



CARNAVAL 2025!

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

February 28-March 7, 2025

Rio de Janeiro, known around the world as a top destination for samba rhythms, the spacious Copacabana and Ipanema beaches and impressive mountains. Home to Christ the Redeemer, the largest art deco statue in the world and a site which is not to be missed. Add the Carnival celebrations and you have one of the largest street festivals in the world!

Your Custom Travels is excited to share Rio de Janeiro with our guests. A mix between culture, history, relaxation and Carnival fun. We will travel throughout the seaside city and embrace the locals and their desire to share this famed area with our group. Our local tour guide is an experienced tri-lingual expert in the area, and will be our escort throughout our time in Rio along with the YCT team. We will dance with one of the top Samba Schools, dress like the locals, and truly experience Carnival like a native.

Your Trip Includes:

- **8 days & 7 nights in Rio de Janeiro**
- **Ground transportation while in Rio including to and from the airport**
- **All Hotel accommodations while visiting Rio**
- **Entrance fees when applicable**
- **All gratuities**
- **Experienced tour guides (English, Spanish, and Portuguese)**
- **Carnaval costume**
- **Included meals: daily buffet breakfast (7), lunches (6), and dinners (5) - Breakfast hours are 6 am to 10:30 am. Alcoholic beverages included on day one and last day.**

Not Included:

- * **Baggage fees are common upon check-in at the airport. These fees are the responsibility of the passenger.**
- * **Fees for theatrical or live performances outside of our tour itinerary are the responsibility of the passenger.**
- * **Travel insurance is recommended for all travelers, in the event they have need to cancel.**
- * **Items from the Mini-Bars or alcoholic beverages not identified in the included list.**
- * **Airline tickets**

Day 1

Welcome to Rio

Arrive into Rio de Janeiro in the early afternoon from departure city.

After collecting luggage and clearing customs, prepare to arrive at your hotel for the week. We will check in at 2 pm and if you wish you can go for a snack on your own in the area or explore the eclectic Copacabana neighbourhood.

The area is filled with many options for a fun afternoon. You can walk to a quintessential Rio cocktail bar, stroll the promenade or enjoy a swim at the beach.

After your free time you will be welcomed to Rio with a true Brazilian feast in a breath-taking surrounding!

7:00pm – Welcome Party!

- **Included: Hotel, transfers, welcome party and feast.**

Day 2

Bahia de Guanabara

After breakfast we depart the hotel at 10:00am.

11:00am – Cruise by boat in the Bahia de Guanabara the sailing will take us around the rock of Arpoador and the lookout of Leblon.

Lunch will be in the area today.

Free afternoon for some fun in the sun or some local shopping.

- **Included: Hotel, Breakfast, Cruise, and lunch.**

Day 3

Copacabana and Centro

Today is the day that Carnival kicks off in earnest!

In the morning and early afternoon enjoy some relaxation beachside, indulge in pool time or even book a spa treatment (inquire for spa rates).

1:30 pm: We will have lunch in the neighbourhood at a traditional Churrasqueria.

7:00 pm: We will depart our hotel in the early afternoon as a prominent Samba School honourably invited us to participate in the official parade competition of the 2025 Carnival events. We will be costumed in the school's official attire and will leave "floating on air" from the once-in-a-lifetime experience of participating in an event that millions of people devote their entire year's efforts towards.

- **Included: Hotel, Breakfast, lunch, costumes.**

Day 4

Copacabana and Lapa

Another amazing wake-up in Copacabana!

Today we will visit the exciting bohemian neighbourhood of Lapa, famous for its beautiful murals on many buildings and the Selaron Steps, an impressive display of mosaic tiles from around the world. We will also be able to shop in side-walk craft markets near the steps.

We will enjoy lunch in Lapa. (Location dependent on progression of day)

After lunch we will go experience a street band concert put on by the well-known Cordão do Boitata bloco as it parades through the neighbourhood.

When we finish dancing to the music we will go home to relax and freshen up before heading out to dinner.

Dinner is included tonight at Rio Scenarium, a unique three-story Brazilian and International live music venue covered in eclectic vintage accents. Rated one of the top 10 best night clubs in the world!

- **Included: Hotel, breakfast, lunch, dinner, Scenarium entrance.**

Day 5

Tijuca Forest National Park

Relaxed start to the day and after breakfast at the hotel we will begin this fun day.



