

RIO DE JANEIRO & IGUASSU FALLS

From iconic beaches and historic monuments in Rio de Janeiro to the majestic grandeur of the Falls in Iguassu, this tour promises a journey of contrasts, where vibrant urban culture meets breathtaking natural beauty.

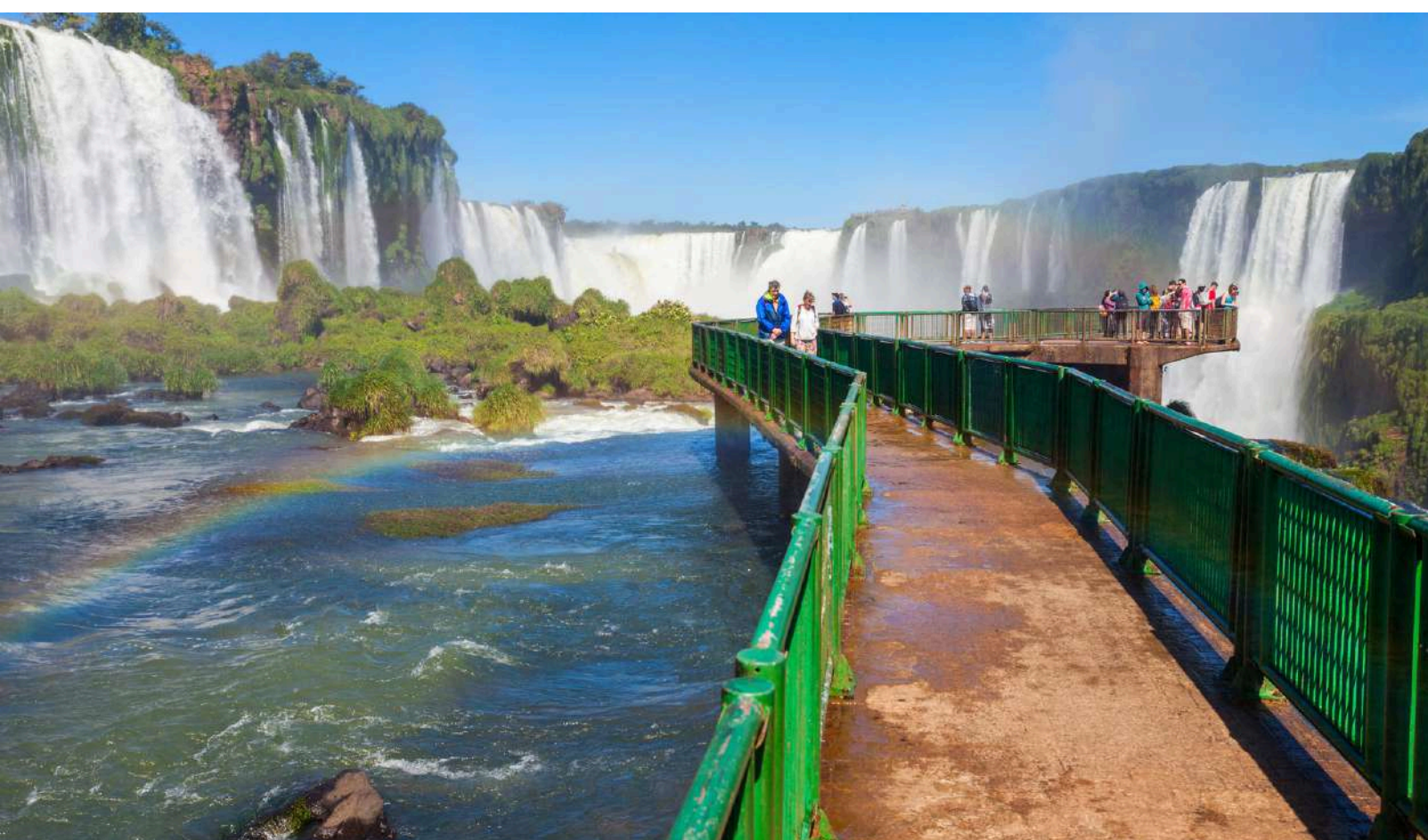


RIO DE JANEIRO



One of the largest economic and cultural centers in South America, the city of Rio de Janeiro is located in the heart of the Southeast region. A cosmopolitan metropolis, known worldwide for its beauty and natural resources, the city provides its inhabitants and visitors with a harmonious and pleasant environment for leisure and work, which together with its infrastructure, make Rio an important center of commerce and services, as well as a modern and diversified industry.

