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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](http://santateresahotel.com)

#### Dependable chain

**Marina All Suítes**  
696 avenida Delfim Moreira, Praia do Leblon  
+ 55 21 2172 1100  
[marinallsuites.com](http://marinallsuites.com)

#### Premium

**Copacabana Palace**  
1702 avenida Atlântica, Copacabana  
+ 55 21 2548 7070  
[copacabanapalace.com.br](http://copacabanapalace.com.br)

### Dining

#### Fast breakfast

**Bistrô Caféina**  
43 rua Farme de Amoedo, Ipanema  
+ 55 21 2521 2194  
[cafeina.biz](http://cafeina.biz)

#### Leisurely breakfast

**Market**  
499 rua Visconde de Pirajá, Ipanema  
+ 55 21 3283 1438  
[marketipanema.com.br](http://marketipanema.com.br)

#### Mid-morning coffee

**Brasserie Rosário**  
34 rua do Rosário, Centro  
+ 55 21 2518 3033  
[brasserierosario.com.br](http://brasserierosario.com.br)

#### Lunch with friends

**Ráscal**  
116 Rio Sul, rua Lauro Muller, first floor, Botafogo  
+ 55 21 3873 0339  
[rascal.com.br](http://rascal.com.br)

#### Picnic spot

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

#### Sunset cocktail

**Palaphita Kitch**  
Avenida Epiácio Pessoa, Quiosque 20, Parque do Cantagalo, Lagoa  
+ 55 21 2227 0837

### Dinner for two

**Roberta Sudbrack**  
916 rua Lineu de Paula Machado, Jardim Botânico  
+ 55 21 3874 0139  
[robertasudbrack.com](http://robertasudbrack.com)

### Dinner with friends

**Aprazível**  
62 rua Aprazível, Santa Teresa  
+ 55 21 2508 9174  
[aprazivel.com.br](http://aprazivel.com.br)

### Barbecue spot

**Giuseppe Grill**  
370 avenida Bartolomeu Mitre, Leblon  
+ 55 21 2249 3055  
[giuseppegriill.com.br](http://giuseppegriill.com.br)

### Big dinner with friends

**Marius Degustare**  
290 avenida Atlântica, Leme  
+ 55 0800 707 9001  
[marius.com.br](http://marius.com.br)

### Late drinks

**Bar do Copa**  
Copacabana Palace, 1702 avenida Atlântica  
+ 55 21 2548 7070  
[copacabanapalace.com.br](http://copacabanapalace.com.br)

### Late bite

**Pizzaria Guanabara**  
1228 avenida Ataulfo de Paiva, Leblon  
+ 55 21 2294 0797  
[pizzariaguanabara.com.br](http://pizzariaguanabara.com.br)

### Reading

**Bookshop**  
Livraria da Travessa bookshop  
572 rua Visconde Pirajá, Ipanema  
+ 55 21 3205 9002  
[travessa.com.br](http://travessa.com.br)

### Thank you

**Florisbela** by Suzana Milman  
414 rua Visconde de Pirajá, first floor, Ipanema  
+ 55 21 2287 1241  
[florisbela.com](http://florisbela.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](http://gilsonmartins.com.br)

#### Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

**Reserva**  
77 rua Maria Quitéria, Ipanema  
+ 55 21 2247 5980  
[usereserva.com](http://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](http://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](http://rsobral.com.br)

#### Something for yourself

**Arts and crafts from Brasil & Cia**  
27 rua Maria Quitéria, Ipanema  
+ 55 21 2267 4603  
[brasilecia.com.br](http://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  
[museuscstromaya.com.br](http://museuscstromaya.com.br)

### Limousine/car

**Rio Limo**  
+ 55 21 8111 4760  
[riolimo.com.br](http://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](http://abodytech.com.br)



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