

\$5,125

Per person price based on double occupancy.
Single supplement \$775



5-star Hotels

Rio de Janeiro (3 nights):
Hilton Copacabana

Salvador, Bahia (6 nights):
Wish Hotel da Bahia

Inclusions

- Roundtrip nonstop air from JFK including taxes and checked luggage on American Airlines
- Intra Brazil flights
- Deluxe 5 star hotels for 9 nights based on double occupancy
- All transfers and ground transportation to activities
- Comprehensive sightseeing and excursions as indicated in the itinerary
- 19 meals: 9 breakfasts (B), 4 Lunches (L), 6 Dinners (D)
- Party at Hotel
- Professional tour guides
- Luggage handling at hotels

Trip Details

\$500 nonrefundable deposit due now
\$500 due by April 1
\$1,000 due by June 1
Final payment due Aug 1

If you would like to make larger and/or more frequent payments in smaller amounts, you are welcome to do so, provided that the payment amounts listed above are paid in full by the specified deadlines. Credit card payments may be made at any time, in any amount of your choosing, at Reteltourpayments.com
Payment Options – Credit Card, Zelle or Checks/Money Orders payable to Retel Tours, PO Box 442, Bronx, NY 10451

Cancellation Penalties Apply

Vaccines are not required.

Passports must be valid through Nov 5, 2026 with at least 1 blank visa page.

An advance visa to Brazil is required. The cost is \$81 pp. An additional service fee will apply if you use a visa processing company to obtain your visa instead of applying on your own.



Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO & BAHIA

OCT 25- NOV 5, 2026



Day 1 - Sun Oct 25 - Depart JFK

Check in at JFK airport at 8:45 PM for our nonstop flight departing at 11:45 PM.

Day 2 - Mon Oct 26- Arrive in Rio

Our flight arrives in Rio de Janeiro in the morning. Take a cable car ride up to the iconic Sugar Loaf Mountain, admiring spectacular panoramic views of Rio de Janeiro at the top. After, check into our hotel and have some time to freshen up before our welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3 - Tues Oct 27 - Rio

Rio de Janeiro is much-loved by travelers for its sun and sand, but today's tour will immerse us into the city's Afro Brazilian culture. We'll start in "Little Africa" with visits to major points of interest including Praça Mauá, Largo da Prainha, Pedra do Sal, Jardim Suspenso do Valongo, Cais do Valongo, Institute of Research and New Black Memory and MUHCAB (Museum of Afro-Brazilian History). Little Africa became a symbol of resilience, creativity, and the ongoing struggle for recognition of Afro-Brazilian heritage. After lunch, proceed to a samba school to learn about the engaging dance form's history of resistance. See how the samba schools prepare themselves for Carnival while we taste the famous caipirinha. If time permits, we'll end the day in the Santa Teresa hilltop neighborhood, where we'll see the Selaron Steps covered in bright ceramic mosaics. The night is on your own. (B,L)

Day 4 - Wed Oct 28 - Rio

Take a cogwheel train through the Tijuca forest up the Corcovado Mountain and admire the Christ the Redeemer Statue at the top. Lunch will be a local specialty: Feijoada, a typical Brazilian dish- a stew of black beans and meats. Our day ends with stops at the famous white sandy beaches of Ipanema, Copacabana, and Leblon. Then, discover Rio by night! We'll gather at one of the most photogenic restaurants in the city and one of the best bars/nightclubs in the world: Rio Scenarium, an excellent samba restaurant with live music, antiques on display all over the walls. Dance the night away during our final night in Rio de Janeiro. (B,L, D)

Day 5 - Thur Oct 29 - Rio to Bahia

Free time in the morning. Check out of our hotel and transfer to the airport as we say goodbye to Rio. Departing at 2 PM, take a short nonstop 2 hr flight to Salvador, Bahia. Check into our hotel in Bahia and rejoin for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6 - Fri Oct 30 - Historical Morning City Tour & Dinner Performance

