

Brazil: Rio de Janeiro and Iguazu Falls



Trip Summary

Lush, verdant, and pulsing with life, Brazil will tantalize your senses as you discover fauna-rich tropical rainforests, powdery white-sand beaches complete with beachside cocktails, rich culture in Rio de Janeiro, and Iguazu Falls, which is wider than Victoria, taller than Niagara, and more beautiful than both. Bask in Brazil with Austin Adventures for a journey you'll never forget.

Itinerary

Day 1: Rio de Janeiro Arrival

Arrive in Rio de Janeiro where your driver and guide will be waiting with Austin Adventures signage at the arrivals gate • Transfer to your hotel in Copacabana • Copacabana is often referred to as the Princess of the Sea or the Heart of the South • Check-in and relax at your hotel before joining your group and guides for dinner • *Overnight Best Western Premier Arpoador Fashion Hotel (D)*

Day 2: Rio de Janeiro

Eat an early breakfast at your hotel • Depart in an open-air jeep for Tijuca Forest National Park, the largest urban forest in the world • We'll make stops at Vista Chinesa, the Cascatinha waterfall visitor center, and the Pedra Bonita Interpretive Trail, all of which will teach us more about the complex ecosystems of the Brazilian rainforest • Reach an incredible viewpoint, at which you will be able to see Gavea stone, Conrado beach, and much of Rio de Janeiro • Drive to the Laranjeiras neighborhood of Rio to visit Projeto Morrinho, or Project Little Hill • Morrinho was built entirely by children to serve as an escape from everyday life and is a fascinating site • Return to your hotel for a filling dinner and night of rest • *Overnight Best Western Premier Arpoador Fashion Hotel (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast, we depart for iconic Sugarloaf Mountain • Take a 45-minute hike uphill along the Pista Claudio Coutinho track, and then board a cable car to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain • After snapping as many photos as you'd like of the surrounding city, enjoy a delicious lunch • Later, we visit a local samba school • Our "secretive," behind-the-scenes tour will teach us the history of samba and Rio's Carnival in a fun and captivating way that you won't soon forget! • Tonight, toast to a few days well spent with a goodbye Rio dinner at Restaurant Churrascaria Palace • *Overnight Best Western Premier Arpoador Fashion Hotel (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Rio de Janeiro / Iguazu Falls

After an early breakfast, depart the hotel to explore the city's beaches by bicycle • Leisurely pedal past Copacabana, Ipanema, and Leblon beaches • Afterwards, we drive to Corcovado and then ascend the mountain by cog train • Stand in awe as you stare up at Christ the Redeemer statue, one of the seven wonders of the modern world • Return to your hotel for lunch and check out • Transfer to Puerto Iguazu and check in at your new hotel • Eat dinner this evening at the wonderful Churrascaria Premium • *Overnight La Canterra Jungle Lodge (B, L, D)*

Day 5: Iguazu Falls

This morning, we depart for the astounding Iguazu Falls, a chain of hundreds of waterfalls nearly three kilometers long, serving as the split between Brazil and Argentina • First, we explore the Argentinean side of Iguazu Falls by foot, getting plenty of beautiful photos from multiple angles •



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Depart by car to explore the jungle surrounding the falls, which is teeming with unique flora and fauna • Next up: a thrilling jet boat ride taking us six kilometers upriver to view the falls from a whole new perspective: below and sometimes IN the falls (you WILL get wet!) • Eat lunch at a local restaurant before visiting a Guarani Indian community to learn and understand more about this tribe's history, their costumes, their day-to-day life, and their views on life • Enjoy dinner and an evening at your hotel tonight • *Overnight La Canterra Jungle Lodge (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Iguazu Falls

Today, we visit the Brazilian side of Iguazu Falls and explore the area by bike and by foot • From the National Park's visitor center, we pedal our bicycles ten kilometers to the beginning of the foot trails of the Brazilian Falls • From here, we begin walking with many stops for photos as there are many different viewpoints for the hundreds of waterfalls visible from this side • We'll be sure to happen upon amazing views of the most important of the falls: Floriano, Deodoro da Fonseca, Benjamin Constant and Salto Uniao, also known as the Devil's Throat • Eat lunch before "getting your wings" on a thrilling helicopter flight over the famous Iguazu Falls • Tonight, we enjoy many laughs and much in the way of good food at the "Argentina Experience" cooking class • Toast a glass of wine to your trip and relive the memories with your fellow travelers of a trip you won't soon forget! • *Overnight La Canterra Jungle Lodge (B, L, D)*

Day 7: Iguazu Falls Departure

At the appropriate time, your driver will transfer you from your hotel in Puerto Iguazu to Puerto Iguazu International Airport • (B)

***Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Our Partner – Aniyami

Austin Adventures is proudly offering this trip in conjunction with Aniyami Tours. Aniyami's goal is to explore Brazil by getting in touch with the true essence of each region and its local inhabitants, culture, gastronomy, and the various landscapes they call home. Aniyami creates authentic travel experiences throughout Brazil to reflect that essence and bring cultures together for unforgettable experiences for everyone, with no detail left to chance, and where enjoyment is universal! The company's mission is to foster sustainable community development initiatives as well as environmental conservation through adventure travel experiences throughout Brazil. Aniyami is a pioneer social enterprise and, as such, is committed to reducing the social and ecological impact it generates as a company. With this in mind, more than 50% of the annual profits are reinvested back into the company, and its green efforts, which enables Aniyami to then play an active part in those various countrywide initiatives.