IGUASSU FALLS



Iguassu Falls, a treasure in western Brazil, is famous for its stunning falls, one of the natural wonders of the world. In addition to the majestic falls, the National Park offers a rich biodiversity. The border town offers a unique multicultural experience, with its proximity to Argentina and Paraguay.



Program 08 Days & 07 Nights

Day 1 - Rio de Janeiro

Transfer from International Rio de Janeiro Airport to Hotel. Upon arrival in Rio de Janeiro, meet an English speaking local guide and transfer to hotel.

Check in at Hotel.

Full day Corcovado and Sugar Loaf Sunset Tour (Duration: 8hrs)

Pick up at the hotel by your English speaking guide and driver to enjoy the most famous monument of Rio, the "Corcovado Mountain" with the statue of Christ the Redeemer, is a must for visitors to our city. It is located right in the "Tijuca Rainforest National Park (the largest urban park in the world)" by the locals as the "lung of the city". Enjoy a traditional Brazilian premium barbecue at Assador Rio's Restaurant. Churrasco" is a traditional southern Brazilian (and Argentinean) way of preparing meats. This is the opportunity to taste an infinite variety of meats, various side dishes and salads served continuously at your table.

Later in the afternoon, travel by cable car to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain, where you toast the sunset with the incredible views. Guests will board with priority on the cable car (golden ticket), for a two-stage trip that will take them up to the Sugarloaf: the first stage, Morro da Urca and then the second stage takes one up to the Sugarloaf (395 meters), above sea level Enjoy the extraordinarily beautiful view from the Sugarloaf, undoubtedly one of the most famous monuments in the world.

Helicopter flight over Rio at Sugar Loaf Mountain COMPASS WOW TOUR

Rio by Helicopter Take a 12-minute private helicopter tour, offering a panoramic view of Christ the Redeemer, Copacabana and Ipanema beaches, Praia Vermelha overlooking Sugarloaf, Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and Jardim de Alah.

Overnight at the hotel.
Meals : Lunch included

Day 2 - Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at the hotel.

Bike Tour along the beaches of Rio de Janeiro (Duration: 3 hours) COMPASS WOW TOUR

Bike riding is one of the best ways to appreciate the natural beauty of Rio. The slow two wheels pace allows you to observe the details of the city sceneries and stop at different places. During the 3 hours tour we will cycle along Ipanema, Leblon and Copacabana beaches and around Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas (Approximately 22km – 16 miles flat). The tour will start at the hotel and can finish back at the hotel or any other place of your choice (upon previous request).

Round-tripTransfer from hotel to Restaurant. Lunch at Baleias Restaurant.

Ocean Kayaking or Hawaiian Canoe (Duration: 04 hours) COMPASS WOW TOUR

The Ocean Kayaking tour could not take place at a better place! You will paddle at calm waters around the impressive granite rock of Sugar Loaf Mountain having the city of Rio as a background! On the itinerary there will be time to rest and swim before returning to Urca beach and drive back to the hotel.
*Swimming experience is required for the kayaking tour!
- Duration: 3 - 4 hours (2 hours of instruction and paddling)
- Rating: Easy/Moderate (Swimming ability is mandatory)

Overnight at the hotel.
Meals : Breakfast & Lunch included

Day 3 - Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at the hotel

Jeep tour Tijuca Forest (Duration: 4 hours) COMPASS WOW TOUR

One of the characteristics that makes Rio so beautiful is the lush greenery everywhere. The Tijuca Forest plays an important role in keeping the city green and protecting its water sources, being home to hundreds of species of wild plants and animals, waterfalls, trails, views and much more! Spending a few hours in this jungle refreshes and invigorates. You'll visit waterfalls, the famous Vista Chinese View, take an easy hike and learn all about the history of this immense urban forest, perhaps the largest in the world, which was reconstructed in the 19th century. On your journey through the forest, you'll feel completely immersed in the jungle! Keep your eyes peeled for monkeys, toucans, iguanas, different insects, capturing all the sights at every turn.

