

SUGGESTED ITINERARY
BRAZIL: 03 NTS RIO / 02 NTS IGU / 03 NTS MAO

DAY 01 --/ Rio de Janeiro

Arrival at Rio de Janeiro. Meet & greet by English speaking staff.

Transfer to hotel the selected Hotel Check in

Accommodation at Selected Hotel

DAY 02 Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at the hotel.

Full Day Corcovado and Sugar loaf



In the morning, we start our tour of Rio de Janeiro visiting the most famous beaches, and Corcovado Mountain reaching the top by rail: a modern Swiss-made cogwheel rail climbs through "Tijuca" Rain Forest to the top of the mountain (710 meters). At the very top of the mountain, carved in soapstone mosaic in the finest art nouveau style, stands the famous Christ the Redeemer, a 38 meters tall statue with arms outstretched as if blessing the city.

After the Christ, we will go to the Tijuca forest, the biggest urban forest in the world. We will visit a place called Paineiras from where we will also have marvellous views of Rio and we'll also stop at the Vista chinesa belvedere and Mesa do imperador



Continue to the Sugar Loaf. Access to the Urca Hill is by the first leg of the cable-car, traveling some 575 meters from Praia Vermelha to a height of 220 meters above sea level, with a beautiful view over Botafogo and the Guanabara Bay. The attractions of this hill-top plateau include a heliport, a panoramic restaurant and an amphitheater. The second stage of the cable-car covers 750 meters to the top of Sugar Loaf, at a height of 396 meters. From this viewpoint, there is an uninterrupted and breathtaking view over the bay to Niterói, flanked by beaches and lagoons. Viewing the sunset from the top of Sugar Load Mountain is strikingly beautiful.





We continue to the charming Santa Teresa district. This area, once preferred by Rio's wealthy and powerful, fell into neglect as the chic beachfront neighborhoods of Ipanema and Copacabana came into favour after World War II. Today Santa Teresa is enjoying a renaissance as artists and bohemians who have moved to the area are renovating this funky and colourful part of Rio



Accommodation at Selected Hotel

DAY 03 Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day free at leisure for optional tours

Overnight at Hotel

DAY 04 Rio de Janeiro /Iguassu

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Airport to board flight to Iguassu (flight not included)
Flight to Iguassu (not included)

Arrival at Iguassu. Meet & greet by English speaking guide.

Iguassu Falls are located at the border with Brazil and Argentina .The Iguazú Falls are the highlight of the Argentine/Brazilian rainforest. The falls are the widest and most imposing water falls on Earth. Their name in the native tongue, guaraní, means Big Waters and this is, undoubtedly, the perfect name for them.



Transfer to the selected Hotel

Overnight

DAY 05: IGUASSU

Breakfast

Excursion to Brazilian Falls



In the afternoon tour by bus from the Visitor Centre to the Brazilian Falls. Macuco is the first bus stop: a short trail that runs across the rainforest into a 25 mts waterfall: the Macuco Fall. After Macuco the bus goes 1 km stopping at diverse observation posts that offer sights of the Falls.

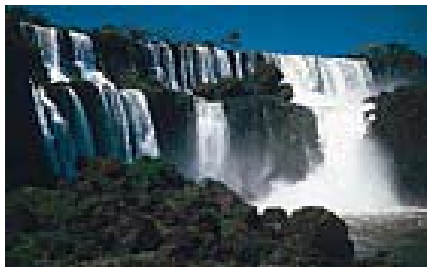
Iguassu falls are the greatest waterfalls in the world, situated on the borders of Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay in South America. The falls consist of 275 cascades spread nearly 2 miles including the famous 'Devil's Throat'.

One anecdote can tell the magnificence of Iguassu falls: On first sight, Eleanor Roosevelt said "Poor Niagara! This makes Niagara look like a kitchen sink."

Excursion to Argentinean Falls

Today you will enjoy a panoramic view of the Falls during a walking tour through the passages that connect the different observation points for a panoramic view of the falls framed by a myriad of rainbows.

You will visit the Garganta del Diablo, meaning the 'Devil's Throat'. As a result of the many falls and the inevitable curtain of mist, there are often numerous rainbows. Walk along the Upper and Lower Catwalks that allow a close look at the falls and ride an open train departing from the Visitor Centre to make the journey up to 'Garganta Station' to watch, after a 1,200 meter walk up to the Devil's Throat balcony, one of the greatest shows on earth. Return by train to the Visitor Centre.



Overnight at Hotel

DAY 06: IGUASSU/MANAUS

Breakfast at the Hotel

Transfer to the airport to board flight to Manaus (flight not included)

Flight to Manaus (not included)

Arrival at MAO Airport

Meet & Greet by English speaking guide.

Transfer to the **Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge.**

www.amazonecopark.com.br

Reception with local juice after which guests will be shown to the rooms.

Amazon Ecopark Lodge



Detailed Description:

Located in the middle of the Amazon Forest, in Rio Tarumã, a tributary of Rio Negro, Amazon Ecopark is a tourist, scientific and educational property, created and directed by the private initiative. It has been established since 1991 and as a lodge since 1995.