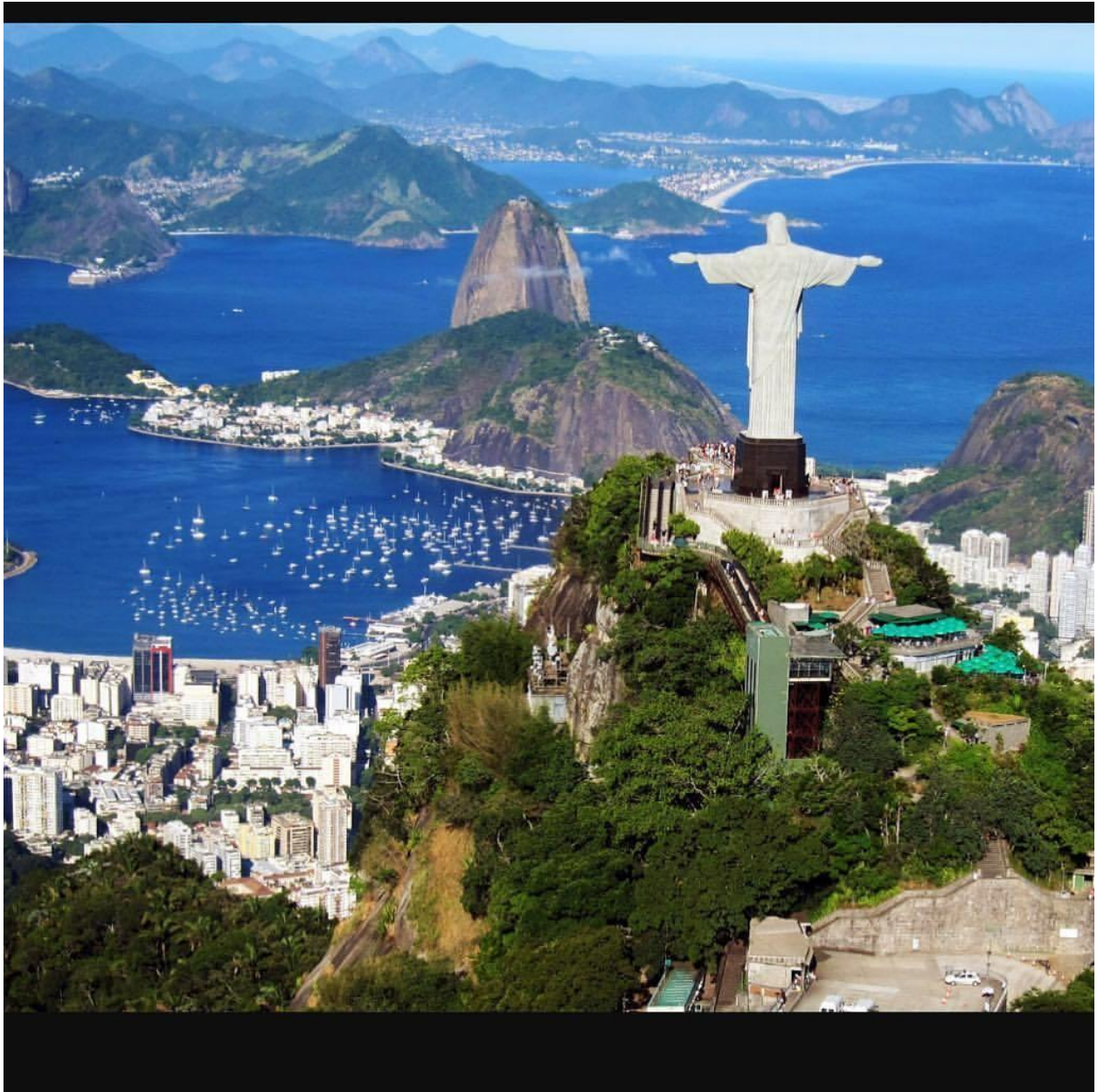
10:00 am: Leave the hotel to go to the awe-inspiring Christ the Redeemer landmark. A towering monument overlooking the Rio skyline, this 98-foot-tall statue is honored as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World and is Brazil's most visited site.

2:30 pm: Lunch will be served in the City Center area at the delicious and traditional Belmonte restaurant.

We can stroll down the boulevard to see the space-aged Museum of Tomorrow, more beautiful murals near the 2016 Olympic flame cauldron, the Municipal Theater with its grandiose art nouveau style, and the majestic Candelaria Church.

This evening we will have VIP access to see the best of the best Samba Schools for the main event during the world's largest celebration! We will be among the 90,000 spectators witnessing this unique performance in the impressive Sambódromo as the best schools compete for a million-dollar prize and, more importantly, bragging rights for the rest of the year.

- **Included: Hotel, Breakfast, lunch, Redeemer tickets and evening celebrations.**



Day 6
Pao de Açúcar

Breakfast at the hotel.

We start the day with a stroll along the Copacabana beach to meet our transportation to the famous area of Pão de Açúcar (Sugarloaf Mountain). This UNESCO World Heritage Site has a series of cable cars providing panoramic views of the city and the Christ monument we will have seen the previous day.

2 pm: We will enjoy beautiful beach views during lunch at the Terra Brasilis. After lunch we will visit the impressively diverse Botanical Gardens on a specialized guided tour and just might run into some monkeys along the way here too.

Once back at the hotel we will prepare ourselves for a fun night of street parties, outdoor bands, and live performances. We will have dinner in Ipanema.

- **Included: Hotel, breakfast, entrance fees, lunch, and dinner.**

Day 7

Copacabana

Beautiful morning today, enjoy your breakfast at the hotel.

This morning we will visit several excellent cultural centers. We will begin with CRAB, the Artisanal Museum of Brazilian Handcrafts, which displays a myriad of interesting objects and has a great gift shop for souvenirs.

After we finish exploring the museum, we will go to the Saint Christopher Fair supporting northeastern Brazilian culture to enjoy lunch, stores, and live music from the region.

Once finished with the day's activities relax before final cocktail party celebration.

- **Included: Hotel, Breakfast, lunch, cocktail party.**

Day 8

Copacabana

Breakfast at your hotel and preparation for departure.

Contact us for pricing for the above delineated Journey.

A deposit is necessary to hold your spot in this limited size adventure.

All payments are non-refundable. In the event of a date change due to Covid-19, your monies will be transferred to a date when travel is possible.

We suggest all guests purchase travel interruption insurance.

