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Journey Overview

Welcome to Brazil where vibrant cultures meet hypnotic rhythms and where natural wonders range from beautiful coastlines and tropical forest to thundering waterfalls. The country’s energy is infectious and you’ll be mesmerised by cosmopolitan cities which overflow with eye-catching colonial and modernist architecture, by its music and dance and its rich culinary heritage. On this journey discover the beach vibe in Rio and Paraty, admire the work of Brazil’s leading architects and designers in vibrant São Paulo and Brasilia, savour the ethnic flavour of Salvador, bed down in the country’s leading hotels and dine out on the fresh flavours of Brazilian cuisine.

Journey Highlights

- View Rio from on high when you visit the Statue of Christ the Redeemer and Sugar Loaf
- Meander through Paraty’s charming colonial streets
- Explore São Paulo’s vibrant and fascinating cultural and architectural elements
- Marvel at the sheer power and noise of the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls
- Come into contact with hundreds of species of birds during a private backstage bird encounter
- Wander Salvador’s cobblestone alleys and uncover fascinating Portuguese colonial architecture
- Witness the mesmerizing sound and dance of the Bahia Folklore Company
- Stroll through enticing markets with a local chef selecting ingredients for a cooking workshop
Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Rio de Janeiro.
A warm welcome to Brazil and marvellous Rio where your elegant beachfront hotel awaits. Join your Tour Director this evening for a briefing on the adventure ahead and dinner.

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Day 2: Rio de Janeiro | Carnival to Corcovado.
Today venture by cog-wheel train to the summit of Corcovado Mountain crowned by the 30-metre-high Statue of Christ the Redeemer, one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. From beneath Christ’s outstretched arms, soak up the extraordinary panorama of Rio’s mountains, rainforest and coastline and on the way back you’ll be able to make out the Maracanã stadium and the Sambodromo, site of Rio’s annual Carnival parade competition. Dig a little deeper for a different perspective on Rio with a choice of the following:

- Set out on a behind-the-scenes backstage experience exploring the artistry and imagination of Carnival.
- Capture the essence of Rio on a bike tour of the beaches
- See the work being done by A&K Philanthropy at Vidigal favela supporting youth activity and employment.

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This morning see Rio from the water on a sailing trip in Guanabara Bay past islands, forts and beaches with awe-inspiring views of the city. This afternoon tick off Sugar Loaf peak, one of Rio’s most iconic landmarks, accessed via cable car, with breathtaking views from the top.

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Day 4: Paraty | Costa Verde.
Shop like a Carioca at one of the city’s street markets and taste some local fruits before the scenic drive along the coast to Paraty, a charming UNESCO World Heritage listed town. Arrive at your boutique hotel with time to relax before a walking tour. Ramble along cobblestone streets and discover the town’s history. Browse boutiques, galleries and cosy cafés and step inside the humble waterfront church.

Pousada Literaria | Meals: BD
Day 5: Paraty | Design Your Day.

Uncover more of this colonial jewel on a choice of Design Your Day activities:

- Glide around nearby islands and seek out hidden beaches on a private schooner cruise.
- Take a jeep tour into the Atlantic Forest for lunch and a chance to sample Brazil’s most famous spirit – cachaça.

**Pousada Literaria | Meals: BL**

Day 6: São Paulo | City Skyline Views at SEEN.

Drive north to São Paulo, the country’s dynamic economic and cultural centre. Dinner tonight is at the hotel’s rooftop restaurant SEEN. With 360-degree views of the city skyline you’ll be dished up award winning cuisine by the executive chef and drinks by head bartender. 

*Tivoli Mofarrej Sao Paulo Hotel | Meals: BD*

Day 7: São Paulo | Museums & Markets.