Lunch at Lilia Bistrô.

Carnival Backstage with Samba & Percurssion Class (Duration: 06 hours) COMPASS WOW TOUR

Guided visit to the shack of Acadêmicos da Grande Rio – One of the main Samba Schools in the City of Rio de Janeiro. After the guided tour, go to the exhibition room: You will be told a little about the history of samba and carnival parades. To get into the carnival atmosphere, customers will have costumes to wear and photograph and will enjoy the true taste of samba, with a welcome caipirinha. To finish, there will be a mixed percussion and dance workshop, afro and “samba no pé.”

Rio by Night - Samba Show (Duration: 04 hours) COMPASS WOW TOUR

A show with the face of the diverse and colorful Brazil, its extraordinary culture, its people capable of asserting themselves through the art of dance and song. We bring to the stage the Parintins Festival, Carimbó, Xaxado, Frevo, Lambada, Forró, Samba de Roda, Maculelê, Capoeira, Quadrilha, etc. Expressions of the North and Northeast regions. But Brazil is much more! Samba, Brazilian Popular Music, Bossa Nova, Pagode, Funk, country music and Carnival also parade on stage, translating much of what we are. The show has a cast of talented artists, dancers, singers, musicians and capoeiristas, from all corners of Brazil. The Show is the culture of the real Brazil

Overnight at the hotel.
Meals : Breakfast included



Day 4 - Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at the hotel.

Food Tour in Rio (Duration: 06 hours) COMPASS WOW TOUR

Get to know Brazilian cuisine (and specially “carioca cuisine” with a food tour around Rio. Visit the neighborhood of Copacabana and sample a variety of foods ranging from fresh juices to tasty bar snacks and even a few Amazonian dishes like “açai”. Visit a traditional Brazilian street market, the colors, smells, and hustle and bustle of the fruit and vegetable markets in Rio offer an exciting glimpse into Brazil’s exotic food resources. Taste “pastel with caldo de cana” (or stuffed pastry filled with different ingredients, like cheese or meat + sugar cane juice), “tapioca”, a Brazilian pancake combined with a fresh black coffee. After our walking in the street fair it is time to go to our next food destination: we’ll visit some of most traditional bars in the area, such as Pavão Azul, Belmonte and Galetto Sat’s. Among the various appetizers, are the famous open pastry pies of various flavors (called “empada”), “pastanisca de bacalhau”, a type of fried cod fish ball with no potato, and a tender chicken with a secret sauce which includes pepper, lemon and orange) and a garlic bread prepared on the grill. Also, try a very good cachaça’s and caipirinhas, our national drink. If you still have some room after all this we’ll stop on the way back to the hotel at a fruit juice bar to try the Amazonian “Açaí”: Originally from Belém do Pará, in the northern region of Brazil, the acai berry conquered the cariocas and became one of the city's lifestyle icons.

Day 5 - Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at the hotel.

Santa Teresa & Selarón Steps (Duration: 04 hours)

A tour visiting the São Bento Monastery, the Metropolitan Cathedral,Chácara do Céu Museum, Casa das Ruínas and the Selarón staircase! Designed by a Chilean artist and also known for his debut in Snoop Dog & Pharrell's "Beautiful" video. The perfect opportunity to explore the city center, with a unique combination of a sensory and cultural experience. The tour continues through the well-known Lapa neighborhood and then begins the steep climb towards Santa Teresa. The Santa Teresa neighborhood offers visitors the quintessence of the Brazilian experience. Narrow, winding streets and colourful historic buildings characterize the bohemian area, while from the top of Morro de Santa Teresa you can enjoy some of Rio's best views, with lush landscapes and Guanabara Bay.

