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BRAZIL #1

SPORTS TOUR

Río de Janeiro

10 Day / 7 Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 **USA – RIO DE JANEIRO**

Evening Fly overnight to Rio de Janeiro, the "**Cidade Maravilhosa**" (marvelous city), via major international scheduled airline.

Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Enjoy your flight as you head down to one of the most intense soccer countries in the world !!!

Day 2 **RIO DE JANEIRO**

Morning Arrive at Rio de Janeiro's Galeão International Airport.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Transfer by private air-conditioned motorcoach to Rio de Janeiro, one of the world's most beautiful cities.

Morning

Historic Rio Sightseeing Tour



Metropolitan Cathedral



Rio de Janeiro City Center



Carioca Aqueduct

Visit Rio's historic center for walking tour of the principal landmarks of Rio's history, including the **São Bent Monastery**, **Candelaria Church**, **Praca XV Square**, and **Imperial Palace**. Continue on to the massive cone-shaped **Metropolitan Cathedral**, a curious-looking ultra-modern structure with seating for 20,000 worshippers. Also of note are the **National Museum of Fine Arts** and the flying saucer-like **Museum of Modern Art**.

Afternoon

Continue on to your Three-Star Hotel on or near Rio de Janeiro's famous **Copacabana Beach** where you will check in.

Lunch at a restaurant near your hotel on your own.

Free afternoon to relax, go to the beach for a swim, or explore the city.

Evening

Welcome Dinner at a typical Brazilian Churrascaria (Brazilian barbecue) restaurant. Traditionally, after a salad bar, meat is served on swords handled by waiters. Chicken and vegetarian options available. (included in tour program)

Day 3

RIO DE JANEIRO

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

PRACTICE SESSION

Afternoon

Free time for lunch on your own.

Afternoon

Brazilian Premier League Match (optional – additional fee for Game Tickets)

Head to one of the local stadiums to watch some of the world's best players and teams in action. Experience the passion and tradition of Brazilian soccer !!! Rio de Janeiro is famous for its intra-city professional team rivalries. There are four professional teams in Rio, leading to constant excitement and soccer passion !!! Flamengo vs. Fluminense – known as FlaFlu, has been a bitter rivalry since the early 1910s. Vasco da Gama and Botafogo are also fervent competitors ! (subject to availability and being in-season)

Evening

MATCH # 1 vs. a BRAZILIAN TEAM

Day 4

RIO DE JANEIRO

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Corcovado Mountain & Christ Redeemer Statue



Christ the Redeemer



Corcovado



Sugarloaf Mountain



Cable Car

Arrive at the Cosme Velho train station at the base of the Corcovado Mountain where you will board the cog railway train for the ascent to the summit where the impressive 125-foot high Christ statue overlooks the city. Completed in 1931, the art deco statue can be seen from most of Rio de Janeiro. The mountain is located behind most of the city and affords magnificent panoramic views of the **Copacabana** and **Ipanema Beaches**, **Sugarloaf Mountain**, Rio's **Historic Center** and **Guanabara Bay**, orienting you to all of the city's major attractions.

Afternoon

Sugarloaf Mountain excursion

Take the two-stage cable car for the nearly mile-long ascent to the 1,299-foot-high summit of the mountain for one of the world's most spectacular views with great vistas of the surrounding bays, beaches, mountains and the city itself. Optional visit to the restaurant and shops at the first cable car stop - the 700-foot-high **Morro de Urca**. Don't forget your camera !

Evening

Dinner at your hotel or nearby restaurant (included in tour program).

Day 5

RIO DE JANEIRO

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

CLINIC with a highly-qualified licensed professional coach.

Afternoon

Free time for lunch on your own and to explore Rio de Janeiro.



Head to the beach, take a dip in the warm ocean waters, join in or watch a game of **futevolei**, a Brazilian invention that mixes beach soccer and volleyball. The beaches are lined with pick-up games, or with people simply juggling a loose ball around in a circle. Don't forget to try the **Globo** cookies that they sell on the beach! Or just take in the "sights" !

