



INTRODUCTION

The northeasterly state of Bahia is considered one of the most diverse and culturally rich regions of Brazil and a destination in its own right.

This exciting holiday combines the vibrant cultural capital Salvador with the stunning table top mountains and gorges of Lençóis, in the Chapada Diamantina Mountains, a wonderful destination for walkers. Then to complete your holiday continue to the hip Trancoso with its wonderful mix of beach bar culture and more remote and secluded beaches.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Lençois, Diamantina & Fumaca Waterfall

You will be met at Lençois airport in Chapadas and be transferred to Cantos das Aguas.



DAY 1: Chapada Diamantina

Chapada Diamantina National Park, in north eastern Brazil, is one of the country's most beautiful National Parks. The region became famous during the 19th century for diamond exploration. The park boasts a variety of ecosystems, wildlife, flora, canyons, waterfalls, caves, rivers and natural pools with crystal clear water. The picturesque old diamond mining town of Lençóis, with its cobbled streets and brightly painted buildings, is the Park's main gateway.



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DEPARTURE

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DURATION

12 Days

LOCATIONS

Brazil



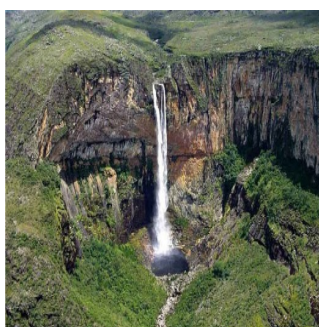
DAY 2: Chapada Diamantina

This morning we will do several guided hikes within the Chapada Diamantina National park, including the Serrano ('Mountaineer'), Cachoeirinha ('Little Waterfall'), Primavera ('Spring') and Cataratas Paraíso ('Paradise Waterfalls'). In the evening, we will walk to the Ribeirão do Meio River.



DAY 3: Fumaca Waterfall hiking with lunch

We will hike to the top of the Fumaça Waterfall where we will enjoy a lovely picnic lunch (included).



DAY 4: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

Transfer from Hotel Diamantina to Lencois Airport.



DAY 4: Arrival transfer in Salvador

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. Please note this service is with a driver only.



DAY 4: 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.



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DAY 5: 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!



DAY 6: Salvador - Free day

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



DAY 7: Catamaran Transfer to Morro de Sao Paulo

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from your hotel to the port where you will board the Catamaran to Morro de Sao Paulo. This journey will take approximately two hours.



DAY 7: Morro de Sao Paulo

Lying 60kms off Salvador, Morro de Sao Paulo (St. Paul's Hill) is one of five villages on the island of Tinharé, perched remotely at the northern tip of the island. It is a tropical paradise with calm waters and sandy lanes. The pace here is relaxed - no cars are allowed on the island, the only transport is by tractor!



DAY 8: Free Day in Morro de Sao Paulo

Free day to enjoy Morro de Sao Paulo at leisure.



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DAY 9: Morro de Sao Paulo Transfer to Salvador

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from your hotel to the port where you will board the Catamaran to Salvador. Upon arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to the airport.



DAY 9: Arrival transfer in Trancoso

Transfer from Porto Seguro airport to your hotel in Trancoso.



DAY 9: Trancoso

A former fishing village on Brazil's Bahia coast, the settlement of Trancoso was founded by Jesuits in 1583 as São João Batista dos Índios. Its tiny 16th century church, built by indigenous people, is one of the oldest in Brazil. Today Trancoso is famous for its beautiful beaches.



DAY 10: Free Day in Trancoso

Located at 40 kms by car from Porto Seguro, Trancoso is a fishing village with a bohemian vibe which makes it very attractive and unique. Etnia Pousada has a similar atmosphere, surrounded by tall trees, you will feel secluded but with amazing beaches ten minutes away. Today, you can enjoy the silence at the poolside or a massage at the mini-spa.



DAY 11: Free Day in Trancoso

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DAY 12: Transfer out

Transfer to the airport for your onward destination.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation Standard

Inclusions Guided tours and excursions
Accommodation
Ground transfers
Transport
Internal Flights
Breakfasts
Other meals where specified

Difficulty Rating 1 (easy)

Single Surcharge Season and availability

Notes Flights between Salvador and Lencois only operate on Thursdays and Sundays. Any other day, the transfer will be by car (6hrs approximately) from or to Salvador.

Price Dependent upon Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff



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bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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