

SOUTH AMERICA - RIO CARNIVAL EXTENSION




INTRODUCTION

Experience Carnival, an event that is an intrinsic part of the identity of Rio. Watch as it comes alive like no other time of the year as the sounds of Samba and vibrant colours begin to overwhelm the streets.

Rio Carnival has become world-famous through the Samba Parade, a show, a competition, and an incredible display put on by the Brazilian samba dance schools. Carnival, the famous Brazilian festival, will take place between the 9th February 2024 and the 17th of February 2024 (approximately). During the festival, there is a huge contest among the samba schools. These samba communities all have their own distinguishing, colourful, costumes and will parade at the "Sambodromo" where people can either watch from the grandstands or, if planned well enough ahead, even dress up and participate in the parade themselves. This festival has become known as one of the greatest parties in the world. Each samba school's parade takes around 90 minutes and there is only one winner. Each night the parade starts around 8:00 PM and continues until 6:00 AM the next morning.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per the itinerary. Each night you will stay in your selected standard of accommodation (standard, superior or deluxe), handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

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| BRTSRCP |
| DEPARTURE |
| 10/02/2024 |
| DURATION |
| 5 Days |
| LOCATIONS |
| Brazil |
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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.



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.



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DAY 2: Corcovado & Sugarloaf with Lunch

After departing from the hotel, the tour takes a scenic drive from Copacabana beach, continuing along Botafogo beach and passing the Palácio Guanabara, official residence of the State's Governor, on the way to Corcovado Hill (704m), and the greatest national icon - The Christ Redeemer of Rio de Janeiro. Here, you will have time to enjoy panoramic views of Rio and appreciate the giant statue, which was recently named as one of the seven new wonders of the world. From here, the tour continues to the district of Urca and the world-famous Sugar Loaf, where you will board the first cable car to the top of Urca Hill (215m), which offers spectacular views of Guanabara Bay. A second cable car will take you on to the Sugar Loaf (395m), giving you a chance to take in the spectacular 360-degree views of the city and surrounds. Upon descending from the Sugarloaf, we pass through the famous beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema en route to a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch at a local Churrascaria (lunch is included - all beverages are at your own expense). Following lunch, the tour continues with a visit to the Maracanã Stadium (Bellini's statue and Hall of Fame. Entry into the stadium is not included) and a stop at the Sambadrome. While in the city's historic downtown area, you will have a chance to see the Duque de Caxias Palace, Itamaraty Palace, Tiradentes Square and Lapa Arches, followed by a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral. From here the tour will also make a quick stop to visit the Selaron Stairs, an amazing urban work of art by the late Jorge Selaron. Returning to the hotel along Aterro do Flamengo, we pass by the Monument to the Fallen in World War II and the beaches of Flamengo and Botafogo. Note: This is a full day tour shared with a small group. The tour includes English-speaking guide, transfers and lunch.



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DAY 3: Return transfers to Sambadrome

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the Sambadrome, the venue for the Parade. This is a shuttle service that includes a pick up from your hotel and drop off safely within the gates of the Sambadrome within 2 blocks of the entrance to the sector booked. On completion of the Parade, please make your way to the pick up location for the shuttle service back to your hotel.



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DAY 3: Carnival Main Parade

The highlight of the Rio Carnival is undoubtedly the Samba Parade, also known as the Samba Schools Parade—a truly unique event in the world. The Rio Samba Parade represents a fierce competition among the city's samba schools. Judges and spectators gather at the Sambodromo, a venue specially built for this grand occasion, to witness the principal parades. Experiencing the Samba Parade is a must for everyone at least once in their lifetime. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere, mingle with the crowds, and join the Brazilians and Cariocas (the people of Rio) in the world's largest celebration.



DAY 4: Free Day in Rio de Janeiro

Famed for its breathtaking setting, Rio is undoubtedly one of the most attractive cities in the world. Enjoy your day at leisure by exploring some of its remarkable sites or take the opportunity to relax on one of Rio’s famous beaches such as Ipanema or Copacabana.



DAY 5: 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.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| Inclusions | Inclusions Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Other meals where stated Return shuttles from Sambadrome Carnival Main Parade-Grandstand Section 9 ticket Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in the itinerary |
| | Exclusions International and internal flights not indicated Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel Insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included |
| Difficulty Rating | 1 (easy adventure) |
| Single Surcharge | A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information. |
| Notes | Please contact us to check the availability of hotels during Carnival Period. Pricing is subject to change based on the hotel category and availability. Please note Rio Carnival bookings have strict booking conditions and are non-refundable, contact us for more details. Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. |
| Price Dependent upon | Seasonality and availability at time of booking. |

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SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the

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crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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