

February 20 - 25, 2024

6 DAYS, 5 NIGHTS

# RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

(TRADITIONAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCE)

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## Traditional Travel with Sisters Traveling Solo

Sisters Traveling Solo traditional trip experiences are fun and experiential tours that are designed for those sisters wanting to visit popular tourist destinations. These tours are great for beginners to the most experienced travelers. Be sure to bring your camera, because we plan these trips to be packed with post worthy instagram moments.

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## Country Overview

Sensuality, dancing, and partying: it seems the Brazilians have made a science of all that is fun in life. Brazil is known as one of the most diverse countries in Latin America, not to mention the continent's only former Portuguese colony. One of the largest countries in the world, Brazil certainly has plenty to see!



### Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (5 nights)

Known for its beautiful landscapes, vibrant culture and friendly people, Rio de Janeiro is one of the cities around the world that most travelers put on their bucket list. Brazil's interracial history of Portuguese, Japanese, Indian, and German settlers has created a multicultural society, which has led to festivals and celebrations that are known all over the world.

A city break in Rio de Janeiro presents a colorful cityscape of green mountains overlooking blue seas and long, sandy beaches. Expensive hotels and resorts line the seafronts of Ipanema and Copacabana, where sunny days drift into balmy evenings filled with street parties and loud music. From seeing the stunning Christ the Redeemer statue atop Mount Corcovado to learning to samba, check out our guide of things to do in Rio de Janeiro.



### General Information:

<b>CURRENCY:</b>	Brazilian Real (BRL)
<b>CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE:</b>	1 USD = 5.66 BRL
<b>AIRPORT CODE(S):</b>	GIG (Rio Galeão - Tom Jobim International Airport)
<b>PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>Must be valid at the time of entry.</b> With 2 empty page per entry (source US State Department)
<b>VISA REQUIRED?</b>	Check <a href="http://www.visahunter.com">www.visahunter.com</a>
<b>HISTORICAL WEATHER TEMPERATURE</b>	76°F - 81°F

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## Tentative Itinerary



### **DAY 1 - ARRIVAL**

Upon arrival into Rio de Janeiro International Airport (GIG), collect your bags then make your way to our host hotel. If this is your first time traveling outside of the Country reach out to our Trip Support team for suggested airport transfer companies.

After check-in, take the rest of the afternoon at leisure rewinding from the long flight.

**Meal(s) Included:** Dinner

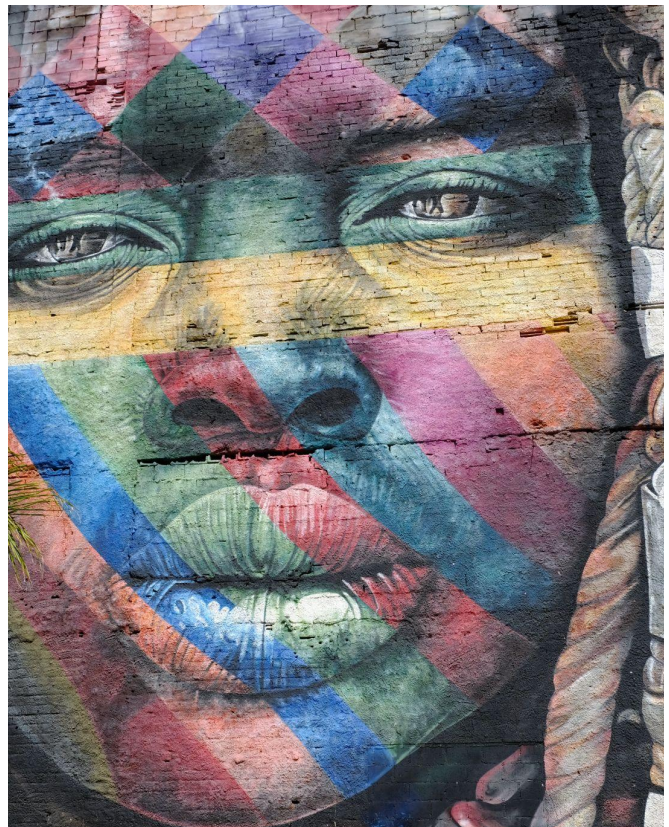
**Hotel Check-In:** 3 PM local time.

### **DAY 2 - LITTLE AFRICA**

The best way to get to know a destination is by gaining a bit of its history.

Located in Rio's downtown, Little Africa was once the first dwelling of the Africans that arrived in Rio de Janeiro and their descendants. Nowadays, the area is occupied by communities that originated from former enslaved Black people settlements. In the area, cultural activities are all part of an effort to recover and enrich the history and the culture of Rio de Janeiro.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch





### **DAY 3 - CHRIST THE REDEEMER & SUGAR LOAF**

After breakfast, we will take a 30 minute ride to the train station of the Corcovado Mountain; Towering 700 meters above the city with the 30 meter statue of Christ the Redeemer on top, the Corcovado offers a 360 degree view of the 'Cidade Maravilhosa', that is simply breathtaking.

