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Foz do Iguaçu National Park



Day 1 • Sao Paulo • Foz do Iguaçu

Assistance, meet and greet by your personal tour guide upon arrival in Foz do Iguaçu Airport (IGU). Private transportation to your selected hotel for registration. 2-Nights hotel accommodation in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil.

Day 2 • Foz do Iguaçu • Iguazú Falls • Itaipu Dam (B) 08:00 pickup from the hotel by your personal tour guide for a full day private guided excursion to visit the most spectacular falls in Latin America. First, we explore the Brazilian side of the cascades. In Iguaçu (Brazil side), the water pours down over not one but some 275 different cataracts, spread over a precipice

some 5km (3mil) wide and 81m (266 ft.) high. The fine mist tossed up by all that falling water precipitates down and creates a microclimate of lush rainforest, with tropical birds and an abundant population of glorious butterflies. We continue to Iguazú on the Argentina side of the falls. Twenty-three kilometers (14 miles) of deafening waterfalls plummet up to 70m (229 ft.) into a giant gorge in a spectacular subtropical setting. The sheer power is overwhelming. You come face to face with raging sheets of water, with sprays so intense it seems as though geysers have erupted from below. Iguazú is a must-see on any trip to Argentina. Optional buffet lunch inside the park (not included). On-route back to your hotel, we stop over at the Itaipu Hydroelectric Dam for a guided interpretative tour. Transportation to your hotel.

Day 3 • Foz do Iguaçu • Rio de Janeiro • Sugar Loaf Sunset Tour (B)

07:30-09:30 Optional www.macucosafari.com.br sunrise jet boat Iguaçu River adventure (not included). Private transportation to the Foz do Iguaçu Airport (driver only). Departure to Rio de Janeiro. Assistance,

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Sugar Loaf Sunset, Rio de Janeiro



Day 3 • Rio • Sugar Loaf Sunset Tour (continuation)
Meet and greet by your personal tour guide upon
arrival in Rio. Private transportation to the Brazilian
all-you-can-eat www.churrascariapalace.com.br from
USD \$39 or to www.marius.com.br from USD \$50.
Optional Brazilian lunch (not included). After lunch,
private guided trip to the summit of the Sugar Loaf
www.bondinho.com.br. Cable car ride, admission and
a refreshing Caipiriña welcome cocktail included.
Private guided transportation to your selected hotel
for registration. 2-Nights hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

Day 4 • Corcovado • Santa Teresa • Rios Beaches (B) 09:00 pickup from the hotel by your personal tour

guide. Private guided city tour of Rio. First, we drive to the Corcovado (Statue of Christ the Redeemer) www.tremdocorcovado.rio. Admission and train ride included. Optional traditio

nal Feijoada lunch (not included). Feijoada is a tasty stew of black beans with beef and pork. After lunch, we drive through the bohemian Santa Teresa neighborhood. 15:00 Private transportation back to your hotel.

Optional dinner and show at www.gingatropical.com SIC (not included).

Day 5 • Rio de Janeiro • Sao Luis (B)

After breakfast, pickup by your personal driver and private transportation to the Rio Airport. Departure to Sao Luis. Assistance, meet and greet by your personal English-speaking tour guide upon arrival. The World Heritage-listed historical center of São Luís is an enchanting neighborhood of steamy cobbled streets and pastel-colored colonial mansions, some handsomely restored. Private guided transfer to selected hotel in Sao Luis for registration. 1-Night hotel accommodation in Sao Luis.

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Lencois Maranheses National Park



Day 6 • Sao Luis • Barreirinhas, Brazil (B)

06:00 pickup by your driver and private transfer to the Sao Luis bus terminal. 07:00 Departure from Sao Luis to Barreirinhas (3.5 hours, 260 km) by regular van SIC. 11:00 Assistance, meet and greet upon arrival in Barreirinhas by your personal tour guide. Private transfer to your selected hotel for registration. Mainly serving as a base for visitors to Lençóis Maranhenses, its riverside setting and sandy patches gives it a charm of its own. Familiarization tour of town. Optional seafood dinner (not included) at www.restaurantebambae.com.br.