For your introduction to São Paulo, head downtown to visit the neo-Gothic Sé Cathedral and the geographic monument, Marco Zero. At the church of Patio do Colegio, step inside the museum dedicated to Father Anchieta, a Jesuit missionary who was one of the city’s founders. Continue to Liberdade, also known as “the Japanese district”, which is home to the world’s largest Japanese community outside Japan. On Paulista Avenue, the city’s major thoroughfare, head to MASP (São Paulo Museum of Art), considered one of the best museums in the world.

Later today unwind at the famous Ibirapuera urban park, a green oasis which is home to the Museum of Modern Art (MAM). Stop for a light lunch at the covered Belle Epoque-style Municipal Market and try a variety of different local dishes.

*Tivoli Mofarrej Sao Paulo Hotel | Meals: BL*

Day 8: Iguazú Falls | 500 Years of Brazil’s Culinary History.

Fly to Iguazú Falls, one of the world’s greatest natural wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Settle into your grand hotel situated within the National Park, just a short stroll from the waterfalls, providing exclusive access when the crowds have left.

This afternoon wander from the hotel down the canyon for a panoramic view of the Brazil side of the falls. Tonight, take a chef-led gastronomic journey through Brazil’s culinary history with a six-course meal and matched wines.

*Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: BD*

Day 9: Iguazú Falls | Thundering Cataracts.

Discover the falls from the equally breathtaking Argentine side this morning. Take a small train through the park, wander along walkways to the top of the falls and then head out to the suspended platform at the Devil’s Throat. After a traditional Argentinian asado return to the Brazilian side and set off in open wagons through the jungle. Hike up to the Macuco Falls and then journey by speed boat through canyons and along rapids for an up close and exhilarating view of the falls.

*Belmond Hotel das Cataratas | Meals: BLD*
Day 10: Iguazú Falls | Conserving Brazil’s Birdlife.

This morning set off on a private behind-the-scenes experience at the Iguassu Bird Park where you have the chance to handle and feed macaws, toucans, scarlet ibis and more. Before your flight to Brasilia you have the option of taking a scenic helicopter flight over the falls (additional cost). Arrive into Brazil’s capital and transfer to your hotel.

_Windsor Plaza Brasilia | Meals: BD_

Day 11: Brasilia | Modernist Masterpiece.

Lose yourself in this beguiling city, which was designed to replace Rio as Brazil’s capital. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Brasilia is a definitive example of 20th century modernist urbanism. Admire many of the city’s most interesting sights including Our Lady of Fatima Church, the Belvedere TV Tower and explore the genius of city architect Oscar Niemeyer – the sweeping plazas, imposing white concrete monuments, the JK Memorial mausoleum and his masterpiece, Catedral Metropolitana.

_Windsor Plaza Brasilia | Meals: BL_

Day 12: Salvador da Bahia | Afro-Brazilian Jewel.

Fly to Salvador and check in to your sophisticated new hotel with its views over the Bay of All Saints. Late this afternoon a walking tour takes you through the historic Pelourinho district, the largest collection of colonial buildings in Latin America and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the brightly coloured houses and take a peek inside the exuberantly gilded church of São Francisco, the most ornate Baroque church in Brazil.

_Fasano Salvador | Meals: BD_


Accompany a local chef to the bustling São Joaquim market not select ingredients for Bahia’s signature dish, the moqueca. Then watch as the dish is prepared in an earthenware pot and delivered to your table for lunch. Return to the hotel with time at leisure before ending the day at an explosive and exhilarating traditional dance performance by the acclaimed Bahia Folklore Company.

_Fasano Salvador | Meals: BL_

Day 14: Salvador da Bahia | Design Your Day.

Discover your Bahian inspiration with a choice of Design Your Day activity:

- Move to your inner beat at an intriguing percussion demonstration and workshop.
- Trace the African roots of Salvador on a city tour which visits the key attractions.
- Shift into low gear on a tour of Salvador’s Lower City where life moves at a slower pace.

Tonight step inside Amado restaurant in a renovated bayside warehouse for your farewell dinner.

_Fasano Salvador | Meals: BD_

Day 15: Depart Salvador da Bahia.

