

## RIO CARNIVAL, BUENOS AIRES & IGUAZU TOUR



The Definitive Carnival Tour to South America

### 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

It's Carnival fever! Gear up for a celebration of samba music, elaborate costumes, and vibrant nightlife known as Rio Carnival, the "World's Largest Party." Cariocas, the residents of Rio de Janeiro, pull out all the stops to celebrate mardi gras in style. This tour includes Buenos Aires, the Atlantic Rainforest, the Iguassu Falls, Sao Paulo, and then as the grand finale, the Rio Carnival Winner's Parade.

Rio Champion's Parade: February 16-18, 2018

<p>FROM <b>\$2850</b> per person</p>	<p><b>THIS TOUR INCLUDES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 nights in hotels</li> <li>• 6 Meals (2 lunch / 4 dinners)</li> <li>• All Breakfasts</li> <li>• All Transfers and entrance fees</li> <li>• English-speaking tour guides</li> <li>• Entrance and transfer to/from the Winner's parade in Rio de Janeiro</li> </ul>	<p><b>HIGHLIGHTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buenos Aires City Tour</li> <li>• Iguassu Falls from the Brazilian &amp; Argentine sides</li> <li>• Train Ride through the Atlantic Rainforest</li> <li>• Rio Carnival Winner's Parade</li> <li>• Rio de Janeiro City Tour</li> </ul>
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## ITINERARY



Day 1

### ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES, TANGO DINNER & SHOW

Sunday February 26th, 2017

Begin your tour, in the European-style capital of Argentina, Buenos Aires. If you'd like, your guide can take you to the San Telmo Antiques Market so you can do a little shopping before heading to your hotel. This famous antiques market is only open on Sundays.

In the evening, enjoy a Tango Show & Dinner at one of the tango clubs in downtown Buenos Aires. Included are all drinks, a 3-course meal including mouth-watering Argentine steak, transfers to and from your hotel, and a professional tango dance show with live music.



Day 2

## **BUENOS AIRES CITY TOUR**

**Monday February 27th, 2017**

Sightseeing in this elegant city includes the Casa Rosada as well as the history-laden Plaza de Mayo, the Obelisk on 9 de Julio Avenue, and many more landmarks.

In the afternoon, you can spend the day as you wish. You may want to stroll along the Puerto Madero waterfront, grab a bite to eat in a sidewalk cafe, or opt for an additional excursion to the Tigre Delta on a riverboat cruise.



Day 3

## **DEPART FOR IGUAZU**

**Tuesday February 28th, 2017**

After breakfast in your Buenos Aires hotel, your driver will take you to the airport for the flight to Puerto Iguazu. Once in Iguazu, a tour guide will be waiting to pick you up and take you to your hotel.



Day 4

## **IGUAZU FALLS TOUR**

**Wednesday March 1st, 2017**

Today's full day excursion shows you the Iguazu Falls from both sides. First, cross into Argentina for a walk above the falls, wider and more powerful than Niagara. A boat guides you to an island to get a close-up view of the Falls from below. The mist of the Falls engulfs you on the Brazilian side, as you walk out onto a platform and into the garganta do diabo, the 'devil's throat'. Opt to the Great Adventure boat ride under the Falls on the Brazilian side.



Day 5

## **TRAVEL THROUGH THE ATLANTIC RAINFOREST**

**Thursday March 2nd, 2017**

Travel through the Atlantic Rainforest today from Iguazu to Curitiba. Along the way, you'll pass by rolling hills, farms, subtropical forests, and Araucária trees. Once in Curitiba, check in to your hotel and relax. Tonight's included dinner will give you a taste of the region's mix of cultures.



## Day 6

### ATLANTIC RAINFOREST TRAIN RIDE

**Friday March 3rd, 2017**

First thing in the morning, take a city tour of Curitiba, especially of the Glass Opera House and the Botanical Gardens. Then your tour guide will take you down to the coast to Antonina, a charming port city with historic houses, churches, and waterfront. Then head inland, stopping in the tranquil town of Morretes for a delicious barreado lunch. Then board the scenic historic railway as it winds its way from sea level up 1200m (3/4 of a mile high!) over the Serra do Mar mountains back to Curitiba.