Lunch at Corrientes 348.

Sunset Sailing in Rio (Duration: 04 hours) COMPASS WOW TOUR

Sailing is an incredible experience, especially when you're surrounded by breathtaking landscapes such as Christ the Redeemer and Sugarloaf Mountain. So there's nothing better than taking a boat trip around Rio de Janeiro and enjoying all its beauty! There are two options, one to enjoy in the late morning, with the aim of capturing nature in its wake, and the other at sunset, when the ocean breeze intensifies and the golden hour leaves the sailing with an indescribable backdrop.

Overnight at the hotel.

Meals : Breakfast & Lunch included

Day 6 - Rio de Janeiro / Iguassu Falls

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the Rio de Janeiro Airport to take your flight to Iguassu Falls.

Transfer from Iguassu Airport to Hotel. Upon arrival in Iguassu Falls, meet an English speaking local guide and transfer to hotel.

Check in at Hotel.

Brazilian Falls (Duration: 04 hours)

Departure for a half-day guided tour of the Brazilian Falls, considered one of the wonders of the world. Here you will see the waters of the Paraná River plunge through 32 separate falls into a 2.5-mile-wide, 200-foot precipice, admire the jaw-dropping series of waterfalls and enjoy unforgettable scenery.

Macuco Jungle Ride and Boat (Duration: 02 hours)

Macuco Safari is an unrivalled boat trip that will lead you on an exciting adventure at Iguassu Falls, where you will enjoy all its splendor. The tour starts with electric vehicles (environmentally friendly) which will take you through the exuberant forest of Iguaçu National Park, accompanied by bilingual guides that will along the path comments about the fauna and flora, in addition to curiosities about the National Park. Below you will have more contact with nature along a trail in riparian forest, where you will discover and also be delighted by the crystal clear waters and clean the waterfall called "Salto do Macuco". At the port of shipment everybody will wear life jackets and climb on thetwin-engine boats (speed boat), piloted by experienced professionals that take visitors by Iguassu river until reaching the most expected Canyon Falls. When you get there, see the beautiful landscape, feel the power of the falls that raise a mist forming a beautiful rainbow, you will feel the energy that will make this intense and breathtaking adventure becomes unforgettable.

Day 7 - Iguassu Falls

Breakfast at the hotel.

Argentinean Falls (Duration: 04 hours)

After lunch, departure to cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge with its lovely view of the Iguassu Canyon en route to the Iguazu National Park in Argentina. Visit the upper and lower walkways which allow a different perspective and more intimate contact with the falls adjoining rainforest filled with orchids, bromeliads, birds and other wildlife, an exuberant nature with outstanding views. The highlight of the trip is a visit to the suspended platform at the very brink of the abysmal Devil’s Throat – largest of the waterfalls

Day 8 - Iguassu Falls

Breakfast at the hotel.

Cataratas Bike Tour (Duration: 02 hours) - Level of difficulty: Light COMPASS WOW TOUR

On this tour you will see one of the seven wonders of nature, the Iguazu Falls. The meeting point for this tour is at the visitor's center of the Iguaçu National Park. The tour begins after passing through the turnstiles to access the park, passing through a small access trail to the park amidst the local vegetation. Throughout the tour, you will be accompanied by an instructor who can help you with minor bicycle-related difficulties that may arise along the way, but in general it is very easy, the degree of difficulty is considered to be light, and it is an 11km ride to the start of the Cataratas trail. During the 11km ride within the national park, you can make short stops to photograph the local fauna and flora and the animals that inhabit the park, as you may have the privilege of coming across them along the way, remembering that this is bound to happen, we cannot guarantee that we will see the animals.

Transfer to the airport to take your flight back home.