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Activities

Hiking: There are several days of hiking in both Rio de Janeiro and Iguazu Falls. These hikes range from moderate to moderately strenuous, with some exceeding lengths of five or more kilometers at semi-steep grades. Guests should be in good health in order to accommodate the level of hiking involved in this Brazilian adventure.

Walking: Much of this tour involves exploration by walking. Whether exploring the streets of Rio de Janeiro, hiking to the Christ the Redeemer statue, or exploring the many waterfalls surrounding Puerto Iguazu, guests can expect to be on their feet for much of this adventure.

Boating: Guests will embark on a boat ride in the canyon of Iguazu Falls. This ride will last for approximately six kilometers. Guests need no ability to operate motorboat, and will not disembark from the boat until dry trails are available.

Bicycling: There is mild bicycling included on this Brazilian adventure. Between ten and fifteen kilometers of biking will occur on this trip, in both Rio de Janeiro and Iguazu Falls. Guests should be in good health to accommodate the level of biking which can be expected.

Discovery: Brazil holds many wonders waiting to be discovered, some of which are classified in the seven natural and/or modern wonders of the world. From the famed Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, to breathtaking beaches, to massive waterfalls and thick rainforests, Brazil is sure to wow any adventurer. Discover the local terrain on foot, by bike, by boat, and even in the air as Austin Adventures takes you on the adventure of a lifetime in the south. Down to the smallest details, guests can expect an all-encompassing experience when journeying to Brazil with Austin Adventures.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, Austin Adventures guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.



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Distinctive Accommodations

Nights 1 to 3: Best Western Premier Arpoador Fashion Hotel

This high-fashion resort is sure to wow any guest. The very first Best Western hotel to combine hospitality with fashion, the Arpoador Fashion Hotel has been hand designed by Gloria Coelho and is chic, upscale, and luxurious. With dramatic photographs of models, fashion, and catwalks dotting the property accompanied by cleverly crafted furniture and décor, guests will feel as though they've been transported to front row seats at fashion week. The hotel boasts multilingual staff, a stylish cocktail lounge, and excellent accommodations. The location between the most famous beaches in town: Arpoador and Copacabana, will allow you to enjoy beach life uninhibited.

Nights 4 to 6: La Canterra Jungle Lodge

Surrounded by nature and the peaceful sounds of Iguazu Falls, La Canterra Jungle Lodge provides the deepest possible relaxation to guests. With daily scheduled jungle walks, a luxurious outdoor pool, and top-quality food and beverage services including an extensive collection of hand selected Argentinian wines, this resort is sure to meet any needs guests may have.

Additional Information

Meals

You will be treated to the finest cuisine Brazil has to offer during your adventure. From classic South American dishes to gastronomic Argentinian cuisine, there will be something to suit every taste palette on this journey. Most meals will be served at respective accommodations. Breakfast can be expected to be typical continental style with toast, fruit, and juices available. Lunch and dinner will often be cooked to order. Meals are included as indicated in itinerary: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

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Arrival & Departures

Arrival: On Day 1 of the trip, guests should arrive into Rio de Janeiro – Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport (GIG) at any time of the day. Your guide and driver will be waiting with Austin Adventures signs just outside of the arrivals terminal. They will transfer you to your first night's hotel for check in.

Departure: On Day 7 of the trip, guests may book flights out of Aeropuerto Internacional Cataratas Del Iguazu (IGR) at any time during the day.

Trip Price

Call for pricing.

Trip Length

7 days / 6 nights

2020 Dates

Departing weekly, call for availability.

Host City

Begin: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (GIG)

End: Puerto Iguazu, Argentina (IGR)

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

Iguazu Falls is a series of gorgeous waterfalls that are taller than Niagara and wider than Victoria



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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$750 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- . All airport transfers and assistance
- . Accommodation in both Rio de Janeiro and Puerto Iguazu
- . Meals specified within this itinerary
- . Water and non-alcoholic drinks
- . Private transport to and from all activities listed
- . All activities included within this itinerary
- . Entrance fees to attractions listed in itinerary

Not Included in the Trip Price

- . Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the inclusions listing above
- . International and domestic airfare and airport taxes
- . Optional excursions
- . Meals not specified in the inclusions section
- . Drinks, tips, and personal extras

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. **some restrictions may apply*

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.