

“The Sun Road”

Fortaleza – Canoa Quebrada – Ponta do Mel – Gostoso – Natal

Off-Road expedition along the North Eastern littoral on Land Rover Jeeps 110 fully equipped with air conditioning, CD player, satellite navigation and radio communication to ensure absolute security and comfort.

Day 1

Fortaleza – Canoa Quebrada

Breakfast at the hotel and departure at 8 a.m. We will travel off-road along the eastern sea front of Ceara, going past the beaches of “Porto das Dunas” (seat of Beach Park), **“Morro Branco” (White Hill)** and “Das Fontes” (well known for its water springs).

Stop for lunch at “Mestre Pedro” restaurant, where they serve the best fish in the area. We will drive past Dos Anjos beach, many other deserted beaches and the historic city of Aracati (with its old houses and church dating back to the colonial period), to finish our excursion observing the sunset from the Canoa Quebrada dunes.

Overnight at “Seven Seas” Inn (or similar)

Note: The 180-kilometre journey takes about 8 hours including programmed stops and other stops suggested by the travellers to take photos or have a swim.

Day 2

Canoa Quebrada – Ponta do Mel

Breakfast at the Inn and departure at about 8 a.m. to visit the beautiful beaches of Ceara: Ponta Grossa (home of the last **“peixe boi” or Ceara sailors**), Redonda and Icapui (with their characteristic and impressive **“falesias”** that contrast with the deep blue of the sea).

We will go past the Grossos and Areia Branca salt mines. After crossing the Mossoro river in a ferryboat (about 20 minutes) we will make for the rustic village “Ponta do Mel” where we will stay at the Costa Branca Inn, perched on a crag overlooking the sea.

Note: The distance travelled during this journey is about 150 km.

Day 3

Ponta do Mel – Gostoso

Breakfast and departure from Ponta do Mel at about 8 a.m. We will go past deserted beaches and big coves, the Alagamar desert and beautiful beaches such as Caiçara and Exu Queimado.

On Marco’s beach we will see **“a replica of the original foundation landmark”** left by the Portuguese settlers in 1501. Afterwards we will go to “Sao Miguel do Gostoso” where we will stay at dos Ponteiros Inn.

Note: The distance travelled during this journey is about 250 km.

Day 4

Gostoso – Natal

Breakfast and departure for Natal at about 8 a.m., visiting “Ponta de Calcanhar”, where we will see the biggest Lighthouse of South America, and San Roque Cape, the easternmost point in South America. After driving past several deserted beaches, **“falesias”** and some fishermen villages we will stop and, if the conditions of the sea are favourable, go diving in the Maracajaú reefs about 7 km from the shore. Later, at

the beautiful Jacumá beaches, we will descent to the lagoon and then continue for Redinha beach, where we will take the ferryboat to cross the Pirangi river on our way to Natal.

Note: The distance travelled during this journey is about 150 km.

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