

THE GREEN COAST OF BRAZIL

Hurtigruten Cruises

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

Embark on this Expedition Cruise, and feel the rhythms of Samba as you travel 7,000 miles past diverse green coastline from Uruguay to Brazil. Discover the friendly cultures of South America during your shore excursions to vibrant cities, beautiful historical sites and glorious nature sites. This cruise can depart from Montevideo, Uruguay or Fortaleza, Brazil.

<p>FROM \$ 3189 per person</p>	<p>THIS CRUISE INCLUDES: 13-night accommodations&nbsp;nbsp; Full board service</p>	<p>HIGHLIGHTS Montevideo Rio Grande do Sul Paranaguá Salto Morato Paraty Ilhéus Salvador Recife Fortaleza</p>
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Day 1 **MONTEVIDEO**

Spend your first night in a cozy hotel in Uruguay's capital, Montevideo. During this time, you will have the opportunity to explore the city before you board the MS Midnatsol.



Day 2 **MONTEVIDEO**

Take the morning to explore Montevideo, and walk along the Rio de la Plata River. You will board the MS Midnatsol in the afternoon and your adventure will begin.



Day 3 **RIO GRANDE DO SUL**

Today you travel from Uruguay to Brazil and stop in the spectacular Rio Grande do Sul located in Brazil's southernmost state and is most culturally known for its cowboy culture. Admire the beautiful forest-covered canyons in the national parks ideal for birding and spotting other wildlife.



Day 4 **AT SEA**

Enjoy the warm climate on the deck or learn something new in the lectures from the Expedition Team.



Day 5 **PARANAGUÁ, BRAZIL**

Get excited for your wilderness adventure in Paranaguá. Enjoy shore excursions and take the Serra Verde Express train to Morretes, which travels through the spectacular mountainside terrain and past the Atlantic forest, visit the rainforest in Salto Morato for spotting wildlife, soak in crystal blue streams and marvel at the massive yet elegant waterfalls.



Day 6 **PARATY**

Any history enthusiast will appreciate Paraty. The UNESCO World Heritage Site Paraty is incredibly gorgeous as well as historic. The town is lined with old colonial houses and cobblestone streets. Originally Paraty was renowned for its Gold Trail, and later became famous once again for its coffee trade and the production of Cachaça, a distilled spirit made from sugarcane juice. The forest filled coastline attracts hikers, botanists, and ornithologists from around the world for an unforgettable visit.



Day 7 - Day 8 **AT SEA**

Spend the day bird watching, listening to informative lectures or lounging with your favorite book.



Day 9 **ILHÉUS, BRAZIL**

Upon arrival in Ilhéus, you will notice that this is a very relaxed town. Ilhéus offers several attractions for you to choose from, including a botanical garden, many museums and churches, a sloth sanctuary, old sugar mills, cacao plantations, and 15 tropical beaches. If you're looking for more nature, join in on a birdwatching excursion. Consider exploring the town with a guided tour or relax on a sandy beach. There is something for everyone.



Day 10 **SALVADOR, BRAZIL**

Today you visit the historic center of Salvador, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985. This is a classic example of Portuguese colonial architecture. Salvador is a treat for your senses with its churches boasting gold-encrusted panels, the delightful aroma of the African-influenced food, and the sounds of the street vendors selling their prized goods to the background tune of roaring traffic and unique Bahian music. The city consists of upper and lower towns connected by an elevator (Elevador Lacerda). Venture down, to the marketplace at the bottom of the elevator to see local art.



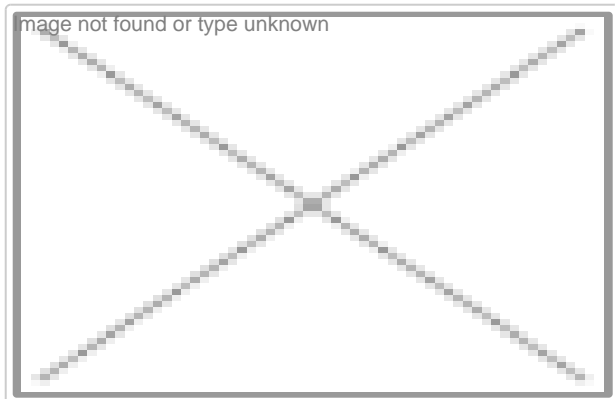
Day 11 **AT SEA**

Depart from Salvador, and spend another relaxing day at sea, either observing the wildlife or lounging on the deck.



Day 12 **RECIFE, BRAZIL**

Recife is known as the 'Brazilian Venice' because of the numerous rivers that separate the city into smaller islands, connected by 50-plus bridges. Visit any of the multiple historical buildings, churches, or cathedrals in town. You can choose to take an excursion to the city of Olinda, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This 16th-century city which was founded by the Portuguese and was rebuilt in the 18th century. Have fun spending the day exploring the city, and it's many sites on your own.



Day 13

AT SEA

Kick-back and relax on another soothing day at sea.



Day 14

FORTALEZA, BRAZIL

As your expedition comes to an end in Fortaleza, make sure to visit Centro, the oldest part of town. It may be old, but that doesn't stop it from being a lively area with busy streets full of small shops. If you need to refuel, stop by one of the barracas (rustic restaurants) with beachside views for some Brazilian cuisine. If history and art are right up your ally, visit the old fortress built by the Dutch captain Matias Beck in 1649 and Fortaleza's Cathedral, the third-biggest church in Brazil.