

RIO DE JANEIRO & BUZIOS



8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Sitting on the southern shore of the magnificent Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro has, without a shadow of a doubt, one of the most stunning settings in the world. With its plentiful beaches, dramatic mountains, and backdrop of samba and bossa nova rhythms, it's easy to fall in love with Rio de Janeiro. It is a unique city in many ways. It is a city where nature collides with a thrumming metropolis. Rio is a city filled with a diverse mixture of sights, with mountainous backdrops, beautiful sandy beaches, Brazilian shanty towns and skyscrapers all merging together to make a truly unique sight. The proximity to the water makes the view of the city eye arresting. Just 105 miles from Rio de Janeiro, exists the peninsula of Búzios. More than 20 magnificent beaches and crystal-clear water contrast with the wonderful landscape and exotic vegetation, privileged with a great year-round summer.

Originally settled by European pirates and slave traders, this happy mixture of many bloods prospered and became a picturesque fishing village, elected one of the 10 most beautiful areas in the world, famous for its unique combination of rustic charm, architectural harmony, incredible beauty and sophisticated boutiques and restaurants visited by travelers who come from all over the to savor its magic world

Day 1

Private Transfer (Driver only) from Rio de Janeiro Airport (Galeão airport) to your hotel in Copacabana.

Free Day.

Beach hotels are situated along the whole perimeter of Guanabara Bay and, if you are staying in one of these hotels, the beauties of Rio de Janeiro are open for you all the time. Blue ocean water will call you to the beach. The most popular beaches - Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon, are famous for their black and white tiled promenade. From early morning to late in the night you can see people playing soccer and volleyball on the golden sand of the beaches. For those who prefer active holidays, Rio offers opportunities to practice almost any sport: golf, tennis, surfing, rafting, diving, delta flight and many others. Numerous open cafeterias on the beach will offer you refreshing coconut water, freshly squeezed juices and other drinks. You can also see presentations of local musicians on the beach playing all kinds of music.

Day 2

City Tour and Sugar Loaf

After breakfast you have the chance to go on a half-day excursion to the Sugar Loaf. The first stop is the Urca Mountain, with a wide viewing area that also offers the possibility to have a snack in the restaurant on top of the mountain. On the mountain of Sugar Loaf you will have a beautiful view of Rio, Copacabana beach, the bay, the surrounding mountains, islands in the ocean, bridge Niteroi, and the statue of Christ on Corcovado Mountain. After going down by cablecar, the tour continues by car to the central regions of the old town of Rio where you can admire several old churches, monasteries, the main cathedral of the city as well as buildings in colonial style. Our guide will take you to a local restaurant where you can taste the delicious dishes of the local cuisine.

Duration: 4 hours

Lunch and tickets are not included.

Day 3

Corcovado and Christ the Redeemer Statue (4 hours)

After breakfast we set off on a tour through the city. Arriving at the station, the environmentally friendly train will take us through the jungle to the top of Corcovado. On both sides of the railway you will have spectacular views of Tijuca forest, inhabited by monkeys and other exotic animals and birds. On top of Corcovado, at an altitude of 700 m above sea level, you will stand in front of the symbol of Rio de Janeiro- Statue of Christ the Savior (38m) that was built in 1931. From top of Corcovado, you have a breathtaking panoramic view of the city and its surroundings like the Bridge Niteroi, Guanabara Bay, the Botanical Garden, the world's largest Maracana stadium and the Sugar Loaf.

Duration: 4 hours

Lunch and tickets not included.

Day 4

Free day . Relax and enjoy.

Ask Ada Tours for extra activities like Botanical Garden (Exotic 137-hectare garden, with over 8000 plant species) or Baia de Guanabara (Discover Rio de Janeiro's incredible coastline on this beautiful half-day Rio sailing tour)

Botanical Garden

The Rio de Janeiro Botanical Garden is a worth-visiting magnificent 137-hec (338-acre) garden over 200 years old featuring a 750-meter (half-mile) avenue of 134 impressive royal palms and more than 7000 types of plants.

There you can see orchids, bromeliads, cacti, huge bamboos, and carnivorous plants, among many others. The most famous one is Victoria, a huge water-lily floating on the water that is capable of sustaining a 5-year old kid on it! Monkeys are sometimes visible during the visit, and there are always plenty of birds flying over the trees (the more recognizable ones are toucans). (Duration 4 hours)

Tropical Islands Tour

The town Itacuruça **situated on an island 1,5 hours away from Rio de Janeiro, in Mangaratiba, is active in fishing, tourism and agriculture. The town has small fishermen houses. In order to get there you need to cross the Cepetiba Bay in Sabeiro schooner. During the trip you will enjoy the romantic views of the tropical green islands. You may have a luck to see dolphins, huge fishes, parrots, turtles and poisonous stingrays. On the way the schooner will stop for you to take a bath in the ocean. You will have a delicious lunch at the island, take a walk on the island, swim in the bay or in the pool and return to our schooner that will take you back to Rio. (Duration 8 hours)**

Rio at Night: Samba&Capoeira Show

You will spend an unforgettable night in Rio! Our guide will pick you up at the hotel and take you to the exciting show full of Brazilian samba and capoeira performed by beautiful and professional dancers. You can have dinner during the show. After the end of the show our guide will bring you back to your hotel. (Duration 4 hours)

Royal Petropolis

Petropolis is one of the most important Brazilian historic towns located in the mountains 60 km away from Rio de Janeiro. Pedro II bought this land in 1830 to build a summer palace and bring there his daughter who could not stand the hot climate of Rio de Janeiro due to her health conditions. The european founders of the city built many constructions there, the beautiful examples of German style architecture.

The Royal palace still preserves many objects of Royal furniture and the Royal family's objects that are now exposed in the museum. Here you can find unique jewelry works; for example, a golden crown decorated with diamonds and pearls. Together with our guide you will visit the Gothic Cathedral where Princess Isabel, King Pedro II and his wife are buried. Then you will visit the Royal museum.

Day 5

Private Transfer out (driver only) from your hotel in Copacabana to your hotel in Buzios. (about two hours north of Rio de Janeiro)

Free day.

Buzios is a small fishing village situated 177 km away from Rio de Janeiro with more than 20 magnificent beaches and crystal-clear water, wonderful landscape and exotic vegetation, privileged with a great year-round summer. Originally settled by European pirates and slave traders, this mixture of many bloods prospered and became a picturesque village, elected one of the 10 most beautiful areas in the world famous for its unique combination of rustic charm, architectural harmony, incredible beauty and sophisticated boutiques and restaurants visited by travellers who come from all over the world to savour its magic.

Day 6

Free day.

Try a different beach every day.

The beaches on the east, on the Atlantic side, are windier with cooler water, ideal for sports.

The beaches on the west offer calmer, warmer water, ideal for swimming and sun-bathing

Ask Ada Tours for extras activities like Diving, horseback riding, trekking.

Day 7

Free day.

You can stay on the beach all day with beach side restaurants and vendors with snacks and drinks.

Ask Ada Tours for extra activities like Cruise around the peninsula with stops for lunch and beach time. The schooner *Queen Lory* offers two and four hours trips, including lunch, soft drinks and Caipirinhas aboard and snorkeling opportunities.

Day 8

Private Transfer out (driver only) from your Hotel in Buzios to Rio de Janeiro international airport (Galeão airport). From here you take your international flight back home.

Included in cost:

1. Accommodation in hotels stated in the program with breakfast
2. Individual tours in Rio de Janeiro with a guide
3. Individual transfers according to the program with driver

Additional charges:

1. Additional excursions
2. Food and beverages
3. International flights