2-Nights hotel in Barreirinhas.

Day 7 • Three Villages • Caeure Dunes • Lençóis Maranhenses National Park (B)

After breakfast, pickup from your hotel and embarkation on a speedboat to navigate Rio Preguiça towards the ocean SIC. Our first stop is the Vassouras region to visit Pequeños Lençóis Maranhenses. After stopping at the popular monkey tent, continue with your tour guide to the Mandacarú fishing village. Go hiking to the lighthouse and enjoy spectacular vistas of the Lençóis Maranhenses region. Bring your swimsuit! We return to the hotel. Enjoy a fun 4x4-wheel-drive excursion over the sand dunes in the afternoon SIC. First, we cross the Rio Preguica by ferry to Lençóis Maranhenses National Park. Walk on its fine sand dunes to Lagoa Azul or Lagoa Bonita. Enjoy the spectacular colors of the sunset before returning to your hotel.

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Sao Luis Colonial



Day 8 • Barreirinhas • Sao Luis • Sao Paulo (B)

08:00 regular transportation by van SIC to Sao Luis. 12:00 Meet and greet upon arrival in Sao Luis by your personal tour guide. Stroll through the colonial heart of town. São Luís city center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is an enchanting neighborhood of steamy cobbled streets and pastel-colored colonial mansions. some handsomely restored, many still deep in tropical decay. It is a charming area with a unique atmosphere and one of the best concentrations of museums, galleries and craft stores in the Northeast. Optional lunch (not included). 14:30 after lunch, private transportation to the Sao Luis

Airport. Departure to Sao Paulo. Assistance, meet and greet upon arrival in Sao Paulo by your personal tour guide. Private guided transportation to your selected hotel. Optional Japanese dinner (not included). 1-Night hotel accommodation in Sao Paulo.

Day 9 • Sao Paulo • Cuiaba • Pantanal Wetlands (B/D)

After breakfast, pickup from the hotel by your personal tour guide. Private transportation to the Sao Paulo Airport. Departure to Cuiaba (CGB). Assistance, meet and greet upon arrival at the Cuiaba airport by your English-speaking naturalist tour guide. After an introductory briefing on the Pantanal ecosystem, regular transportation SIC to the Araras Ecolodge. Travel along vast cattle ranches to Pocone. Pocone is a small mining town and the gateway to the Northern Pantanal region. Enjoy your first photo safari with several stops on-route to the lodge. Registration and welcome drink upon arrival at the lodge. In the afternoon, join a guided exploration tour through the hotel grounds. Walk to the Egret lookout observation tower for a panoramic view of the Pantanal. Return to the lodge for dinner. After dinner, guided night excursion to watch the cosmos from the southern hemisphere. 3-Nights stay at www.araraslodge.com.br.

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Jaguar Express Tour

Day 10 • Pantanal Canoeing and Trekking (B/L/D)

Optional Jaguar Express Tour available from June 15 to November 15 only (not included).

Important information: The order of the activities may change due to unforeseen weather or Inaccessible road conditions. After breakfast, take a photo safari on-route to the Clarinho River (or to the alternative Corixo River). Embark on a canoe and paddle downstream. Observe the lush flora and abundant fauna along the shorelines. Look for giant river otters, caimans and other reptiles! Try fishing elusive piranhas and lambaris! After lunch, go hiking with your tour guide on the popular howler monkey trek. Observe the colors of the Pantanal sunset from a 25-meter high observation platform before returning to the lodge. After dinner, join our exciting night-drive-safari in search for wildlife.

Day 11 • Pantanal Horseback-Riding and Trekking (B/L/D)

After breakfast, enjoy a guided horseback-riding excursion. Explore remote and flooded areas of the vast plains only accessible by horses! The Pantaneiro horses are docile animals perfectly adapted to the wet and wild conditions of the Pantanal. We return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, go trekking on the Rondon trail to a 13 meters high tower. Look for Jabiru Stork nests! Return to Araras Eco Lodge for dinner.

