

“MOTHER EARTH”

When we come to understand our environment, its strength, its power to change everything. When we get to admire creation in its pure state... when we are amazed at its beauty, we will be looking into the eyes of “Mother Earth”...

Pure Nature

Río de Janeiro – Buzios – Foz do Iguaçu - Manaus

Day 1

Rio de Janeiro

Arrival at Rio de Janeiro Airport. Reception and transfer to the selected hotel.

Overnight.

Day 2

Rio de Janeiro

Brazilian breakfast and whole day tour visiting the “Corcovado” with its charming train. To get to the top, the train crosses the biggest urban forest of the planet called “Tijuca Forest” which was the first urban area to be reforested, located into a Rio de Janeiro National Park with 3200 hectares covered by “Atlantic Shrubs” set in the middle of the city. From this privileged spot we can see “Rodrigo da Freitas” Lagoon, the “Corcovado”, the “Sugar Loaf”, Guanabara Bay, Ipanema and Leblon neighbourhoods, “Dois Irmaos” Hill and Botanic Gardens. We continue along Paineiras road, which offers dozens of panoramic views and waterfalls. Arrival at Boa Vista Height to see Taunay Cascade. Boa Vista Height is a neighbourhood inside the National Park where the entrance to Tijuca Forest is located. Once in Taunay Cascade, there will be enough time to have a snack, buy souvenirs and have a short talk about the history of this place (and the coffee plantations that existed there until 1845). Walk along the floresta and stop for lunch in a typical Steak House. On the way back, along “Estrada das Canoas”, we will go past “Sao Conrado”, place chosen by hung gliders and parachutists. We will also see some “quatis”, anteaters and monkeys. A wide range of birds such as “capoeiras”, ouls, toucans and falcons, together with butterflies and hummingbirds, will complete this unforgettable day.

Return to hotel.

Day 3

Brazilian breakfast and transfer to the beautiful Grumari beach, located on the west side of the city. This place is still a heavenly shelter, where we will enjoy the deep blue of the sea contrasted with the greenery of the mountain, both protectors of this ecological sanctuary. This ancient area (once covered by coffee groves) that still preserve little treasures like “Montserrat Church” (built by the Benedictines in 1720) is located next to an almost unexplored outpost of “Atlantic Shrubs” (Grumari Environmental Preservation Area) and includes a sophisticated gastronomic centre that offers typical Brazilian dishes. After lunch (included) a 40 minute walk along a path through the wood, will take us to the top of a hill from which we will be able to see “Barra da Tijuca” and “Grumari” beaches. Afterwards we will go to the beach for a swim.

Return to hotel.

Day 4

Rio de Janeiro – Buzios

Brazilian breakfast and journey to Buzios (nice town north of Rio de Janeiro). This place used to be a small fishermen village populated by french pirates and slaves. This peninsula, that looks like an island, offers more than 20 different beaches of great beauty, and has become a sophisticated seaside resort with an active night-life.

Arrival at the hotel.

Evening free.

Day 5

Buzios

After breakfast boat trip to the neighbouring islands. In the afternoon we will visit the Tauá Ecological Reserve, where we will find more than 80 species of autochthonous birds, typical of the shoal ecosystem. It is also the paradise of "bromelias" (local flower). It is estimated that over 40% of the 1300 species of Brazilian "bromelias", can be found there. This place also has a fossil beach that dates back to 4500 / 7500 b.c. It was covered by the sea and emerged in the quaternary period, when the sea level went down.

Return to hotel.

Evening free.

Day 6

Buzios – Rio de Janeiro – Manaus

Breakfast and transfer to Rio de Janeiro Airport. Flight to Manaus. Reception and transfer to the Ariaú Amazon Towers Hotel, located 60 kilometers northwest of Manaus, on the right margin of the Rio Negro (Black River) and at the entrance of the "Anavilhanas Archipelago". The comfortable accommodation, in perfect harmony with the exuberant environment, offers one of the most dazzling spots for the observation of the local flora and fauna.

Arrival to the hotel and welcome drink. After lunch, motor boats will take us on a survey trip and visit to the natives' shacks. Dinner.

Evening free.

Day 7

Ariaú Amazon Towers.

Breakfast and stroll through the forest to observe the local flora and fauna. After lunch we will go fishing for piranhas. Dinner and excursion in search of alligators.

Day 8

Ariaú Amazon Towers.

Breakfast and canoe trip to Acajatuba Village. Return to hotel for lunch. Free afternoon (optional excursion). Dinner.

Evening free.

Day 9

Ariaú Amazon Towers – Foz do Iguaçu

Before breakfast stroll to see the sunrise and observe birds. Free morning (optional excursion). Lunch and transfer to Manaus Airport. Flight to Foz do Iguaçu. Arrival and transfer to the selected hotel.

Evening free.

Day 10

Foz do Iguaçu

Brazilian breakfast and whole day tour visiting the Brazilian Falls and going on Macuco Safari. Lunch inside the National Park at "Porto Canoas" restaurant. In the afternoon, visit to the Argentinian Falls. Return to hotel.

Day 11

Foz do Iguaçu – Sao Paulo

Brazilian breakfast and at the stated time, transfer to the airport for flight to Sao Paulo or Rio de Janeiro.

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