

BRAZIL - BEST OF BRAZIL



TRIP CODE

BRTSBOB

DURATION

12 Days

LOCATIONS

Brazil



INTRODUCTION

[Choose this Tailor-Made itinerary or customise to create your own unique journey.](#)
[Departs daily to suit your travel plans. Price based on Standard accommodation.](#)

Brazil is vast and diverse country with so much to explore. In this holiday we have hand picked the top highlights to give you a flavour of the country's incredible diversity. The holiday starts at Iguazu Falls, which can be accessed from numerous hubs across Latin America. With tours of both the Brazilian and Argentina sides of the falls, you will have the opportunities to see these awesome falls from every possible angle. Continue to the famous and unmissable Rio de Janeiro with its iconic skyline and beaches of beautiful people. After a few days enjoying all Rio has to offer, fly up to the vibrant Salvador de Bahia with its unique African culture. Spend a few days exploring the cobbled streets and taking in the music and street performances. Your final stop is the incredible Pantanal wetlands, brimming with wildlife. You will stay at a lodge, where expert guides will help you get the very best from this wildlife hotspot.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Iguazu

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service includes driver and local English speaking guide.



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DAY 1: Half Day Tour - Iguazu Falls - Brazilian side

Today we see the falls from the Brazilian side of the border. After arriving at the visitor centre, we board buses for a tour of the park. Equipped with panoramic windows, the buses are designed to maximize your views of the falls, while the walkways and steps allow you to get up close to the spray. Views of the Floriana Falls, the Devil's Gorge Canyon and the Iguazu River are spectacular and are guaranteed to impress.



DAY 2: Iguazu Falls - Argentinean Side

After an early morning pick up from your hotel, we travel to the Argentinean side of the Iguazu Falls. Beginning at the visitor's centre, we take a ride on the Rainforest Ecological train before exploring the upper and lower circuit footbridges. The footbridges, which are raised off the jungle floor, provide panoramic views from above and below the falls. A visit to Devil's Gorge arguably the most spectacular falls, is one of the day's highlights.



DAY 3: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



DAY 3: Arrival transfer in Rio de Janeiro

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DAY 3: Rio de Janeiro

Known as the "Cidade Maravilhosa", or Marvellous City, Rio never fails to amaze with its sandy beaches, carefree lifestyle and unparalleled natural beauty. As the capital of Brazil until 1960, Rio is today one of the most culturally and economically prominent cities in the country, receiving more tourists than any other part of Brazil.



DAY 4: Corcovado & Sugarloaf with Lunch

After an early pick up from your hotel, this tour makes its way to the bottom of Corcovado Hill, where we ascend the mountain by vehicle. Climbing 4km through the Tijuca Forest, the world's largest urban National Park, we will arrive at the statue of Christ the Redeemer. After taking in the panoramic views, continue to the Maracana Stadium. We also pass the Sambadrome and the Metropolitan Cathedral, before passing through the bohemian neighbourhood of Lapa and its famous arches en-route to Copacabana. Enjoy a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch (beverages not included) before visiting the famous Sugarloaf Mountain with views across the entire city. After descending the mountain, you will be dropped off at your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



DAY 5: Rio de Janeiro - Free Day


Today is a free day for you to relax on one of Rio's famous beaches such as Ipanema or Copacabana, or explore the city further at your leisure.



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DAY 6: Arrival transfer in Salvador

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DAY 6: Salvador


Salvador, in Brazil’s north eastern state of Bahia, was once the magnificent capital of Portugal’s New World colony. It is known for its vibrant Afro-Brazilian culture, 17th and 18th century Portuguese colonial architecture and tropical coastline. The historic heart of the city is the Pelourinho neighbourhood where cobblestone alleys open onto large squares lined with ornate churches and colourful buildings. Most nights you will hear Olodum drummers pounding out powerful rhythms on the streets. The heritage of the descendants of African slaves is well preserved here, from music and religion to food and dance.



DAY 7: Salvador - Panoramic City Tour

The Lower City Tour offers another perspective of the sprawling city, taking us to the quiet waters of the Itapagipe Peninsula where life moves at a slower pace than the bustling upper city. Fishermen fish from dugout canoes, locals collect shellfish at low tide, schooners lie at anchor, all protected by the famous Bonfim church, one of the most important churches of pilgrimage in Brazil and deeply syncretised with the Candomblé. We continue to the Monserrat district with its panoramic view of the city and on to the Mercado Modelo, a thriving market for local goods and souvenirs. This is also a great place to test your bargaining skills!



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DAY 8: Salvador - Free day

Today is a free day for you to explore Salvador de Bahía at your leisure.



DAY 9: Pousada Piuval: Arrival


Welcome to the Pantanal, a UK-sized montage of seasonally flooded savannahs and tropical forests, which expand across millions of hectares of central-western Brazil, eastern Bolivia and eastern Paraguay. With its extraordinarily concentrated and varied flora and fauna and diverse ecological sub-regions, the Pantanal stands as one of the world’s great natural wonders. Today we meet you at Cuiaba airport, and travel to the lodge around 110km away. Built on a 7,000-hectare cattle farm, Pioval is surrounded by some of the most beautiful landscape in the Pantanal. On arrival you will have a chance to settle in before we set off on foot with our expert guides in search of wildlife. We return to the lodge to enjoy dinner.



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DAY 10: Pousada Piuval: Horseback riding

The lodge’s surrounding waterways, grasslands and forests makes it ideal for wildlife spotting and this morning we set off on horseback to explore this vast terrain. We return to the lodge for lunch before boarding motorized boat for a river safari and a spot of piranha fishing. The pousada’s pool bordered by lounges and hammocks hung invitingly under the trees provide you with the perfect place to relax in between each adventure. Dinner is served at the lodge.



DAY 11: Pousada Piuval: Photographic Safari


This morning chose between a horse riding safari or boat trip before lunching at the lodge. This afternoon we head off in the jeeps for a photographic safari and after dinner this evening we set off for some alligator spotting.



DAY 12: Pousada Piuval: Departure

We rise early and set off on foot to see the Pantanal at sunrise, one of the best times of day for wildlife spotting. We return to Cuiaba in time for your outgoing flight.




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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
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Inclusions	Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide Other meals where stated Internal flights as indicated on itinerary
	Exclusions International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included Airport taxes
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. This is a Tailor-Made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our

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travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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