

BRAZIL - BRAZIL BEACHES & CULTURE



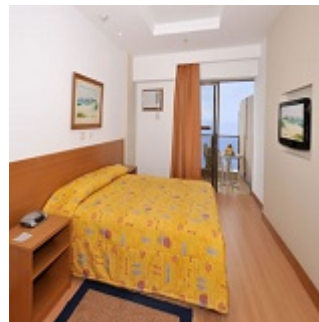
INTRODUCTION

This alternative highlights tour explores some of the lesser-visited cultural centres and the exquisite island paradise Fernando de Noronha and picture perfect Pipa. The holiday starts in the iconic Rio de Janeiro, possibly one of the most beautiful and exciting cities in the world. After a few days enjoying all Rio has to offer, fly up to the vibrant Salvador de Bahia with its unique African culture. Spend a few days exploring the cobbled streets and taking in the music and street performances. Continue north to the pretty and little visited colonial town of Olinda. The historic centre is a UNESCO world heritage site and a joy to explore. From here fly to small archipelago of Fernando de Noronha believed by many Brazilians to be heaven on earth. The marine reserve is home to one of the world's best diving spots with an incredible array of turtles, sharks, stingrays, dolphins and tropical fish. Returning to the mainland you travel to Praia de Pipa, which is possibly the most unspoiled and beautiful beaches in Brazil. The perfect semi-circular Golfinho (Dolphin) Bay, fringed with lush forest is home to many dolphins that play in the waves before your eyes. It is the perfect place to relax before travelling home.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Rio de Janeiro

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service is with a driver only.



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DAY 1: Rio de Janeiro

Known as the "Cidade Maravilhosa", or Marvellous City, Rio never fails to amaze with its sandy beaches, carefree lifestyle and unparalleled natural beauty. As the capital of Brazil until 1960, Rio is today one of the most culturally and economically prominent cities in the country, receiving more tourists than any other part of Brazil.



DAY 2: Corcovado & Sugarloaf with Lunch

After an early pick up from your hotel, this tour makes its way to the bottom of Corcovado Hill, where we ascend the mountain by vehicle. Climbing 4km through the Tijuca Forest, the world's largest urban National Park, we will arrive at the statue of Christ the Redeemer. After taking in the panoramic views, continue to the Maracana Stadium. We also pass the Sambadrome and the Metropolitan Cathedral, before passing through the bohemian neighbourhood of Lapa and its famous arches en-route to Copacabana. Enjoy a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch (beverages not included) before visiting the famous Sugarloaf Mountain with views across the entire city. After descending the mountain, you will be dropped off at your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



DAY 3: Rio de Janeiro - Free Day

Today is a free day for you to relax on one of Rio's famous beaches such as Ipanema or Copacabana, or explore the city further at your leisure.



DAY 4: Departure transfer from Rio de Janeiro

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DAY 4: Arrival transfer in Salvador

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DAY 4: Salvador

Salvador, in Brazil's north eastern state of Bahia, was once the magnificent capital of Portugal's New World colony. It is known for its vibrant Afro-Brazilian culture, 17th and 18th century Portuguese colonial architecture and tropical coastline. The historic heart of the city is the Pelourinho neighbourhood where cobblestone alleys open onto large squares lined with ornate churches and colourful buildings. Most nights you will hear Olodum drummers pounding out powerful rhythms on the streets. The heritage of the descendants of African slaves is well preserved here, from music and religion to food and dance.



DAY 5: Salvador - Panoramic City Tour

The Lower City Tour offers another perspective of the sprawling city, taking us to the quiet waters of the Itapagipe Peninsula where life moves at a slower pace than the bustling upper city. Fishermen fish from dugout canoes, locals collect shellfish at low tide, schooners lie at anchor, all protected by the famous Bonfim church, one of the most important churches of pilgrimage in Brazil and deeply syncretised with the Candomblé. We continue to the Monserrat district with its panoramic view of the city and on to the Mercado Modelo, a thriving market for local goods and souvenirs. This is also a great place to test your bargaining skills!



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DAY 6: Salvador - Free day

Today is a free day for you to explore Salvador de Bahía at your leisure.