*** End of program ***



Rio de Janeiro - 5* Hotels



Belmond Copacabana Palace



Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana

Rio de Janeiro - 4* Superior Hotels



Miramar by Windsor



Windsor Leme

Rio de Janeiro - 4* Hotels



Arena Ipanema



Iguassu Falls - 5* Hotels



Belmond Cataratas

Iguassu Falls - 4* Superior Hotels

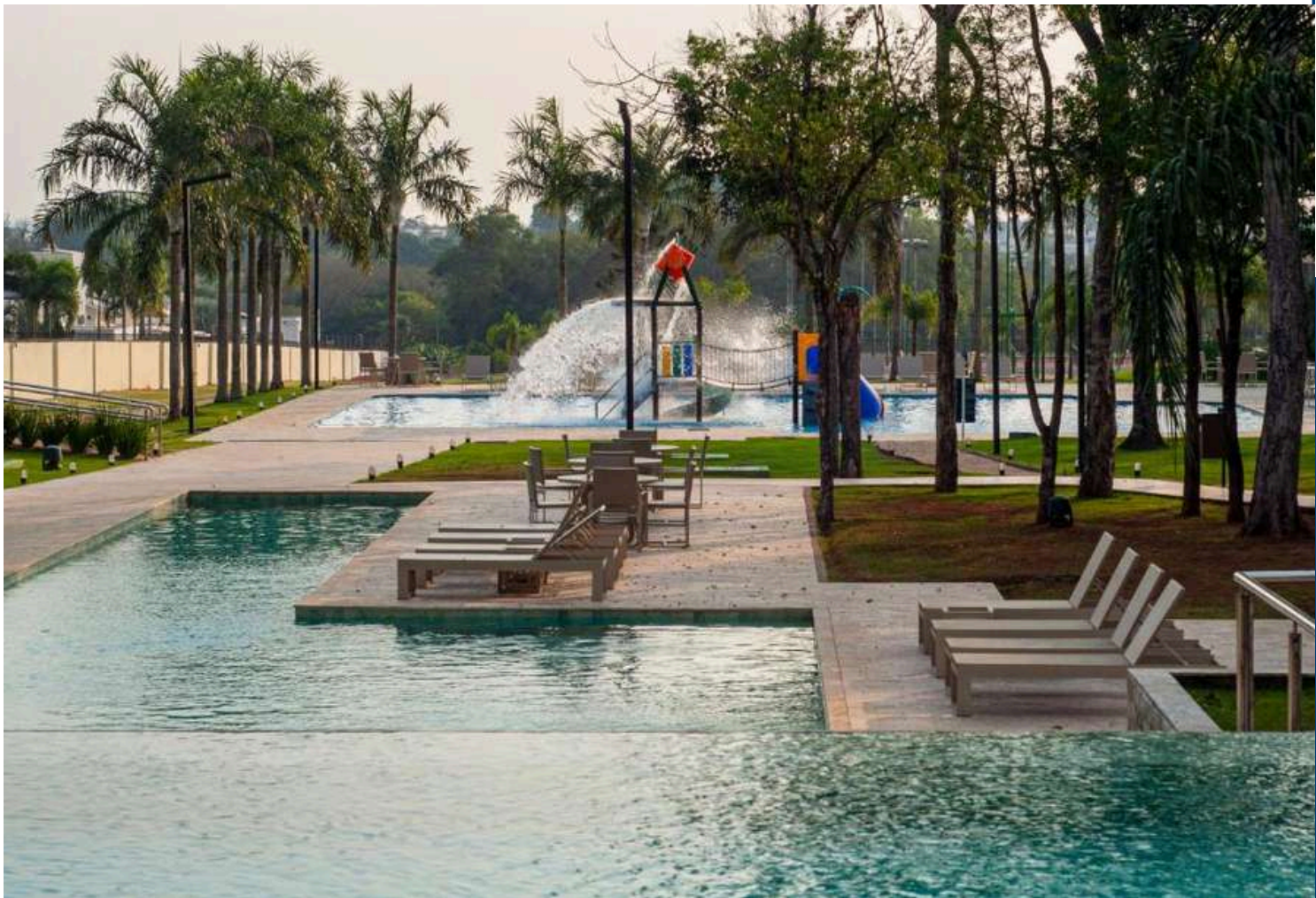


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LAS Boutique

Iguassu Falls - 4* Hotels



Double Tree by Hilton

