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Rio de Janeiro Brazil

Known for spectacular beaches, carnival, samba and crime, Rio is definitely not dull. The year-round beach weather and friendly, gorgeous locals, the *cariocas*, seduce foreigners (literally and figuratively) with all of Rio's magic. Wealth and poverty are side-by-side in this city of contrasts.

Essentials

- 01 Leave your flowered shirts and jewels at home. Avoid looking like a tourist and you will be fine here.
- 02 In summer, watch the sunset at the Arpoador rocks.
- 03 Ipanema beach is a great meeting place but still not as safe as it looks.
- 04 Spare some time to visit the Corcovado (huge statue of Christ) and Sugar Loaf mountain.
- 05 Take the Bonde (tram) to Santa Teresa. The most bohemian neighbourhood of Rio has spectacular views of the city and Sugar Loaf mountain.

Guide/Info

Hotels

Independent and easy

Hotel Santa Teresa
660 rua Almirante Alexandrino, Santa Teresa
+ 55 21 2222 2755
santateresahotel.com

Dependable chain

Marina All Suítes
696 avenida Delfim Moreira, Praia do Leblon
+ 55 21 2172 1100
marinallsuites.com

Premium

Copacabana Palace
1702 avenida Atlântica, Copacabana
+ 55 21 2548 7070
copacabanapalace.com.br

Dining

Fast breakfast

Bistrô Caféina
43 rua Farme de Amoedo, Ipanema
+ 55 21 2521 2194
cafeina.biz

Leisurely breakfast

Market
499 rua Visconde de Pirajá, Ipanema
+ 55 21 3283 1438
marketipanema.com.br

Mid-morning coffee

Brasserie Rosário
34 rua do Rosário, Centro
+ 55 21 2518 3033
brasserierosario.com.br

Lunch with friends

Ráscal
116 Rio Sul, rua Lauro Muller, first floor, Botafogo
+ 55 21 3873 9339
rascal.com.br

Picnic spot

Parque Lage
414 rua Jardim Botânico, Jardim Botânico
+ 55 21 2286 6184

Sunset cocktail

Palaphita Kitch
Avenida Eptácio Pessoa, Quiosque 20, Parque do Cantagalo, Lagoa
+ 55 21 2227 0837
palaphitakitch.com.br

Dinner for two

Roberta Sudbrack
916 rua Lineu de Paula Machado, Jardim Botânico
+ 55 21 3874 0139

Dinner with friends

Aprazível
62 rua Aprazível, Santa Teresa
+ 55 21 2508 9174
aprazivel.com.br

Barbecue spot

Giuseppe Grill
370 avenida Bartolomeu Mitre, Leblon
+ 55 21 2249 3055
giuseppegriill.com.br

Big dinner with friends

Marius Degustare
290 avenida Atlântica, Leme
+ 55 0800 707 9001
marius.com.br

Late drinks

Bar do Copa
Copacabana Palace, 1702 avenida Atlântica
+ 55 21 2548 7070
copacabanapalace.com.br

Late bite

Pizzaria Guanabara
1228 avenida Ataulfo de Paiva, Leblon
+ 55 21 2294 0797
pizzariaguanabara.com.br

Reading

Bookshop
Livraria da Travessa
bookshop
572 rua Visconde Pirajá, Ipanema
+ 55 21 3205 9002
travessa.com.br

Thank yous

Flowers
Floribela by Suzana Milman
414 rua Visconde de Pirajá, first floor, Ipanema
+ 55 21 2287 1241
floribela.com

Shopping

Something you can't get anywhere else

Bags from Gilson Martins
462 rua Visconde de Pirajá, Ipanema
+ 55 21 2227 6178
gilsonmartins.com.br

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

Reserva
77 rua Maria Quitéria, Ipanema
+ 55 21 2247 5980
usereserva.com

Something for the kids

Toys from Enfim Infantil
Shopping da Gávea, 52 rua Marques de São Vicente, Loja 353, Gávea
+ 55 21 2239 9298
enfiminfant.com.br

Something for someone you love

Resin jewellery by Rezende Sobral
550 rua Visconde de Pirajá, loja 113, Ipanema
+ 55 21 2274 7162
rsobral.com.br

Something for yourself

Arts and crafts from Brasil & Cia
27 rua Maria Quitéria, Ipanema
+ 55 21 2267 4603
brasilecia.com.br

Two-hour tour

- 01 **Santa Teresa tram** Take the bondinho up to Largo das Neves for panoramic views over Rio. It's a terrifying ride but worth it.
- 02 **The Museu do Açu** de houses the valuable porcelain collections of the West India Company and art from the 17th to 19th centuries. 764 estrada do Açu, Alto da Boa Vista
+ 55 21 2492 2119
museuscastromaya.com.br

Limousine/car

Rio Limo
+ 55 21 8111 4760
riolimo.com.br

Transport

Take the subway if you need to go downtown. But the best way to get around is by taxi.

Fitness

Good gym
A! BodyTech
102 rua General Urquiza, Leblon
+ 55 21 2529 8898,
abodytech.com.br

