

BRAZIL - HIGHLIGHTS OF NORTHERN BRAZIL



TRIP CODE

BRTSHNB

DURATION

10 Days

LOCATIONS

Brazil, Amazon



INTRODUCTION

Starting in Rio De Janeiro, this tour includes many highlights of Northern Brazil to give a snapshot of this wonderful country. Explore all the sights of Rio, stay in an eco-lodge right in the Amazon in Manaus , have fun in the sun by the beach in the vibrant city of Salvador and discover the magnificent Island of Morro De Sao Paulo.

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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. Please note this service is with a driver only. Please note, once you arrival at your hotel you will receive a welcome pack, which will provide you with all the useful information you will need about your trip in Brazil.



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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: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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DAY 3: Amazon Ecopark Lodge - Arrival

On arrival into Manaus you will be met and transferred from Manaus airport to the Amazon Ecopark Lodge, a 30 minute boat ride away, on the banks of the Rio Taruma. After settling in to your comfortable room, we visit the Monkey Jungle Reserve and marvel at the many different species of very playful and friendly monkeys. The Monkey Jungle is a centre for the rehabilitation of primates that were rescued from illegal traders or from areas of Brazil that have been flooded or burned. Many of the monkeys are orphans. On arrival the animals receive any necessary veterinary treatment and time to acclimatize to their new home, before being released into the wild. Species of monkeys at the Monkey Jungle include the Spider monkey, Woolly monkey, Squirrel monkey and Capuchin monkey. Later in the evening, a delicious dinner will be followed by a trip by canoe to spot alligators.



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DAY 4: Amazon Ecopark Lodge - Nature Hike

We awake to the fresh morning mist and the magical sounds of the jungle coming alive. After breakfast we set off on a Nature Hike: with over two million species of flora and fauna the thick, impenetrable jungle will have you in awe of its immensity! There are around 10kms of jungle trails in the Ecopark area, which includes virgin rainforest, natural savannahs, creeks and crystal clear streams. The guide teaches you how to find potable water, how to improvise a shelter from natural resources found in the jungle, what plants can be eaten as well as basic orientation and first aid. We return to the lodge for lunch and time to relax, after which we visit the homes of caboclos or local Amazonian residents. Learn about their traditions and customs, the history of the Amazon, how cassava meal is prepared and the rubber cycle including how they smoke the extracted rubber sap. There is also the opportunity for piranha fishing. The notorious piranha is perhaps the most feared freshwater fish in the world. However, it is a common misconception that they are vicious man-eaters and the majority of species are not carnivorous. They make a delicious meal, if you manage to catch them ... with the help of our experts!



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DAY 5: Amazon Ecopark Lodge - Meeting of the Waters

This morning we depart on a full day tour to the “Meeting of the Waters”, a remarkable phenomenon where the black water of the Rio Negro converges with the lighter muddy brown water of the Rio Solimões before they finally merge to form the mighty Amazon River. The two rivers are different temperatures and run at different speeds alongside each other without mixing for several kilometres, in what is known as the “Meeting of the Waters”. Following this excursion we have the option of more piranha fishing from canoes. We return to the lodge in the early evening for dinner and another atmospheric night in the jungle.



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DAY 6: Depart from Manaus

After breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Manaus airport for your onward flight.



DAY 6: Arrival transfer in Salvador

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DAY 6: 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.



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DAY 7: Salvador - Free day

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



DAY 8: Catamaran Transfer to Morro de Sao Paulo

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from your hotel to the port where you will board the Catamaran to Morro de Sao Paulo. This journey will take approximately two hours.



DAY 8: Morro de Sao Paulo

Lying 60kms off Salvador, Morro de Sao Paulo (St. Paul's Hill) is one of five villages on the island of Tinharé, perched remotely at the northern tip of the island. It is a tropical paradise with calm waters and sandy lanes. The pace here is relaxed - no cars are allowed on the island, the only transport is by tractor!



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DAY 9: Free Day in Morro de Sao Paulo


Free day to enjoy Morro de Sao Paulo at leisure.



DAY 10: Morro de Sao Paulo Transfer to Salvador

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel
Inclusions	Tours Airport Transfers Internal Flights Accommodations Breakfasts Meals where specified
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	US\$ 1750
Notes	Internal flights are included in the cost of this tour.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

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

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- 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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