

**Rio & Colonial Towns – The Gold Route**  
**8 days - 7 nights**  
**Rio de Janeiro, Petropolis, Paraty, Ouro Preto, Belo Horizonte**  
**Discovery, History, Culture**

**This program can be extended and may be operated for individuals, pods and groups**

*Paraty is a colonial city turned towards the Atlantic Ocean and towards the world and a gateway to Brazil and its history bringing the visitor to 1667, time of its foundation by Portuguese and French gold merchants. The rich and intact facades bear witness to the time when all of Brazil's gold passed through Paraty, before Rio de Janeiro stole the show. A small colonial town in Minas Gerais, an inland state that borders Rio de Janeiro, Ouro Preto, originally Vila Rica and place of the first independence attempt, is known for its Baroque architecture, rustic food and its central role in Brazil's late 17th century Gold Rush, provides a fascinating glimpse into a different side of Brazil*

**Day 1: Rio de Janeiro**

After you pass customs and immigration at Galeão International Airport you will be met and assisted by our representative who will escort you to your hotel in Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to rest and relax after the long flight. Maybe you want to dip into the ocean, relax in the sun or stroll along the famous beach. Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 2: Rio de Janeiro**

Breakfast at the hotel before this morning's sightseeing. Learn a little about Rio's history and culture by visiting downtown attractions, where the most important and the richest symbols of Brazilian colonial art can be found. Return to hotel and enjoy a free afternoon to continue your visit or just relax and take advantage of Copacabana beach. Overnight at the hotel. [B]

**Day 3: Rio de Janeiro**

Following breakfast, you will embark on a full day tour to Petrópolis, a small colonial town with cobblestone streets and horse-drawn buggies that will bring you to times past. During your day enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the old cathedral and the summer Palace of Dom Pedro II, Brazil's last Emperor. The palace is now a museum, housing a beautiful collection of crown jewels, furniture, paintings and tapestries from the days of the Empire. Return to hotel in Rio de Janeiro for overnight. [B/L]

**Day 4: Rio de Janeiro, Paraty**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before being picked-up for a road transfer to the city of Paraty and check-in at your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure so you can stroll through the streets of the historical center, with its beautifully preserved colonial architecture, stopping in the numerous art galleries and stores, stepping back in time in the churches and museums, sampling the exquisite food, surrounding this oasis of history and charm. Overnight at the hotel. [B]

**Day 5: Paraty**

After breakfast head to the marina for a 5-hour schooner trip in Paraty's bay, with over 65 tropical islands and dozens of beaches, each offering something different and all covered with vegetation that remains lush and colorful year-round. The water of the bay is always the right temperature for swimming, diving and snorkeling. Return to hotel for overnight. [B/L]

**Day 6: Paraty, Rio de Janeiro, Ouro Preto**

Have your luggage packed before breakfast so you are ready for a private transfer to Rio de Janeiro's Airport and a short flight to Belo Horizonte where you will be transferred to the historical city of Ouro Preto, the masterpiece of Baroque Colonial Architecture in Brazil and a UNESCO World Heritage Center. Check-in and overnight at your hotel. [B]

**Day 7: Ouro Preto**

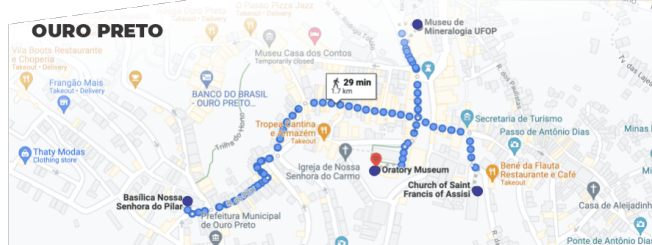
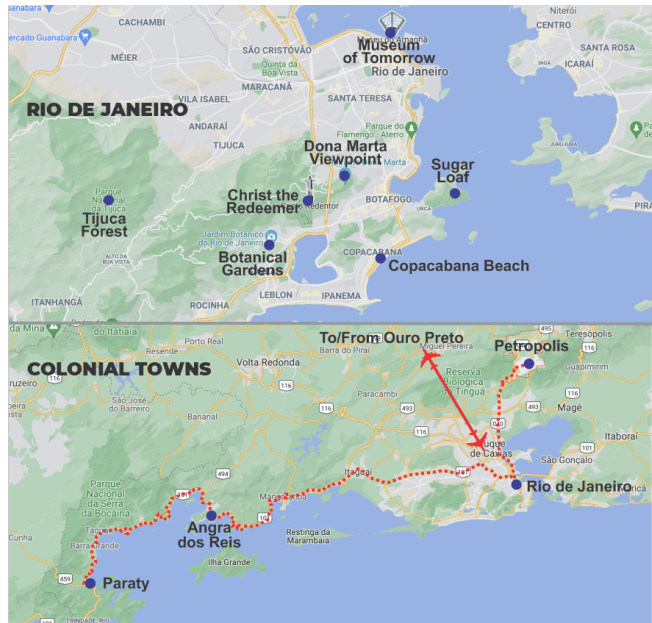
After breakfast, get acquainted with the city of Ouro Preto. Visit to its major attractions, including: Saint Francis of Assisi Church - a masterpiece of the Brazilian religious architecture, with

Aleijadinho's wood and soapstone sculptures, Our Lady of Pilar - a church that marked the climax of the Golden Age architecture, with carved works painted entirely in gold, The Museum of Mineralogy, The Opera House and The Oratory Museum. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. [B]

**Day 8: Ouro Preto**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and get ready to pack your bags as soon you will be picked up and assisted on your transfer to Belo Horizonte Airport for your flight starting your trip back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch



**Your Tour Includes:**

- Airfare New York-Rio de Janeiro-Belo Horizonte
- 7 nights' accommodation in First Class hotels:
  - Rio de Janeiro – 3 nights
  - Paraty – 2 nights
  - Ouro Preto – 2 nights
- Meals
  - Breakfast daily
  - 1 lunch
- Private transfers between airports and hotels
- Half-day historical tour of Rio de Janeiro
- Full-day excursion to Petropolis
- Private round-trip road transfer Rio/Paraty/Rio
- Half-day historical city tour of Paraty

- Full-day schooner cruise with lunch
- Full-day walking tour of Ouro Preto
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- English-speaking guides
- All local taxes except Tourism

**Tour does not include:**

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Hotel Tourism tax to be paid at checkout
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
<b>First Class</b>			
Rio de Janeiro	Hotel Windsor Leme	Superior	4
Paraty	Pousada do Sandi	Standard	3.4
Ouro Preto	Pousadsa Classica	Standard	4.5
<b>Deluxe</b>			
Rio de Janeiro	Miramar Hotel By Windsor	Superior	4.5
Paraty	Pousada do Sandi	Standard	4.5
Ouro Preto	Pousadsa Classica	Standard	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

	1 Pax	2 Pax	3-4 Pax	5-7 Pax	8-9 Pax	10-14 Pax
<b>First Class</b>						
Double:		\$2,235	\$2,079	\$1,739	\$1,655	\$1,469
Single:	\$3,755	\$2,655	\$2,499	\$2,159	\$2,075	\$1,889
<b>Deluxe</b>						
Double:		\$2,309	\$2,155	\$1,815	\$1,729	\$1,545
Single:	\$3,905	\$2,805	\$2,649	\$2,309	\$2,225	\$2,039

Prices per passenger and may change without notice

Blackouts apply during January, July and December '22, major holidays and/or international events

**Visa is NOT required for US Citizens traveling to Brazil**

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

• **Other options**

- o The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

• **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** BR04RIO212LT

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

**Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.