

## Brazil - Our Signature Journey



Brazil is appealing, diverse and an exciting destination for travellers. Visitors are warmly welcomed and will quickly discover for themselves the Brazilian sense of fun. This signature journey provides an excellent introduction to the country combining fun, natural beauty and coastal relaxation. The journey starts with a few days to explore Rio de Janeiro before flying to the majestic Iguazu Falls for a two-night stay and then ending with five days on one of the beaches on Brazil's southern coast at Buzios.

**Highlights:** Rio de Janeiro – Iguazu Falls – Brazilian Coast

**Length:** 11 Days

**Costs:** From £1,941 pp excluding transatlantic flights.





## **Brazil Revealed: Our Signature Journey**

**Highlights: Rio de Janeiro – Iguassu Falls – Brazilian Coast at Buzios**

### **Days 1-4: Rio de Janeiro:**

- Day 1: Arrival transfer to your hotel; 3 nights' accommodation.
- Day 2: Excursions to Sugarloaf Mountain and to Corcovado Mountain.
- Day 3: Free day to explore Rio de Janeiro. Please contact us to arrange additional excursions.
- Day 4: Departure transfer to the airport in time for your flight to the Pantanal.

Rio de Janeiro has the most spectacular setting of all South American cities with an unbeatable combination of mountains, rainforests, lakes and miles of golden beaches. Rio de Janeiro is home to both samba and bossa nova and with their easy-going spirit and relaxed style you will find a warm welcome from locals, in true carioca style. We recommend you visit the Museum of Tomorrow and the Selaron Steps. Do let us know if you would like a cooking lesson, helicopter flight or to have a go at stand-up paddle-boarding. Please also contact us if you would like to visit one of the samba schools.

### **Days 4-6: Iguassu Falls:**

- Day 4: Arrival transfer from the airport to your hotel; 2 nights' accommodation.  
Recommended tour: Brazil side of the Falls.
- Day 5: Excursion to the Argentine side of the Falls.
- Day 6: Transfer to the airport in time for your return flight to Rio de Janeiro.

The Iguassu Falls are truly one of the spectacular wonders of the natural world. They consist of 275 separate falls and form the border between Argentina and Brazil. Iguassu National Park is home to tapirs and capybaras as well as more than 1,000 types of butterflies and over 300 species of birds, including green woodpeckers, birds of prey, toucans and egrets. A stay of two nights allows plenty of time to see the falls from both sides. It is easy enough to arrange additional excursions such as a helicopter flight over the falls or a boat trip locally.

### **Days 6-11: Brazilian Coast at Buzios:**

- Day 6: Arrival transfer from Rio airport to your beach resort  
5 nights' accommodation.
- Days 7-10: Free days to enjoy the coast.
- Day 11: Transfer to the airport in time for your flight home.

Buzios is located on an appealing peninsula surrounded by the ocean and boasts more than 20 beaches and crystal-clear water. Buzios is no longer the sleepy fishing village it once was but is now a popular destination with an abundance of restaurants, bars, boutique shops and hotels at every level, from budget accommodation to top-end luxury. Buzios offers fantastic sailing, surfing, diving, snorkelling, kite surfing, jet skiing and wind-surfing. It is an ideal place to unwind and soak up the atmosphere.



## Suggested Hotels and Indicative Costs (excluding transatlantic flights):

	<b>Premium</b>	<b>Upper</b>	<b>Mid-range</b>	<b>Value</b>
Rio de Janeiro:	Belmond Copacabana Palace	Miramar by Windsor	Porto Bay	Copa Sul
Iguassu Falls:	Belmond Das Cataratas	Gran Melia Iguazu	Mercure	Bogari
Buzios:	Casas Brancas	Vila d'Este	Abracadabra	La Chimere
<b>Indicative Costs:</b>	<b>From £2,821 pp</b>	<b>From £2,199 pp</b>	<b>From £2,120 pp</b>	<b>From £1,941 pp</b>

### Notes:

Indicative Costs are per person based on two people travelling together and sharing a double/twin room.

Transatlantic flights are not included: we will book your transatlantic flights in economy, premium economy, business or first class according to your preference.

Domestic flights within Brazil are included in economy class. Please contact us to discuss upgrades.

Additional supplements apply for special events such as New Year, the Rio Carnival or Full Moon at the Iguassu Falls. Please check with us.

**What's included in the price:** All accommodation and meals as detailed; Local taxes & service charges associated with included accommodation - All transfers & sightseeing as detailed; various activities; ATOL protection; Research, sourcing, design and preparation of your tailor-made holiday itinerary and quote; booking admin and processing; The services of our local ground agent who will coordinate your stay and ensure that everything runs smoothly including access to a local English language 24/7 telephone help line.

**What's not included in the price:** Transatlantic flights; any national park entry fees which have to be paid locally; drinks, gratuities and items of a personal nature; meals and optional excursions not listed as included; personal travel insurance; passport and visa costs (e.g. costs associated with obtaining an American ESTA visa waiver, if flying via USA); airport departure tax on leaving Brazil.

Please contact us for costs for families and parties of 3 or more passengers and for travel in 2021.

**Extensions:** Please contact us to discuss extensions to the Amazon or to other places in Brazil such as Ouro Preto, Salvador, Olinda and Paraty.

### Seasons and Climate

Brazil is a year-round destination but the wet season is traditionally November to March. The Iguassu Falls will be at their fullest in March-April at the end of the wet season. Rio's carnival takes place 21-25 Feb 2020 with the Champion's Parade a week later on 29 Feb 2020.

### Entry

British nationals travelling on a full, valid British passport do not require a visa for entry to Brazil or Argentina. You should ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of arrival.

### Vaccinations

It is advisable to check your immunizations for Polio, Tetanus, Typhoid and Hepatitis A. If you have been to Africa within 3 months of arriving in South America you may need to provide proof of vaccination against Yellow Fever.

### Exchange Rates

Costs in Latin America are subject to \$/£ exchange rates. At present we are working on current exchange rates of 1.2932 (on 08 Jan 2020) although this may be subject to change.

## The Caipirinha: a cocktail is born



Photo: Academia da Cachaça

The key ingredient for making a caipirinha is cachaça, a Brazilian *aguardiente* (firewater) distilled from fermented sugarcane juice which has a history dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century when Portuguese plantation owners served it as a drink to fortify slaves. Over the years distillation methods improved and cachaça began to appear on dinner tables in colonial Brazil. There is some evidence that cachaça was mixed with garlic, lime and honey as medication for the common cold and whilst there is some suggestion that the caipirinha might have had its origins with the great 'flu pandemic after the Great War, research by Diuner Mello, a historian from Paraty, has uncovered a document by a civil engineer Joao Pinto Gomes Lamego which describes a recipe for the cocktail to counter a cholera epidemic from 1856:

*"...by necessity we began mixing medium aguardiente with water, sugar and limes, because it was prohibited to drink straight water."*