Day 12 • Pantanal • Cuiaba • Sao Paulo Departure (B)

Early rise and shine to witness the awakening of the Pantanal at dawn. After breakfast, shuttle transfer to Cuiaba. Enjoy scenic photo stopovers on-route to the Cuiaba Airport (CGB). Departure from Sao Paulo.

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Fascinating Brazil in 12 Days. Program Includes:

Private Tour with daily departures • 11-Nights hotel accommodation • Assistance, meet and greet as per program • Private transportation and private guided sightseeing tours as per program • Lencois Maranheses National Park 4x4-Wheel-Drive Safari • Shuttle transfers as per itinerary • Pantanal wetlands 4x4-Wheel-Drive Safari as per program • Admissions and park fees • Local English-speaking tour guides • 16-Meals: (B) 11 Breakfasts, (L) 2 Lunches & (D) 3 Dinners • Local assistance by Amigo Vacations Brazil.

Not Included:

International and domestic flights. Optional meals and optional services. Travel and medical insurance. Tips for tour guides US \$5.00 pp/day and for drivers US \$2.50 pp/day.

Suggested Domestic Flights (not included)

- 1 Foz do Iguaçu-Rio Latam 4599-Daily Flight 11:55-13:55
- 2 Rio de Janeiro-Sao Luis Gol 2132-Daily Flight 13:00-16:15
- 3 Sao Luis-Sao Paulo Latam 4606-Daily Flight 16:25-20:00
- 4 Sao Paulo-Cuiaba Gol 1420-Daily Flight 10:00-11:15
- 5 Cuiaba-Sao Paulo Gol 1423-Daily Flight 11:45-15:00

Airfare taxes included from... USD \$480

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Prices 2019

Valid until December 20.19. Subject to availability at time of booking. Itineraries are fully customizable. Not valid during trade shows, bank holidays and other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

Option STF: Category Superior Tourist and First Class Hotels

- 2-Nights Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil Viale Cataratas Hotel www.vialehoteis.com.br
- 2-Nights Rio de Janeiro Rio Othon Palace www.othon.com.br
- 1-Night Sao Luis Bristol Express Hotel www.bristolhotels.com.br
- 2-Nights Barreirinhas, Brazil Encantes do Nordeste Pousada www.encantesdonordeste.com.br
- 1-Night Sao Paulo Quality Faria Lima www.atlanticahotels.com.br
- 3-Nights Pantanal, Brazil Araras Eco Lodge Pantanal www.araraslodge.com.br

Based on **2-participants**:

Land price per person in Double... USD \$3,839

Based on **3-participants**:

Land price per person in Double... USD \$3,528 Land price per person in Triple... USD \$3,448

Based on **4-participants**:

Land price per person in Double... USD \$3,248 Land price per person in Triple... USD \$3,168

Single supplement add on double prices... USD \$699

Option DLX: Category Superior and Deluxe Hotels

- 2-Nights Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil Bourbon Cataratas Resort and Spa www.bourbon.com.br
- 2-Nights Rio de Janeiro Hilton Rio de Janeiro Copacabana www.hiltonhotels.com
- 1-Night Sao Luis Blue Tree Towers Sao Luis www.bluetree.com.br
- 2-Nights Barreirinhas Porto Preguiças Resort www.portopreguicas.com.br
- 1-Night Sao Paulo Intercontinental Sao Paulo www.intercontinental.com
- 3-Nights Pantanal, Brazil Araras Eco Lodge Pantanal www.araraslodge.com.br

Based on **2-participants**:

Land price per person in Double... USD \$4,178

Based on 3-participants:

Land price per person in Double... USD \$3,838 Land price per person in Triple... USD \$3,768

Based on 4-participants:

Land price per person in Double... USD \$3,568 Land price per person in Triple... USD \$3,498

Single supplement add on double prices... USD \$1,089

Prices are subject to change. Terms and conditions apply. Program can be customized. Group quotations upon request. Many other hotels in all categories are available upon request.