The lodge is located in an area of dense primary forest; ideal for eco hikes and explorations.

It includes non-catalogued species in virgin rainforest, natural savannahs and creeks. Several streams of crystal clear warm water run through the area. Over 6 miles of jungle trails enable guests to explore the jungle, orchids and giant trees.

There is also a monkey jungle in the property, unique in the region.

Packages include full board, bilingual jungle guide, alligator spotting tour, visit to local resident's house, piranha fishing and out canoe trips.

What to bring on your trip:

Sports clothes, two pairs of tennis shoes or boots, jeans, light sleeved shirts, swimming suit, insect repellent, binoculars, sunglasses, rain coat and lantern (if wanted), jackets and pullovers between the months of July and September.

Dinner and evening tour by canoe with opportunity for Alligator Spotting .

Night tours in canoes

Depart lodge in paddle or motorized canoes, to appreciate the sounds of the jungle at night, with the possibility to spot small alligators (or other nightly creatures). Alligators are spotted because their eyes shine like small red lights, once the alligator is spotted by the guide spotlight, the guide will try to catch a small alligator with his own hands and bring it on to the canoe, and a brief explanation of their habitat follows. The alligator will then be safely release back to the river. (No harm is done to any of the animals)

Duration: about 1 hour, a bilingual guide accompanies every group.

Note: during "high water level" season (from April to August) and on full moon evenings, it might be difficult to find alligators. Overnight at the lodge.



DAY 07: Manaus

Breakfast followed by **Nature Hike**.

Nature Hike throughout the property. During the walk, explanation will be given regarding the local fauna and flora.



Lunch. After a short rest, visit to the home of local Amazonian residents "caboclos" **with fishing**.

Depart the lodge in paddle or motorized canoes, accompanied by a

Bilingual guide to learn about the traditions and customs of local Amazonians ("Caboclo's").

Duration: it may vary according to the place visited / "low water level seasons" closest to the Lodge; "high water level season" distant communities can be visited (1 to 3 hours).



Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

DAY 08: Manaus

Breakfast, and full day tour **Meeting of the Waters** with lunch.



Guests will depart the lodge in regional boats. During this day tour, guests will have the opportunity to see one of the highlights of the Amazon : "The Meeting of the Waters" where the black waters of the Negro River and the brown waters of the Solimões River meet and run together for miles without mixing until they finally merge to form the actual Amazon River. Lunch will be served at a typical restaurant. Guests will also visit a rubber plantation and learn the art of extracting latex from the rubber tree and the process of curing it. The guide will explain about the rubber boon period in the Amazon during the beginning of the century. Sporadically grey and pink river dolphins can be seen in the river during this tour.



Arrival 17.00 hrs.

Dinner. Overnight at the Lodge.

DAY 09 Manaus

Breakfast

Following visit to the **Monkey Jungle Reserve**

A rehabilitation center for primates brought to this local by IBAMA when confiscated from illegal sales and exports. At this location, primates are initially kept in quarantine in order to be evaluated and treated by veterinarians and biologists. After a period of time, primates are reintroduced to the jungle.



During the years that this project has been in action, a twice a day food program was developed feed the primates, (always at 11:00 a/m and 05:00 p/m). During the feeding process, this area is opened to visitors under the supervision of guides and specialized staff, guests of Ecopark Jungle Lodge can observe film and photograph the animals in a total and safe environment.



Arrival at Manaus 12:30h
Transfer to Airport

END OF OUR SERVICES

Usd \$1,128.90 per person in DBL occupancy
Usd \$1,105.05 per person in TPL occupancy

Private Services with english speaking guide.

Rio: Bandeirantes Hotel <http://www.hotelbandeirantes.com.br/>

Mao: Amazon Ecopark <http://www.amazonecopark.com.br/pt%2Dbr/>

Igu: Carimã <http://www.hotelcarima.com.br/v2/index.htm>

**Rates not Valid for Special Holidays AND Congress Dates in all countries.
Validity December 20 2008.**

- Children from 3 to 6 years, will have seat on excursions, lunch, ticket train and breakfast at hotel. Must share bed with parent. **One** child per room.
- Passport of child will be required as a proof of age.

REMARKS:

- All activities mentioned are subject to adjustment due to operational reasons and time available once the final schedule is confirmed.
- All prices are subject to reconfirmation.

Our prices include:

- Accommodation at the mentioned hotels including breakfast and taxes.
- Private transfers and tours in air-conditioned deluxe cars/coaches as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Local English speaking guide in all transfers and tours.
- Meals as specified on itinerary.
- Beverages on meals as specified on itinerary.

Our prices DO NOT include:

- Air tickets.
- Any Airport Taxes Domestic
- Personal Expenses or any extra.
- Tips

VERY IMPORTANT REMARKS:

- ✓ **Prices have been quoted considering current exchange rate USD in each country.**
- ✓ **Should this exchange rate vary considerably (over 10% increase or decrease), all prices will be adjusted accordingly.**

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