Begin at Barra's Lighthouse, with time to take in the sweeping views and capture photos. The tour continues past Corredor da Vitória and Campo Grande—iconic avenues that transform into parade routes for Salvador's famed Carnival trios elétricos. Take a walking tour of the historical center, wandering through narrow streets and hills lined with elegant colonial mansions, squares, churches, museums, and art galleries that give Pelourinho its distinctive character. We'll pass by Terreiro de Jesus, São Francisco Church, the Basilica Cathedral, the Santa Casa de Misericórdia Museum, Casa do Olodum, Nossa Senhora do Rosário dos Pretos Church. Above all, we'll witness the vibrant spirit of the Bahian people. Free time for lunch and an optional percussion workshop. Later, enjoy a typical Bahian dinner with traditional dishes, and witness an award winning folklore show. A very memorable performance will leave us in awe while we watch a Bahian troupe of dancers, musicians, and singers performing a repertoire of performances based on African origins including slave dances, capoeira (a form of martial arts), samba, and other cultural manifestations. (B,D)

**Optional Percussion Workshop (\$45/pp)**

After free time for lunch, partake in a workshop with the renowned percussion group Dida. Meet with the only female percussion group while you are a student during a live workshop!

**Day 7 - Sat Oct 31 - Quilombo / Itaparica**

Begin our day with a boat ride to visit a "Quilombo," or a community organized by fugitive slaves. Quilombos were located in inaccessible areas and usually consisted of fewer than 100 people who survived by farming and raiding. Take a walk through the community orchard, where we can taste fruits and spices grown on the premises and learn about the significance of palm oil trees. Enjoy a home cooked lunch by the community while we listen to the sound of berimbau played by the young locals. Continue on to Itaparica Island. Take a walking tour through the historic center of this 17th century city, stopping at the "Fonte da Bica," a fountain known for its rejuvenating properties, enjoying sunset over the bay. (B,L)

Day 8-Sun Nov 1- Free Day/Dinner Party

Enjoy a day at leisure to go to the beach, shop, relax, or participate in an optional tour. In the evening, we'll gather at our hotel for a party. A buffet dinner will be served accompanied by music & an open bar. A dance floor awaits us! (B, L, D)

Optional Morning Art Tour (\$40/pp)

Explore the arts scattered through the city with heavy African references. We'll admire the art that adorns murals, parks and buildings, mosaic tile sculptures, fence railings, and ceramic paintings, crafted by the renowned Bahian artists Bel Borba, Carybé, Odojá, and more. Marvel at the works of Ray Vianna (Odojá) and Mestre Didi (Cepter of Ancestry), outdoor references of the ever-present respect for the candomblé deities in the city. Visit the Museum of Contemporary Art (MAC) with a deep focus on African art. Finish our day at the nearby Paulo Darzé Gallery, where Jota Cunha, among many other national and international artists are on display.

Day 9- Mon Nov 2 - Morning at Leisure / Afternoon Tour of Lower Salvador

Morning at leisure to relax. Today is a local holiday in Bahia (All Souls Day / Day of the Dead). We'll join in the afternoon for an afternoon tour through the Lower City of Salvador, a place full of history, culture, art and stunning scenery. Our tour starts with a visit to Mercado Modelo, a headfirst dive into Bahian culture where you'll have the opportunity to shop for locally made goods. Next, enjoy the view of the Itapagipe peninsula before a brief stop at Sorveteria da Ribeira. We'll visit the famous Church of Senhor do Bonfim, which is one of the greatest symbols of religious syncretism between Catholicism and Candomblé in Bahia. The church is well known for its grid full of colorful ribbons that are tied by worshipers and tourists from all over the world. Afterwards, head towards Fort Mont Serrat, which still has original war weaponry. Right next door, we will visit Ponta de Humaitá for a view of the All Saints Bay. (B)

Day 10- Tue Nov 3 - Cachoeira

Leave the city behind to explore the farming land of sugar cane plantations, peaceful colonial towns and busy country markets. Arrive in Cachoeira, a town grounded in African traditions visible in local art traditions, mainly wood sculpting. Time to browse in some local wood carvers stores. After lunch, proceed to the Boa Morte headquarters, a sorority which traces its origins back to the time of slavery, to have first-hand contact with some of the representatives of the Sisters of the Sisterhood. Next, see world-class cigars being expertly rolled. Our farewell dinner will be served at a Churrascaria, a local steakhouse! (B,L,D)

Day 11- Wed Nov 4- Candomblé Visit

End our time in Bahia with a visit one of the most traditional Candomblé terreiros (where ceremonies take place), where we'll learn more about the history of this religion, its origins, and its orixás. A memorable visit will enable us to have direct contact with the residents of the terreiro. After, transfer to the airport. Short flight to Sao Paulo, layover, and depart late tonight.

Day 12 - Thur Nov 5- Return to JFK in AM

Our journey has come to an end! Touch down to JFK at 7 AM.

