

GROUP ADVENTURES

Brazil Carnival Essential Experience 2020 6D/5N (Rio de Janeiro)

Marine Adventure

6 Days / 1 Country

Brazil

Departure city: **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

End city: **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the unique Rio Carnival atmosphere
- Learn to dance Samba with the experts
- Experience the energy of Carnival Parade in the Sambadrome
- Explore Rio and the city's iconic highlights

This is one in a life time experience you cannot miss! Join us and experience the great Rio de Janeiro on this 6-Day Carnival immersion!

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What is included



Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers



Accommodation: 5

- 5 Nights accommodation at Selina Lapa 5 Breakfasts
 - -Meals:5
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Guides:

- Tour Leaders / Reps On-Hand 24hrs
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What is not included

- *Airport pick-up/drop-off
- *Personal expenses
- *Travel insurance

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

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Safety Note: You must stay alert at all times. As with many other tourist areas opportunists look to pick-pocket tourists during Carnival. Our Tour Leaders will be by your side to keep the group together and give the best advice possible for your safety, allowing you to enjoy and take advantage of the best that Rio de Janeiro Carnival has to offer!

Itinerary

Day 1: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Friday (21 February): Rio Arrival & Welcome Briefing

Welcome to Rio de Janeiro! Upon arrival at the airport, please make your way to your accommodation, which is located in Lapa, Rio's colorful bohemian centre, where many of Carnival's major events and block parties take place. You will enjoy a neighbourhood full of samba clubs, theatres, capoeira halls, trendy antique stores housed in historic buildings, funky bars and much more for you to discover. Feel free to arrive when you wish, however, remember check-in is from 3PM on.

Around 6PM you will meet with the rest of the group for a meeting to revise the schedule of all the planned events. You are now ready to get the party started! Enjoy your first caipirinha and get ready for your group samba class where you can show off your skills. Hit the streets for your first night out in this paradise! Your Tour Leader will take you to the best parties in town to experience a true electric atmosphere!

If you are in the mood, you'll have the option to head over to Avenida Presidente Vargas to check out the samba schools prepare and party!

*Pre-booked Optional: Dance with Samba School (to pre-buy a costume and be part of the Samba Parade!) This option MUST be booked and paid for before arriving to Rio. You will need to give your costume size (universal small, medium, large, extra-large) and European shoe size (a size chart will be provided). Please book well in advance for this option to ensure you don't miss out!

*Pre-Tour Night: Please note an optional night is available before the beginning of the tour for an additional cost. We highly recommend that you book an extra night, especially if you've travelled a long way to get here, to give you time to recover, settle in and visit more of Rio's sites before Carnival.

*Shopping Note: Today is the day most shops and big markets will be open in the area. During Carnival it is customary to wear 'fancy-dress' costumes to all street parties; so if you haven't packed any fancy dress items today is the day to go shopping! Our Tour Leaders can tell you where to go.

Day 2: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Bloco, Beach Trip & Sunset Boat Party Cruise (B)

During today's breakfast your Tour Leader will be available to revise today's plans and solve any questions you may have.

One of the biggest and most fun blocos in Rio -Céu na Terra- traditionally performs on Saturday morning in Santa Teresa during Carnival so if you're feeling up for it, this is a great opportunity to get in the Carnival mood and start the party bright and early! If you are looking for a quieter plan, head to the beach as a group as one of the Tour Leaders will be ready to meet after breakfast to take you on the metro to the best part of Ipanema beach.

You will meet after lunch in your accommodation to cruise on down to the Marina da Gloria where you will hop aboard a magnificent schooner boat that will cruise around Rio's spectacular Guanabara Bay for around 3-4 hours. Enjoy an open bar and snacks during the first hour of the cruise and make the most of the dance floor, music and chill-out area. Returning just after sunset, you'll have the chance to view the city, Sugarloaf Mountain, and Christ the Redeemer from a stunningly different light and angle.

After some relaxing time back in your accommodation, prepare yourself for another night in town attending the best parties.

Day 3: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Sunday (23 February): Sunday Sambadrome Parade (B)

Free Day. You will have the option of booking yourself onto a City Tour of Rio de Janeiro (to be booked locally at an extra cost) which includes the iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer, Santa Teresa with its impressive old mansions, colourful art galleries & trams, the City Cathedral, the tiled Steps of Selaron and last but certainly not least the beautiful Sugarloaf Mountain by cable-car... the views are simply breathtaking!

This evening we'll have time to prepare for the main Carnival event of the week: the Sunday night parade at the Sambadrome! This parade is where all of the city's best samba schools parade their outrageous floats and costumes down the runway, and we will be able to view it all from the stands above. We will once again meet at the Roof-top Terrace of our Accommodation where you will have the opportunity to get your face painted by our professional make-up artist. We will also have our professional photographer on hand ready to capture all the action, so be sure to get dressed up in your very best Carnival-themed attire! We will be sitting in Sections 12 and 13 of the Sambadrome, located near the end of the runway and known to be one of the liveliest sections, full of fun, rowdy locals! There will not be any fixed seats, just concrete bleachers from where you can stand and cheer as the samba schools arrive at the finish line! A hidden perk of this section is the potential to salvage an abandoned costume to wear later, as many dancers leave their costumes behind after the parade!

*Optional Sambadrome Sector Upgrade

: If you wish to get closer to the parade and get a better view you have the option of purchasing an upgrade at an additional cost

Day 4: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Monday (24 February): Bloco Street Party, Beach Trip & Samba Roots Party (B)

Once again you will start your day with a nice breakfast and the chance to meet up with your Tour Leader to check the itinerary of the day and solve any questions you may have.

This morning you can join one of the city's BEST blocos -Sergeant Pepper's Bloco-. This party is a Beatles-themed party, featuring over 100 samba percussionists. Drinks and water pistols included! Be sure to wear your swim suits underneath your clothes. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Make the most of this day going to Copacabana beach straight from the bloco. Watch the sunset over the Dois Irmãos mountains from Arpoador Rock before heading back to your accommodation.

Tonight your Tour Leaders will offer to take you to the famous Pedra do Sal Samba Street Party in Rio Centro. This is a FREE event held weekly, as a celebration of samba's roots. This is one of the most traditional samba events held in Rio holding a deep historical significance for locals.

Day 5: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Tuesday (25 February): Morning Bloco & Final Night Out (B)

If you're up for another morning bloco street party, get ready to participate in the best and last bloco of Rio Carnival! The last day of Carnival never disappoints! If you need a relaxed morning, sleep-in, go to the beach or ask your Tour Leaders for their recommendations!

This afternoon you will have the option of booking a half-day Favela Tour (to be booked locally at an extra cost). Meet the welcoming locals of this pacified Favela and discover the origins of Rio's legendary Samba Schools during this excellent 3-hour tour. At the end, we'll give you the opportunity to buy yourself a delicious icy açaí from the local sellers -which will be sure to replenish your energy for the afternoon and night ahead!

Tonight is the last night of Carnival! Firstly, you'll be given the option of joining us early for a typical Brazilian Churrasco BBQ dinner (to be booked locally at an extra cost) before heading to party the night away with all of our crew for our final night of Rio Carnival –one last party–. We will be sure to go out with a bang!

Day 6: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Wednesday (26 February): Accommodation Check-Out (B)

This great adventure comes to an end today. The rest of the day is yours, just remember the check-out is at 11AM.

We wish you safe travels for your onward journey!

*Airport Drop-Off: Please note an optional transfer to the airport can be scheduled for an additional cost.

