




BRAZILXPLORERS



Panorama BraSil

16 days – 16 nights - 3350 Km

Panorama BraSil is a route prepared by BrazilXplores to show Brazil in its essence: the first part is a tour along the most beautiful beaches on our coast and a dive into the history and gastronomy of the country, visiting cities classified as world heritage, which preserve the charm and richness of our culture .

Day 0

Upon arrival at the Airport in São Paulo, a transfer van will be waiting to take you to the hotel. After lunch, we'll have a meeting to introduce the group and a briefing on tour information: riding in groups, Brazilian driving legislation, checking and adjusting motorcycle instruments and others. We've prepared a short trip to get familiar with the bikes.

Day 1

We leave São Paulo down to the coast and follow the scenic road Rio-Santos on the way to Parati, with the Atlantic forest on the left side and the Atlantic Ocean on the right. This winding road gives you a new landscape and a new beach after every corner. We'll spend the night in the charming town of Paraty: A Human Heritage, with its classified buildings which take us back to the 17th century. All of this in one of the most beautiful bays in the world: Angra dos Reis.

(Km/day = 250 Km / Km total = 250 Km)

Day 2

We head off to Rio de Janeiro, along the coast. We stop for lunch at Grumary beach just before entering Rio. Back on the road we enter Rio from the South side heading for Copacabana, riding through Ipanema and Leblon, source of inspiration for the poet Vinícius de Moraes, author of the famous "Girl from Ipanema". At night, a van will take the group to Lapa, where Brazilian samba was born and famous for its night life and culture.

(Km/day = 230 Km / Km total = 480 Km)

Day 3

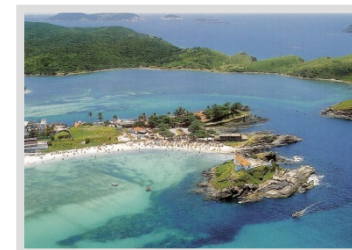
In the morning a van will take us to visit the statue of Christ at Corcovado, from where you have one of the most beautiful views of Rio de Janeiro. The trip up to the statue is very charming as it is done by train through the forest. In the afternoon we'll visit the Sugar Loaf. and take the cable car all the way to the top. Then we'll visit the Maracanã soccer stadium. Its grandiosity so well reflects the Brazilians passion for soccer.

(Km/day = 0 Km / Km total = 480 Km)

Day 4 and 5

We leave to Búzios, north east coast of Rio. These beaches are famous for receiving vip's. The French actress Brigitte Bardot was the first international personality to discover the beaches of Búzios. Since then, the village became very sophisticated with marvelous restaurants, art galleries, stores, alongside its lovely white and fine sandy beaches, natural beauty and its crystal clear sea. During the day, visits to the beaches such as Arraial do Cabo. At night, a walk through the charming streets full of life and elegance.

(Km/day = 200 Km / Km total = 680 Km)





Day 6

The longest displacement day on the way to the State of Espírito Santo. We stop for lunch at Guarapari and spend the night in Linhares.

(Km/dia = 580 Km / Km total = 1.260 Km)

Day 7

We enter the State of Bahia and have lunch in the town of Prado in the region of Porto Seguro. This is where the Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvarez Cabral first set foot on Brazilian soil on April 23, 1500. The hotel is located on a lovely beach. We'll then have all day to enjoy sun, sand and the warm tropical sea.

(Km/dia = 220 Km / Km total = 1.480 Km)



Day 8

Visit to Cumuruxatiba beach. Cumuruxatiba is a fishermen's village which remains absolutely intact with long empty beaches and coconut trees. On the way we'll see Mount Pascoal, the "mountain" first seen by Cabral's crew in 1500. Mount Pascoal is 536 meters high and is considered the most important footprint of Brazil's discovery in this open air museum.

If the group decides, this trip may be replaced by a boat tour from Caravelas to the National Park of Abrolhos, the most important coral reef complex in the South Atlantic.

(Km/dia = 0 Km / Km total = 1.480 Km)



Day 9

We leave heading to Arraial da Ajuda, 300 Km North of Prado. Arraial d'Ajuda is located 5 km from Porto Seguro. To get to the village, we'll take a ferry, across the river Buranhem. The ferry leaves every 1/2 hour. It's a 3 mile ride to the historical village. Nossa Senhora d'Ajuda church was built in 1549/51 and the village grew around it. Today, the local architecture includes rustic buildings which are integrated to nature, which give the streets a special charm.

(Km/dia = 300 Km / Km total = 1.780 Km)

Day 10

Visit to the village of Trancoso, 12 Km from Arraial d'Ajuda. Founded by Jesuit Priests at the beginning of the Portuguese colonization as a village for catechization of the Indians under the name of São João dos Índios. Some years ago, this little village became an enormous tourist attraction.



Day 11

We leave early for a long ride heading towards the State of Minas Gerais. Our final destination is the city of Teófilo Otoni, famous for its semi-precious stones.

(Km/dia = 500 Km / Km total = 2.280 Km)

Day 12

Visit shops selling gems stores then we leave for Mariana around 12pm.

(Km/dia = 350 Km / Km total = 2.630 Km)



Day 13

Tour in Mariana, the first city colonized by the Portuguese in the state of Minas Gerais, which ended up being the capital of Brazil during the colonial period due to the abundance of gold in the region. The architecture of its buildings reflects the power of gold, the State and people's faith. We'll have lunch in the neighbor city of Ouro Preto, another historical city.

(Km/dia = 0 Km / Km total = 2.630 Km)

Day 14

We leave for Congonhas do Campo and Tiradentes taking the road known as the Royal Road. Congonhas is the city of one of our most famous sculptors: Antônio Francisco Lisboa, Aleijadinho. On the way, a unique opportunity: a visit to a sugar cane alcohol distillery, (our Cachaça).

(Km/dia = 220 Km / Km total = 2.850 Km)



Day 15

Return to São Paulo to the hotel in Guarulhos, near the airport. At night, our BX team invites you all to the Restaurante Terraço Itália, on the 44th floor, which has a magnificent view of the 4th largest city in the world.

(Km/dia = 500 Km / Km total = 3.350 Km)