Suggestion: Try the fresh "sucos" (squeezed juice) at every corner! Açaí (a purplish fruit from the Amazon) is a local delicacy that many "cariocas" (Brazilians from Rio) cannot live without !

Evening **MATCH # 2 vs. a BRAZILIAN TEAM**

Day 6 **RIO DE JANEIRO**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **PRACTICE SESSION**

Afternoon & Evening Open day to pursue whatever activities you desire. Several hours on the beach playing pick-up soccer, volleyball, or other sports or simply taking in the sun and surf would be a good idea. Maybe try a different beach, like nearby **Ipanema**, of the "Girl from Ipanema" fame. Don't forget the sunscreen !

Another suggestion would be shopping for typical Brazilian-made goods, such as leather, at the Rio Sul Shopping Center, not too far from Copacabana.

Or visit the Samba clubs in the bohemian neighborhood of **LAPA** ! This great outdoor atmosphere is surrounded by the 'ruins' of the old aqueduct system, the large architecture wraps this bubble of Brazilian activity with a Roman architecture !

Carnival Experience (optional at an additional fee)

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of one of the samba school's production centers downtown to see how the colorful costumes and floats are made, as well as get a chance to try on a costume and get a photo.



Day 7 **RIO DE JANEIRO**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Afternoon Lunch on your own.

Free afternoon to relax at the beach.

Evening Dinner at your hotel or nearby restaurant (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 3 vs. a BRAZILIAN TEAM**

Day 8 **RIO DE JANEIRO**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Enjoy the beautiful beaches of Rio this morning.

Afternoon Lunch on your own.

Afternoon **MATCH # 4 vs. a BRAZILIAN TEAM**

Evening Return back to your hotel and enjoy your last night in Rio! Visit the restaurants and clubs lining **Rua General San Martin**. Hotspots line this street, a block from the beach in **Leblon**, a trendy neighborhood next to **Ipanema** ! Or choose to go to a second pro game...

Evening **Brazilian Premier League Match (optional – additional fee for Game Tickets)**

While in Rio, take in another pro soccer game if the schedule allows it. Maybe watch different teams in a different stadium for a varied experience in arguably the world's most passionate soccer country !

Day 9 **RIO DE JANEIRO – FLIGHTS**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel

Check out from hotel.

Afternoon **Farewell Lunch** (included in tour program). Toast the conclusion of a great trip !

Transfer by your private motorcoach to Galeão International Airport for your return flight home.

Evening Relax and sleep during your overnight flight. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 10 **USA**

Morning Arrive back in the U.S. this morning.

Your Brazilian Sports & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Rio de Janeiro round-trip.
- Seven nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Rio de Janeiro with daily breakfast.
- Airport / Hotel round-trip transfers by private air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Welcome Dinner in Rio de Janeiro plus a Farewell Lunch at restaurants serving traditional local dishes.
- Two additional dinners at your hotel or nearby restaurant.
- Historic Rio Sightseeing Tour with Bilingual Guide in Rio de Janeiro.
- Corcovado Mountain & Christ the Redeemer Statue excursion including cog railway and entrance fees.
- Sugarloaf Mountain excursion including cable car fees.
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Brazil and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours**' Operations Office.

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 3 Dinners

Sports Program:

- ***Four Games* with clubs / universities at your level.**
- ***One Clinic* with a highly-qualified licensed professional coach.**
- ***Two Practices***
- **Bottle of Water provided to each player, each game / practice.**
- **Uniform Laundry Service provided between games.**
- **Round-trip transfers to above Sports Activities by private motorcoach.**

Please Note:

The following services have NOT been included in the estimated tour price due to variations in ticket prices and availability of games:

- **Tickets and transfers for a Flamengo, Fluminense, Botafogo, or Vasco da Gama pro soccer game.**

Tour Price:

- For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

<http://www.victorysportstours.com>

Click on your sport and scroll down to the tour named "**Brazil #1**"

- Price is per person based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Notes:

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar/foreign currency exchange rates. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined approx. 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.