



# ABSOLUTE TRAVEL

PRIVATE | LUXURY | JOURNEYS



## ABSOLUTE RIO

Rio de Janeiro

Trip Length: 4 Days

A private, customized post-trip proposal for the Yale Alumni Service Corps

**PRICE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$1,180**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$550**

- **INCLUDING FLIGHTS ILHEUS/RIO**

### **MARCH 20**

ARRIVE RIO DE JANEIRO

Upon arrival in Rio, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a 3 night stay. Known as the *cidade maravilhosa* (marvelous city), Rio de Janeiro is a city of sun, mountains, world-famous beaches and friendly people. The capital of Brazil from 1763 to 1960, this city of 7 million is now the center of Brazilian style and is the most popular tourist destination in the country. The *cariocas* (the name for the residents of Rio) are always glad to give you a taste of their rich culture. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

### **MARCH 21**

RIO DE JANEIRO

After breakfast today, set out with your guide for a half day tour of Rio de Janeiro, beginning with a visit to 'Pão de Açúcar' or Sugar Loaf mountain, an iconic symbol of the city. Rising up from a small peninsula at the entrance of Guanbara Bay, Sugar Loaf Mountain is so named for its supposed resemblance to the traditional shape of a refined sugar loaf. Board a glass cable-car to Urca Hill, then a second cable-car to the nearly 1300 foot high summit of Sugar Loaf to take in the view of the entire city including Copacabana Beaches, Corcovado Mountain, and downtown Rio. Return to the city to visit the Municipal Theater and the Cathedral before returning to your hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

This evening our driver will take you to visit Rio Scenarium for an introduction to Rio nightlife; famous as much for the quality of its jazz and samba dancers as for the eclectic décor and diverse audience that never misses the opportunity to move to the music! (B,L)

### **MARCH 22**

RIO DE JANEIRO

This morning begin your walking tour of Rio's historical district. Visit the São Bento Monastery, Praca XV (square), Candelaria Church, França-Brasil House, old Market Street and the Imperial Palace. Finally, stop at the celebrated delicatessen Confeitaria Colombo before returning to your hotel. You will take a short tour of Rio's downtown, with its fine colonial-style Portuguese buildings, before arriving at Praia Vermelha (red beach) and taking a cable car to the top of the peak. Next, proceed to Santa Teresa, a charming historical district

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in Rio located high upon a hill, with great views to the bay and the mountains and which still preserves beautiful architectural houses from the 18th century. Famous for the yellow tram that cross through it, the neighborhood offers much more than just this transportation option. Wander this magnificent area discovering the lookouts and curves in the streets which surprise you at every turn with magnificent views of the Guanabara Bay. Writers and artists have always been seduced by the district's call to internal life and to its architectural, gastronomic and cultural treasures. (B,L)

**MARCH 23**

**DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO**

After breakfast today, set out with your guide for a half day tour of Rio de Janeiro, beginning with a visit to the Christ Statue at Corcovado Mountain. The gigantic concrete statue of Christ is 98 feet tall and was completed in 1931. Spend some time enjoying the astonishing views of Rio and the surrounding countryside.

Late this afternoon depart on your international departure. (B)