DAY 7: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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DAY 7: Arrival transfer in Olinda

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DAY 7: Olinda

Olinda is a picturesque colonial town on Brazil's northeast coast, near the city of Recife. Founded in 1535 by the Portuguese, it is built on steep hillsides and is distinguished by its 18th-century architecture, baroque churches, convents, monasteries and brightly painted houses. The historic city centre is a UNESCO World heritage Site. The town has attracted many artists and the streets are lined with galleries, artisan workshops and museums.



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DAY 8: Full Day Tour of Recife & Olinda

You will visit the gorgeous city of Recife filled with interesting attractions and panoramic beaches with coconut huts, sea green waters and natural pools. You will visit the José Estelita Pier, the old Five Point Fortress (1630), the ancient district of Recife and the fascinating Park of Sculptures by Francisco Brennand located on the pier of the harbour. Next we will travel to the island of St. Antonio, and stop at Republic Square to admire the Palace of Princess Fields, the Theatre of Santa Isabel and the Court of Justice and marvel at the richness of the Golden Chapel. Then will go on to Olinda, the very first capital of Pernambuco, a city granted by UNESCO as a "Cultural and Natural Heritage of Mankind" site. We will wander through streets of irregular stones and colourful houses, and visit ancient churches, the monastery of St. Benedict, the Misericórdia Square and the Cathedral.



DAY 9: Olinda Free Day

Free day to enjoy Olinda at leisure.



DAY 10: Transfer to the Airport for onward destination

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DAY 10: Arrival into Fernando do Noronha

On arrival into Fernando do Noronha's airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free for you to relax and enjoy on your own.



DAY 10: Fernando de Noronha

Fernando de Noronha is an archipelago of 21 islands and islets in the Atlantic Ocean, 354 km off the Brazilian coast. It was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2001 and is one of the most stunning places in Brazil with its crystalline water, rich marine life and spectacular tropical landscapes. Please note all visitors to Fernando de Noronha must pay the following tax and entrance fee in local currency in cash: Environmental Preservation Tax must be paid on arrival at Fernando de Noronha Airport. The rate is currently BRL70.66 per person per day. It is not possible to leave the airport without paying for this tax. Marine Park Entry Fee is compulsory and payable at any of the Marine Park Kiosks located at public beaches on the island. The current fee is BRL195 per person as a one off fee. Please note these amounts are subject to change without prior notice.



DAY 11: Fernando do Noronha - Free Day

Today is at leisure to enjoy the tropical islands of Fernando do Noronha and their multitude of possible activities including scuba diving, snorkelling, surfing, hiking and horse riding. Or you could just relax on one of the many beautiful beaches. Activities not included.



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DAY 12: Fernando do Noronha - Free Day

Today is at leisure to enjoy the tropical islands of Fernando do Noronha and their multitude of possible activities including scuba diving, snorkelling, surfing, hiking and horse riding. Or you could just relax on one of the many beautiful beaches. Activities not included.



DAY 13: Arrival Transfer in Praia de Pipa

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DAY 13: Praia da Pipa

Lying south of Natal in the northeast of Brazil, Praia de Pipa (Pipa Beach) is one of the most beautiful coastal destinations of Brazil. The fine, white sand beach is backed by vertical cliffs and the crystal clear waters are home to dolphins and turtles.



DAY 14: Full Day Tour of Bahia Formosa

At the end of the Southern Coast and the city limits of Paraíba, lies Formosa Bay - an enchanting locale where manatees come to give birth and raise their young in the Guaju River. In Formosa Bay visitors can also enjoy Star Forest, an Atlantic Forest reservation which is home to various species of flora and fauna, as well as the Coca-Cola Lagoon, whose name is derived from its cola colored waters. Optional buggy tours of the beaches, lagoons, and ecological trails are available. Duration: approximately 6-7 hours
Lunch is not included.



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DAY 15: Free Day in Praia da Pipa

Free day to enjoy Praia de Pipa at leisure.



DAY 16: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Guided tours and excursions Accommodation Ground transfers Transport Internal Flights Breakfasts Other meals where specified
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

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Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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