



BRAZIL NATURAL WONDERS & CULTURAL GEMS - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

Experience the amazing natural wonders and
vibrant cultural splendours of Brazil.

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Latin America, Brazil



11 days from AU\$20,170 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

Experience the amazing natural wonders and vibrant cultural splendours of Brazil — from the colourful street art of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro to the unrivalled spectacle of Iguazu Falls and the musical and culinary traditions of Salvador de Bahia — on an immersive luxury adventure that reveals a nation's finest gems.

Journey Highlights

- Discover a vital aspect of São Paulo's diverse art scene, when you view its richly inventive street graffiti
- While in Salvador, learn about the roots of Brazilian culture as you walk the colonial streets of the Pelourinho, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit a local market with a chef before preparing traditional dishes together for lunch, during your time in Salvador
- Witness the power of Iguazu Falls from both sides (Argentina and Brazil), and from different points of view — top, bottom and overhead — for an unforgettable experience
- Travel through Brazil's culinary history on a six-course chef-led experience paired with South American wines
- Enjoy an insider visit at HStern, Latin America's leading luxury jewellery company, for an exclusive private gem viewing
- Experience downtown Rio de Janeiro as the locals do and go backstage to view preparations for Carnival
- Fly by helicopter over Rio de Janeiro, lifting off from Sugar Loaf and taking in a wide range of iconic local sights



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive São Paulo, Brazil

Arrive in São Paulo, where you are met and privately transferred to your luxurious accommodations. After an early check-in arranged by A&K, enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Rosewood São Paulo / Meals: D

Day 2: São Paulo & Salvador | Graffiti Art & Bahian Culture

Visit a fantastic and colourful graffiti alley to behold some of the wildly expressive wall murals created by local street artists and admire the architecture of the buildings lining São Paulo's streets, reflective of decades of changing design trends. Afterward, fly to the state of Bahia, in the northeast of Brazil, to visit its cultural capital, Salvador de Bahia. The first capital of Brazil and once a hub for the slave trade, this port city is now a thriving centre of Afro-Brazilian culture and traditions that influence its music, dance, cuisine and religious celebrations. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel, set in a historic building that boasts fascinating Art Deco design elements. Toast your arrival with a drink on the hotel roof, sitting beside the rooftop pool and taking in the magnificent view of All Saints Bay. Tonight, gather for dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

Hotel Fasano Salvador / Meals: BD

Day 3: Salvador | Historic City Walk & Percussion Workshop

Discover the essence of Salvador on a guided walk of the Pelourinho, the city's historical city centre and a UNESCO Cultural Heritage Site. Here visit Brazilian Baroque churches and century-old manors, stopping at one for lunch accompanied by cachaça, a clear, fruity liquor made from sugar cane that is one of Brazil's most popular drinks. Then, under the expert guidance of a local professional percussionist, try the various instruments that form Bahia's percussive tradition, such as the surdo, the caixa, the agogo, and the berimbau, a single-stringed instrument integral to the Afro-Brazilian martial art of capoeira. This evening, immerse yourself in the African traditions that underpin Bahian culture in a show of African ballet at Miguel Santana Theatre.

Hotel Fasano Salvador / Meals: BL

Day 4: Salvador | Cooking Demonstration & Foodie Outing

Begin the day at a bustling fair market, joined by a local chef, to discover the origins of local flavours, smells and tastes before making your way to your chef's private home for a hands-on cooking demonstration of some traditional Bahian dishes. In the evening, visit the Rio Vermelho district, an informal, bohemian quarter where the locals go to meet their friends to drink cold beer or their favourite cachaça, snacking on a variety of tasty petiscos (Brazil's answer to tapas) and listening to live music.

Hotel Fasano Salvador | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Iguazu Falls | Brazil's Spectacular Natural Wonder

Head south to experience the majestic beauty and power of Iguazu Falls. Arrive at Iguazu Falls Airport and transfer to the only hotel located within Brazil's Iguazu National Park, just a short stroll from the sensational waterfalls. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel's restaurant.

Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls | Meals: BD

Day 6: Iguazu Falls | Both Sides, From Top to Bottom

Cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge into Argentina en route to Argentina Iguazu National Park. Upon arrival, board a small train for a ride through the park, making two stops: one to the upper circuit and another to the lower circuit. Take in views of spectacular Iguazu Falls, surrounding by lush natural foliage. Next, step out onto a suspended platform at the edge of the Devil's Throat, the largest cascade in the park, for an up-close experience that caps off your visit here. Enjoy lunch at the Meliá Iguazu Hotel's restaurant, which offers you another amazing view of the falls. Continue to the Brazilian side and embark by Zodiac, a heavy-duty rubber power boat, for an adventurous ride to the foot of the falls. Feel their power as you bask in the mist they cast up around you.

Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls | Meals: BL

Day 7: Iguazu Falls | Design Your Day

Wake up early and gain exclusive park access, entering before regular operating hours and descending on a canyon trail for panoramic views of the more than 240 cascades. Then, board a glass elevator to a platform for yet another perspective on the park, the most significant remaining rainforest in the southern cone of South America, which, along with the waterfalls, has been declared a National Heritage Site by UNESCO. This afternoon, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Go Backstage at Bird's Park**, accessing restricted areas for privileged contact with selected birds, including feeding of toucans, at this internationally recognized rescue centre.
- **Fly over Iguazu Falls in a Helicopter** and witness one of the most dramatic and picture-perfect waterfalls in the world.
- **Indulge in a Signature Massage** at Belmond Spa to relax.

Tonight, gather for a unique and unforgettable Chef's Table experience at Casa du Chef, where, over six amazing courses paired with wine from exquisite South American wineries, you discover how the combined heritage of indigenous peoples, Africans and Europeans have forged Brazil's unique flavours over the past 500 years.

Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls | Meals: BD

Day 8: Rio de Janeiro | Welcome to the Marvellous City

Fly to Rio de Janeiro, which its inhabitants — the Cariocas — call the Cidade Maravilhosa (Marvellous City), and check in to your glamorous hotel, set on the golden sands of the famous Copacabana Beach. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Copacabana Place, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro | Meals: BD

Day 9: Rio de Janeiro | Sugar Loaf & Rio by Helicopter

Start with a morning at leisure, and then depart for lunch at Assador, a restaurant that takes barbecue to succulent new heights, to savour a true Brazilian taste sensation. Afterward, ascend iconic Sugar Loaf mountain to take in panoramic views of the city and Guanabara Bay. Lift off from the summit for a scenic helicopter flight, admiring Rio's landmarks, including the soaring Christ the Redeemer statue, one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Land back on Sugar Loaf for a refreshing Scenic Sundowner before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Copacabana Place, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro | Meals: BL

Day 10: Rio de Janeiro | Carnival Backstage & Rare Jewellery

Explore downtown Rio de Janeiro on a guided walk of the historic city centre, viewing sites central to local culture. Ride Like a Local along the way, hopping on and off the Rio VLT electric train, which also carries you to the revitalized port area to view the massive Cobra murals, each a dazzling example of Brazilian graffiti art. Then, get a taste of the city's Carnival culture, enjoying insider access that takes you backstage to see the construction process of costumes and floats. Take some time at leisure in the Ipanema district for lunch, and then enjoy a scintillating visit to HStern, Latin America's leading luxury jewellery company. See an impressive exhibit of precious stones and learn how they become finished gems. Go inside the master safe for an exclusive viewing of HStern's most precious jewels. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a Michelin-awarded restaurant, and then get a taste of the samba nightlife at a live music venue located in Lapa, the bohemian neighbourhood of the city. Dare a few samba moves or just marvel at the local Cariocas on the dance floor as your amazing journey through Brazil draws to a close.

Copacabana Place, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro | Meals: BLD

Day 11: Depart Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast, enjoy the option to take advantage of late checkout before transferring to Rio's international airport and boarding your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Internal air included: São Paolo/Salvador/Iguazu/Rio de Janeiro

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: airport assistance on Day 11.

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

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

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Map



Accommodation

Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls



The Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, is a Portuguese-colonial residence and 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, A Belmond Hotel. 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 Iguassu 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 Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel is the only hotel within the Iguassu National Park (on the Brazilian side), and is surrounded by tropical nature alongside the Iguassu Falls

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- Dining options include Ipê Grill alongside the pool and the Restaurant Itaipu - both serve international cuisine and local dishes

Copacabana Palace, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro



One of the best hotels in Rio de Janeiro we simply adore the old school opulence of the famous 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 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, 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 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

Dates & Pricing

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

Jun 17, 2024 - Jun 27, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$20,170 pp	AU\$7,070	Included	Call for Availability

Aug 26, 2024 - Sep 5, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$20,170 pp	AU\$7,070	Included	Call for Availability

Sep 23, 2024 - Oct 3, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$20,170 pp	AU\$7,070	Included	Call for Availability

Nov 4, 2024 - Nov 14, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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