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COAST OF THE CONQUERORS

Beaches of Salvador, Maceio, Recife & Olinda - Perfect for Honeymooners & Cultural Enthusiasts

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

On this relaxing Brazil beaches & cultural tour, you are never far from the best beaches in Brazil. Relax on the warm sands of Maceio, Recife, and Olinda while enjoying Brazil's Afro-Brazilian cultural flair. Home to one of the most ethnically diverse populations on earth, Brazil mixes old world charm, new world vitality and African rhythms. Many nations have made a mark on Brazil's soul. Today, these influences are prevalent in everyday life, from the former Dutch colonies in Recife to the most African city in the Americas: Salvador.

FROM
\$ 1440
per person

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- All Accommodations
- All Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- All Transfers
- Professional English-speaking Tour Guides

HIGHLIGHTS

- Salvador - Africa in the New World
- Maceió - The friendly beach capital
- Olinda and Recife - Dutch Influence in the 'Venice of the Northeast' and Colonial trading posts

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Day 1

ARRIVAL IN SALVADOR

Meet your guide and driver at the Bahia airport and transfer to your hotel. Spend your first day in this beautiful city, the original capital of Brazil, at your leisure. Some of its buildings date back to the 16th century when the city operated a slave market.



Day 2

SALVADOR CITY TOUR

This morning, go on a city tour to explore Salvador da Bahia and learn about the history and culture of the region. Visit the landmarks of the Upper and the Lower Town, including the Barra Lighthouse, the *Corredor da Vitória*, and the Campo Grande. One highlight of the tour is visiting Pelourinho, Bahia's historic center, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985 due to the impeccable state of its colonial buildings.

In the evening you can opt to go on a Bahia by Night excursion and enjoy a traditional local dinner.



Day 3

PRAIA DO FORTE & TURTLE STATION

Travel north to visit Praia do Forte, the Tamar Project's Turtle Station. Here, a team of scientists, volunteers, and biologists help preserve the different sea turtle species that inhabit this area of the Atlantic coast. Enjoy some free time and unwind at the beach.

This tour includes lunch at a local restaurant, so be sure to try one of the traditional Brazilian dishes.



Day 4

TRANSFER TO MACEIÓ

Transfer to Maceió, located on the "Linha Verde," the green strip north of Salvador. Here, you are close to the beach and the palm tree forests. The small capital of *Alagoas* state is modest, yet peaceful, with friendly and warm people. Maceió is one of the most famous beach resorts amongst Brazilians, yet undiscovered by the international crowd.

In the evening, you can enjoy the light breeze of the trade winds during a casual walk along the extensive beach promenade.



Day 5 **MACEIÓ TOUR**

Today's tour takes you to the beaches of Maceió, including Ponta Verde and *Pajuçara*. Also, tour the historic center of *Jaraguá* and learn about the city's origin as a trading town.



Day 6 **JOURNEY TO RECIFE**

The scenic journey to Recife takes about 2 1/2 hours. The city was built on land reclaimed from the ocean by the Dutch. Check into your hotel in the beach district and enjoy a stroll along Boa Viagem ("bon voyage") and see the protected coral reefs.



Day 7 **RECIFE & OLINDA CITY TOUR**

Go sightseeing through Recife, a city with 39 bridges and 50 canals. Enjoy the elegant colonial baroque architecture and beautiful palm trees in the area.

Next visit Olinda, the original state capital until it was jealously set afire by the Dutch Prince Maurice of Nassau in 1637 to elevate his city, Recife. Olinda sits on hills above Recife, with many esteemed churches under shading palm trees. Recently, it has become an artist's colony.

The city is a UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Site, as well as a National Monument. The Dutch government donated funds to help restore the area. After the tour, return to Recife to say Boa Viagem to one of the best beaches Brazil has to offer.



Day 8

DEPARTURE FROM RECIFE

After breakfast, transfer to the Recife airport to board a flight back home or continue to your next destination in South America.