

TRIP ITINERARY

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November 29 - December 09, 2025

Nov 29 Depart from US

Departure from US for Nov 30 arrival in Brazil

Nov 30 Welcome to Brazil

Upon your arrival at Rio de Janeiro's Galeão International Airport (GIG), you will be greeted by our friendly English-speaking guide. Enjoy a private transfer to your hotel, ensuring a smooth and comfortable start to your Rio adventure. Relax and get ready to explore the marvelous city!

Tonight you'll be treated to a welcome dinner at Casa da Feijoada, a renowned local restaurant famous for its traditional Brazilian cuisine. The evening will feature an open bar offering water, soft drinks, beer, and the iconic caipirinha, allowing you to unwind and immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Rio de Janeiro. This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy the flavors of Brazil and connect with your fellow travelers as you begin your adventure.

Dec 01 Full Day Rio Highlights

Start your morning with a memorable train ride up Corcovado Hill to see the majestic Christ the Redeemer statue. Enjoy the stunning panoramic views of the city from this iconic landmark.

Next, enjoy a panoramic visit to the famous Maracanã Stadium, one of the world's most storied sports venues. Following this, stop at the Metropolitan Cathedral to admire its unique architecture and beautiful stained-glass windows.

For lunch, indulge in a traditional Brazilian barbecue at a churrascaria. Savor the rich flavors and cultural heritage of Brazilian BBQ, a culinary tradition perfected over 300 years and passed down through generations.

In the afternoon, continue your adventure with a visit to Sugarloaf Mountain, an iconic symbol of Rio located in the Urca neighborhood. Take a two-stage cable car ride to the summit. First, ascend to Cerro de Urca at 224 meters, and then continue to the top of Sugarloaf at 396 meters. Conclude your day with the most beautiful and panoramic views of Rio de Janeiro, capturing the city's stunning landscapes. Join us for an unforgettable day of exploration and breathtaking sights in the marvelous city of Rio de Janeiro.

Dec 02 Free Day at Leisure

Enjoy the day at leisure

Dec 03 Academicos Da Grande Samba Experience

Dive into the vibrant world of samba with a guided tour of the Acadêmicos da Grande Rio shed, one of Rio de Janeiro's premier samba schools. Your journey begins in the exhibition room, where you'll learn about the rich history of samba and the spectacular carnival parades that light up the city every year.

Next, get in the carnival spirit as you try on elaborate costumes and capture unforgettable photos. Enjoy a refreshing welcome caipirinha drink to get a true taste of samba culture. Then, join one of our talented Passistas for an energizing samba class, where you'll learn the basic steps and rhythms. Enhance your experience with a mixed percussion and dance workshop, blending Afro and Samba no Pé styles.

Return to the roots of samba with a tour of Little Africa, the cradle of this lively dance form. Finally, immerse yourself in an authentic festivity at Pedra do Sal, where you can dance and revel like a true Carioca.

Dec 04 Historical & Cultural Tour W/ Rio By Night

Walk along Rio's Downtown area to learn more about Brazil's history and the city's post-Olympic legacy. Your day will start at the Valongo Wharf - the latest Unesco World Heritage site in the city — and learn more about the African influence in Brazil. You will also visit Kobra Mural — one of the largest graffiti walls in the world - to admire the five ethnic groups portrayed in the background. During the tour you will also visit the Museum of Tomorrow, the Monastery of Saint Benedict and the 2016 Rio Olympic Cauldron.

In the evening, you will visit the neighborhood of Lapa. Once the sun goes down, this normally quiet neighborhood transforms into a bustling and vibrant area filled with restaurants, nightclubs, and bars. We will take you right to the heart of the action, where our local guides will accompany you to one of the local clubs to enjoy traditional Brazilian jazz and samba in an unforgettable setting.

Dec 05 Travel from Rio to Salvador

Today we will fly from Rio de Janeiro to Salvador. Once we reach Salvador, you will have the rest of your day at leisure.

Dec 06 Full Day African Heritage & Historical City Tour

Start your journey with a visit to a percussion workshop. Here, you'll meet a master of rhythms who will introduce you to the famous atabaques (musical instruments traditionally played in Candomblé ceremonies). Experience the enchanting beats of the drums and immerse yourself in the rhythms of African and Brazilian music.

Next, meet a capoeira master and learn about this martial art brought to Brazil by African slaves. Engage in a fun and informative session where you'll learn to move to the sound of the berimbau and practice some of the main movements of capoeira, a key cultural expression of Bahia.

Afterward, explore the largest and most traditional market in Salvador, the Feira de São Joaquim. This exotic and vibrant market is a fantastic place to interact with locals, taste unique spices, and discover stalls dedicated to ritualistic objects. Transitioning to the historic part of the tour, you'll visit some of Brazil's most famous landmarks on foot in Salvador's Historic Center. Stroll through narrow streets, hillsides, and past old mansions that transport you back in time. Explore squares, churches, museums, and art galleries, soaking in the charm of Pelourinho.

Enjoy a delicious lunch at the renowned Senac Restaurant, savoring the flavors of traditional Bahian cuisine.

Dec 07 Salvador Arts & Flavor Tour

Embark on a through the vibrant neighborhoods of Barra and Rio Vermelho. Begin your tour at the Fort of Santa Maria, located on Porto da Barra beach. Originally built to defend the Bay of All Saints, this fort has been transformed into a cultural space featuring an interactive exhibition by photographer and ethnographer Pierre Verger. Next, head to the bohemian neighborhood of Rio Vermelho to visit the memorial "A Casa do Rio Vermelho," the former home of renowned writers Jorge Amado and Zélia Gattai. Afterward, explore the Rio Vermelho Market, known locally as Ceasinha. This market is a vibrant showcase of Bahia's handicrafts and regional cuisine. Take your time to shop for unique souvenirs, taste exotic regional fruits, and enjoy a delicious, typical Bahian lunch.

Dec 08 Traditional Cooking Class & Theatre Dinner Show

Dive into Salvador's culinary traditions with a private cooking class in a traditional community, guided by an English-speaking expert. You will visit a local fair to purchase fresh ingredients for your cooking class. This outing offers a glimpse into the vibrant markets and local produce used in Bahian cooking. Back at the kitchen, the skilled cooks will guide you through preparing a traditional Moqueca Mista—a flavorful stew made with dendê palm oil, fish, and shrimp—along with a typical Bahian dessert. At the end of the class, savor the fruits of your labor with a delicious lunch made from the dishes you've prepared.

In the evening, start your night at the Miguel Santana Theatre, where you'll witness a captivating demonstration of Bahia's main folk and cultural expressions. The vibrant performances will immerse you in the rich traditions and lively spirit of Bahian culture. Following the show, delight in a delicious dinner at Cuco Bistro. Savor some of the finest dishes of Bahian cuisine, known for its unique flavors and culinary heritage.

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