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

_Meals: B_
Journey Details

**Maximum Group Size:** 18

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

**Tour Inclusions**

All accommodation as detailed on a double/twin share basis with private facilities; meals as specified; bottled water during transfers and touring; airport welcome; assistance with luggage and group transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle; services of English speaking A&K Resident Tour Director; economy flights only if specified as included in itinerary, all entrance fees, planning, handling, operational and communication charges, all tipping.

**Tour Exclusions**

International flights not specified as included, visas, insurance coverage of personal loss, injury, illness or damages incurred during your trip; items of a purely personal nature such as drinks, laundry, dry cleaning, internet, fax or phone charges; transfers, sightseeing or meals not specified in itinerary; excess baggage charges

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Accommodation

Belmond Copacabana Palace

Storming to the top of the hot of the press 'Conde Nast 2014 Gold List' in the best city hotels category we simply adore the old school opulence of the famous Belmond Copacabana Palace. Superbly positioned with its grand edifice overlooking the sea, this glamorous Belmond landmark in Rio has been welcoming the rich and famous since its Art Deco doors swung open in 1923. Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers danced here and the Rolling Stones tuned up in its grand salon before their concert on the beach.

The Belmond Copacabana Palace has 239 rooms and suites in total, 147 are found in the main building, of which 71 are suites. In addition, there are 58 suites and 40 bedrooms with city views in the brand new Tower Wing. Every room and suite is individually designed with fine period furniture and original works of art, creating an elegant, yet relaxed ambiance. To quote Conde Nast 'Stepping through the doors of the Copacabana always feels like the start of an adventure' and we're certain this will be an adventure that will make you feel fabulous!

Why we like it

- Select rooms and suites have views of the world-famous Copacabana beach or the city
As the name suggests, Belmond Copacabana Palace is located on the famous Copacabana Beach.

Copacabana Palace is home to three of Rio de Janeiro's finest restaurants, The Hotel Cipriani, The Pérgula and MEE – awarded with a Michelin Star.

The magnificent swimming pool at the Belmond Copacabana Palace has long drawn stars and royalty alike to sunbathe, swim and socialise.

Other facilities include a fitness centre, tennis court, exclusive beach service and the classically styled Piano Bar.

Pousada Literaria, Paratay

Pousada Literaria is a boutique colonial house in the centre of town that has been beautifully restored. Suites are spacious and well equipped with modern high-end finishes. Bright, coloured fabrics and polished wood furnishings decorate the rooms. Spend time relaxing by the courtyard swimming pool or choose a book from the extensive collection housed in the private library.

Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas, Foz do Iguaçu
Completely refurbished in 2009, the Belmond Hotel das Cataratas is a Portuguese-colonial residence. It is a classic Belmond hotel, redolent with the atmosphere of lazy days lounging on a veranda or beneath sub-tropical palms.

The rooms are decorated in a Portuguese style and feature paintings of the local flora and fauna by the Brazilian artist Ludmilla de Montes, alongside traditional Azulejos "painted tiles" designed exclusively for Hotel das Cataratas. The suites follow a similar decorative style, with the addition of outdoor spaces in many cases. All have lovely, marble-lined bathrooms.

This charming hotel is a fantastic location from which to experience the magnificence of the Iguaçu Falls, or to explore the paths leading to the mighty Devil's Throat.

Why we like it

- Some of the suites have private balconies. All rooms are air-conditioned
- The Belmond Hotel das Cataratas is the only hotel within the Iguaçu National Park (on the Brazilian side), and is surrounded by tropical nature alongside the Iguaçu Falls
- Dining options include Ipê Grill alongside the pool and the Restaurant Itaipu - both serve international cuisine and local dishes
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Windsor Plaza Brasilia
With a privileged central location, Windsor Plaza Brasilia is equipped for the comfort and convenience of its guests. Appreciate the facilities and service including two restaurants and bars, a swimming pool and health club.
## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

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