## Day 7

### ARRIVE IN RIO DE JANEIRO, SUGARLOAF TOUR & RIO CARNIVAL PARADE!

**Saturday March 4th, 2017**

From Curitiba, fly to Rio de Janeiro and transfer to your hotel, right on Copacabana Beach. This world-famous beach is where all the cariocas, the locals, come to play, relax, hang out, and people-watch. Join in or relax by the hotel's rooftop swimming pool.

In the afternoon, take a tour to Sugar Loaf Mountain, one of the must-see highlights of Rio de Janeiro. Board the funicular cable car to approach the summit of Sugar Loaf. At the top, you're greeted by a 360° spectrum of golden beaches, green forests and a thriving metropolis that has earned Rio de Janeiro the title of the "World's Most Beautiful City."

In the evening, meet your fellow travelers for a rodizio-style dinner, an all-you-can-eat buffet, Brazilian style. There's an assortment of barbecue meats, veggies, fruits, cheeses, sweets, and more, all included.

Afterwards, your guide will take you to the Sambodromo for the Champion's Parade. Held at the end of Rio Carnival's week-long celebrations, the Champion's Parade is the grand finale. The 6 samba schools that won prizes at the Rio Carnival parades earlier in the week all parade together in one lively, vivacious celebration comprised of over 3000 dancers! Witness the vibrant costumes, elaborate floats, expert samba musicians, and incredible dancing at this year's Rio Carnival parade.



## Day 8

### RIO DE JANEIRO CORCOVADO TOUR

**Sunday March 5th, 2017**

You may want to sleep in this morning, and have a late breakfast. Then meet your tour guide for an excursion into Rio de Janeiro's Tijuca forest, where the Corcovado Mountain rises up to 710m (2340ft). Atop the mountain is the Christ the Redeemer statue, a 30-meter tall icon with outstretched arms welcoming all into the city. Board the trenzinho (cogwheel railway) to reach the top, see the statue up-close, and enjoy panoramic views of the city, forest, and beaches.



## Day 9

### FREE DAY IN RIO DE JANEIRO

**Monday March 6th, 2017**

Today's free day is designed so that you can rest and relax or take advantage of the multitude of optional excursions in and around Rio de Janeiro. There's a schooner cruise of Guanabara Bay, in-depth historical and cultural tours of the city, 4x4 off-road trips into the Tijuca National Forest, and more.

We recommend a full-day tour to the fisherman's village of Itacuruçá, located 1 hour south of Rio de Janeiro. The Saveiro, name given to this typical boat that looks like a schooner, cruises the Sepetiba Bay. Take a schooner cruise and keep your eyes out for dolphins, giant kingfishers, parrots, turtles and sting-rays. The schooner will stop at various islands and give you time for snorkeling and swimming. Enjoy a buffet lunch at one of the islands.

Return to your hotel in Rio de Janeiro for a final night in "The Marvelous City."

DEPARTURES			
Time	Flight	Destination	Gate
12:00	OD 1961	RIO DE JANEIRO	06
12:15	PN 0034	SÃO PAULO	18
12:20	T3 0529	BRASILIA	32
12:30	PN 2415	BELO HORIZONTE	14
12:50	GI 1872	SALVADOR	09
12:55	T3 0944	PORTO ALEGRE	27
13:20	SF 2778	CAMPINAS	20
13:45	OD 0061	CURITIBA	31
13:50	BK 1532	RECIFE	04
14:05	OD 3487	FORTALEZA	12
14:30	PN 0194	VITORIA	03
14:35	SF 0028	SÃO PAULO	08

## Day 10

### RETURN HOME

**Tuesday March 7th, 2017**

Have breakfast and then enjoy some free time or transfer directly to the airport, depending on your departure time.

You can customize this tour any way you'd like by simply contacting our team and letting your travel consultant know what you'd like to include on your Rio Carnival tour.