Once our visit to the Corcovado is finished, we will take a short drive to the Sugar loaf. Upon arrival at Praia Vermelha, at the foot of Urca Hill, stop for lunch at Terra Brasilis restaurant (buffet with dessert included). Then, we board the cable car up to the first level (Urca Hill); we give you some time for pictures and proceed to the second cable car to ascend, the over 300 m high, SugarLoaf Mountain.

After returning to ground level, we continue our journey to Santa Teresa, a neighborhood where laid- backness and tradition meet. But it also brings you street art, such as the amazing Selaron Steps. The beautiful steps done in ceramic by artist Jorge Selarón are one of a kind.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch

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## **DAY 4 - FREE DAY**

Today is yours to sleep in, lay pool side, walk along the beach or go shopping!

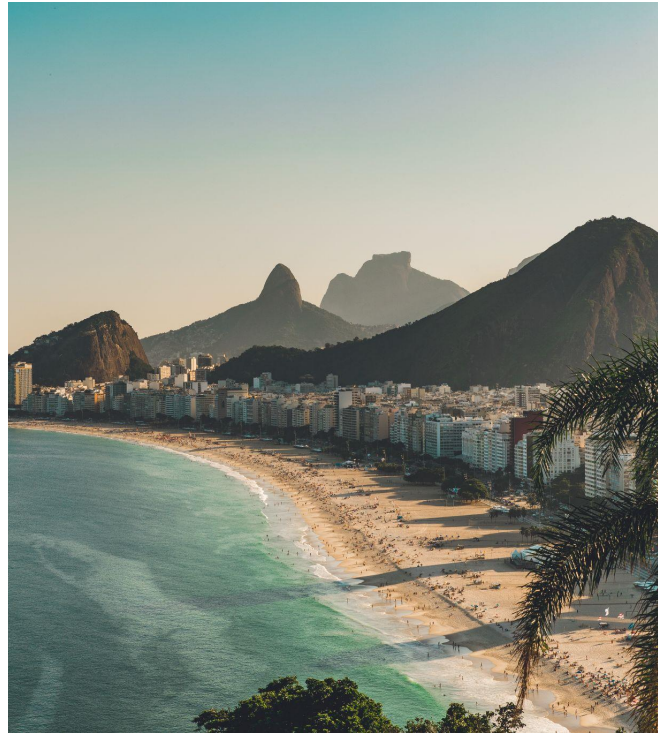
## **DAY 5 - ISLAND ESCAPE!**

After breakfast, we will take a 1-hour drive from Rio de Janeiro to our private schooner in the center of Itacuruça.

You will spend 6-hours on a private tour stopping at beaches and islands in the region; with a stop for snorkeling in Praia Grande and lunch in Jaguanum Island.

On our last night in Rio De Janeiro, we will meet for a farewell dinner to share our trip highlights

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## **DAY 6 - DEPART BRAZIL**

We hate that our time with you has not ended, but we hope to see you on another Sisters Traveling Solo experience.

After enjoying breakfast at our host hotel, feel free to head to the airport at your leisure.

As a reminder all Trip Attendees must check out of our host hotel no later than 11 AM.

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

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## What's Included:

**4-Star Hotel Accommodations (5-nights in Rio De Janeiro)** - Set on an oceanfront, this resort sits on a trendy Beach. Guests can enjoy a newly redesigned pool area that features a lush tropical landscape facing the ocean. With free WiFi, this 4-star hotel offers a 24-hour front desk and room service.

**Rooms** - Air condition, a desk, a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom.

**Christ the Redeemer** - Christ the Redeemer is an Art Deco statue of Jesus Christ in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, created by French sculptor Paul Landowski and built by Brazilian engineer Heitor da Silva Costa, in collaboration with French engineer Albert Caquot. Romanian sculptor Gheorghe Leonida fashioned the face.

**Sugarloaf Mountain** - Sugarloaf Mountain is a remarkable natural attraction located in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Rising about 1,299 feet, this mountain has been selected as a registered landmark because of its beauty and popularity. It offers spectacular views from the top of the mountain where you can reach through a cable car.

**Selaron Steps** - One of the most important touristic sites of Rio de Janeiro is this colorful piece of art called Selaron Staircase. In English it translates as the Selaron stairs.

**Little Africa** - Little Africa, Pequena África in Portuguese, is an area in the Port Region of Rio de Janeiro that has historically been home to a strong Afro-Brazilian community. The area became known as Little Africa following the outlaw of the slave trade in Brazil in 1831 (though the abolition of slavery outright would not come for another 50 years).

**Private Schooner** - Private full day private schooner to the Tropical Islands. Spend 6-hours on a private tour stopping at beaches and islands in the region; with a stop for snorkeling in Praia Grande and lunch in Jaguanum Island.

**Meals Included** - Meals as listed in above itinerary.

**Tours & Activities** - Tours and activities as listed in the trip itinerary

**STS Apparel** - First time trip attendees will receive a STS bag to include a STS t-shirt. For each trip after the first, trip attendees will receive a STS t-shirt. (First trip = white shirt, Second trip = black shirt, Third trip = gold shirt)

**What's NOT Included:** International flights, gratuity, travel visa, travel insurance, airport transfers, or any other cost not listed in the "what's included" section.