening, revel in a dazzling cultural performance by the world-renowned Bahia Folklore Company. This evening's farewell dinner is for celebrating your extraordinary experiences in two of Brazil's fascinating, cities—and toasting to your new AdventureWomen friends.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Fera Palace Hotel



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Day 9

Depart Salvador

After a last morning in this fascinating city, say goodbye to your guide and fellow travelers, and transfer to Salvador Airport (SAL) for your flight homeward. We wish you Boa Viagem!

What's Included

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- Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- All meals as listed in the itinerary
- Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- One group transfer on arrival and departure
- All ground transportation
- Domestic airfare

Not Included

- International airfare
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities for guides, drivers and hotel staff

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

