

## BRAZIL - HIGHLIGHTS OF BRAZIL



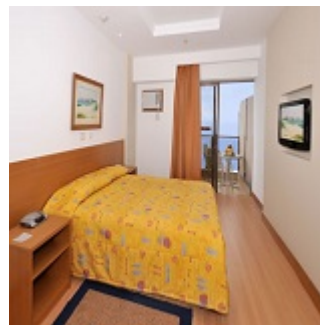
### INTRODUCTION

Brazil's famous coast line offers many delights and this tour allows you to sample some of its best offerings. From the stunning city of Rio we will travel south to the Island paradise of Ilha Grande, where no cars are allowed and you can really get back to nature. From here travel to the charming colonial town of Paraty with its surrounding tropical Islands and cobblestone streets. Finally we end the tour with the unmistakable and thunderous Iguazu falls!

### 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. This service includes a driver only. 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.



#### 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.



#### TRIP CODE

BRTSBSB

#### DURATION

10 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Brazil: Rio de Janeiro, Ilha Grande, Paraty, Iguazu Falls



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### 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.



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### 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: Rio: Transfer to Ilha Grande

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from your Rio hotel to the port to connect with the ferry to Ilha Grande. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your Pousada.



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### DAY 4: Ilha Grande

The island retreat of Ilha Grande, off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, is covered with tropical beaches and virgin rainforest and only a few small settlements. It has a rich history, having housed a leper colony and then a high-security penitentiary for some of Brazil's most dangerous political prisoners, until its closure in 1994. The island is noted for its unspoilt beaches, rugged landscape, rich vegetation and scenic beauty. The largest settlement on the island is the picturesque, palm-fringed beachfront town of Vila do Abraão.



### DAY 5: Ilha Grande: Free Day

Free day in Ilha Grande. Hike or relax on the many beaches.



### DAY 6: Ilha Grande: Transfer to Paraty

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred back to the mainland. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in Paraty.



### DAY 6: Paraty

Set against a backdrop of steep mountains covered in lush forest, the small, historic coastal town of Paraty is one of Brazil's gems. It was a port during the Brazilian Gold Rush and the cobbled streets of the colonial centre are lined with 17th and 18th century buildings and churches. Paraty sits on the Bay of Ilha Grande. The emerald green waters are dotted with tropical islands and lined with secluded beaches.



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### DAY 7: Paraty Schooner Cruise with Lunch

We embark on a schooner to enjoy a relaxing day sailing around the bay of Paraty. We stop at various islands and beaches to sunbathe, swim and snorkel while enjoying the incredible crystal clear waters and tropical jungles. Lunch will be served on board the boat.



### DAY 8: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



### DAY 8: Arrival transfer in Iguazu

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 located on the Brazilian side of the falls. 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.



### DAY 8: Iguazu

The spectacular Iguazu Falls that straddle the Argentine-Brazil border, are made up of 275 individual waterfalls lining a 2.7km wide horseshoe-shaped gorge. The Falls are located where the Iguazu River cascades over the edge of the Paraná Plateau. The Falls can be viewed from both the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides, the Brazilian side offering a broader, panoramic view, with the Argentinian side offering a series of catwalks that allow you to experience the Falls from close range.



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### DAY 9: Iguazu Falls - Argentinean Side

After an early morning pick up from your hotel, we travel to the Argentinean side of the Iguazu Falls. Beginning at the visitor's centre, we take a ride on the Rainforest Ecological train before exploring the upper and lower circuit footbridges. The footbridges, which are raised off the jungle floor, provide panoramic views from above and below the falls. A visit to Devil's Gorge arguably the most spectacular falls, is one of the day's highlights.



### DAY 10: Half Day Tour - Iguazu Falls - Brazilian side

Today we see the falls from the Brazilian side of the border. After arriving at the visitor centre, we board buses for a tour of the park. Equipped with panoramic windows, the buses are designed to maximize your views of the falls, while the walkways and steps allow you to get up close to the spray. Views of the Floriana Falls, the Devil's Gorge Canyon and the Iguazu River are spectacular and are guaranteed to impress.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

#### Accommodation

Standard hotels

#### Inclusions

Accommodation with breakfast everyday  
Airport transfers  
Tours locally guided as stated on the itinerary  
Flight from Sao Paulo to Iguazu Falls  
Meals as stated on the itinerary

#### Difficulty Rating

1 (easy)

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<b>Single Surcharge</b>	FROM US\$840 - Subject to season and availability, contact us for more details.
<b>Notes</b>	This tour can also be done in reverse starting in Iguazu. Departure flight from Iguazu falls not included.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability

### SUSTAINABILITY

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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