

Best of Brazil

February 12 – 26, 2011



Brazil is a vast country filled with dazzling beauty, lush rainforests and a rich culture. Our ROMtravel adventure starts in the legendary city of Manaus. In vast Amazonia, we explore the rainforest from our base in a lovely forest eco-resort. We'll visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Salvador de Bahia and baroque Ouro Preto, and spend two unforgettable days at spectacular Iguacu Falls. Our trip concludes in one of the most dramatically beautiful cities in the world, Rio de Janeiro. Special ROMtravel signature moments include Afro-Brazilian dance performances, private museum visits with curators, and rainforest explorations led by naturalists. This trip offers the very best of this magnificent, exuberant country.

Tour Highlights

Day 1 Depart Toronto
Depart on the overnight flight.

Day 2 Arrive Manaus
We arrive today at the Amazon River's biggest city. We tour this legendary city, and schedule permitting, may attend an opera in the ornate 19th century Teatro Amazonas.

Days 3 - 5 Amazon Eco-Resort
We spend three days in the heart of the globe's most important biome, based in lovely resort cabins built of local hardwoods, perched around a lagoon. We explore the exotic Amazonia forest with our naturalist guide, walk along marked trails, travel by local boat, meet the indigenous peoples and search for the rich and colourful wildlife of sloths, piranhas, anacondas and parrots.

Days 6 - 7 Salvador
We fly to Salvador, the spiritual centre of Brazil, fringed by beaches, vast coconut plantations and majestic mountain ranges. The city is the cradle of Afro-Brazilian cultural expression, a centre of music, religion, and dance, and the home of Bahia's graceful, distinctive form of martial art, the *capoeira*. We explore Salvador's UNESCO-

restored colonial quarter, the *Pelourinho*, the oldest and perhaps most magnificent concentration of colonial architecture in the New World with its grand plazas, iron-balconied houses, pastel-coloured mansions and baroque churches dating from the 17th and 18th centuries.

Days 8 - 9 Ouro Preto
A short flight takes us to Belo Horizonte in the gold-rich state of Minas Gerais where we board our coach and travel to Ouro Preto, an architecturally-stunning colonial city. The focal point of the gold rush and Brazil's golden age in the 18th century, the city features elaborate bridges, ornate fountains, pretty little squares and opulent churches. Enjoy an immersion in the perfectly preserved historic centre of Ouro Preto and at the nearby artisans' village and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Congonhas with its marvelous Church of Bom Jesus. In Ouro Preto, enjoy a special private ROMtravel visit to the fabulous Gem Museum.

Days 10 - 11 Iguacu Falls
We fly to Iguacu and admire the panorama and scenic photographic opportunities of these majestic falls. A wonderful network of spray-drenched snaking walkways takes us through the depths of the magnificent, multiple cascading falls. We cross to the Argentinean side to marvel at the breathtaking Devil's Throat, the single most impressive cascade and the gigantic Itaipu Dam, a world leader in the use of fluvial waters to generate electricity.

Days 12 - 14 Rio de Janeiro
We end our journey in the glamorous *cidade maravilhosa* of Rio de Janeiro, site of the future World Cup and Olympic Games. With its colonial history and unique setting, the sophisticated city of Rio de Janeiro continues to be one of the world's most beautiful and vibrant cities. We enjoy a samba show this evening. Head up to Corcovado Mountain through the Tijuca urban rainforest for the mesmerizing 360-degree panorama, the

enormous iconic art deco statue of Christ the Redeemer, and distinctive Sugar Loaf Mountain. We take a boat ride across Guanabara Bay and visit the spectacular Museum of Modern Art. Celebrate with a special farewell Brazilian BBQ dinner. Enjoy a little beach side relaxation before our overnight flight home.

Day 15 Arrive Toronto

Hotels

Hotel Tropical, Manaus
Tiwa Eco-Resort, Amazon
Hotel Sofitel, Salvador
Hotel Solar do Rosario, Ouro Preto
Hotel das Cataratas, Iguacu
Hotel Sofitel, seaview rooms, Rio de Janeiro

ROMtravel Coordinator

Yolande Baldachin is the current Co-Chair of the ROM's Volunteer Docent Committee. She has recently led a ROMtravel trip to Egypt, and several ROMbus trips in Ontario. Yolande has travelled extensively in Brazil and throughout South America.

Tour Escort

Lewie Gonsalves is President of Worldwide Quest International Inc., and has organized ROMtravel tours to India, Ecuador, Argentina, Chile and Peru.

Tour Cost

Twin Sharing	\$8,800
Single Supplement	\$1,500

Flight costs are included. Tour cost is based on November, 2009 exchange rates – to be confirmed on February 12, 2010.

Photos

- Rio de Janeiro, courtesy of Brazil Tourist Board.
- Parrots, courtesy of Yolande Baldachin.
- Iguacu Falls, courtesy of Brazil Tourist Board

Terms & Conditions

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Tour Cost Includes

- Portage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe, air conditioned bus for transfers and excursions as per itinerary.
- Shared accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities.
- Meals: buffet breakfast daily; 6 lunches and 11 dinners; welcome and farewell dinners with wine.
- Coffee, tea and soft drinks with included meals.
- Bottled water daily on the bus.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel and local taxes.
- Services of a ROMtravel Coordinator.
- Services of English-speaking local guides.
- Pre-trip orientations, a travel handbook, & a post-trip reunion.
- Brazil Tourist Visa (currently \$135, subject to change at any time).
- Services of Worldwide Quest International Inc.

Not Included

- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls.
- Excess baggage.
- Beverages not included with meals.
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of November 10, 2009 and will be confirmed on **February 12, 2010**. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Worldwide Quest International Inc. reserves the right to increase the price accordingly. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$90; family annual membership is \$139 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L and M postal zones) is \$95.

Deposits and Final Payment

An **initial deposit of \$800.00** per person is required at the time of booking. A tax receipt for \$300.00 will be issued by the Royal Ontario Museum. Optional cancellation and hospital/medical insurance, and single supplement are also payable at this time. A **second deposit of \$1,500.00 per person is due on June 30, 2010**. The **balance of payment, \$6,500.00, is due on November 12, 2010**.

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made. Worldwide Quest International Inc. and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be received in writing at Worldwide Quest International Inc. Cancellation charges per person, when not covered by optional trip cancellation insurance, will be as follows:

Up to June 30, 2010: Initial deposit
July 1 to November 12, 2010: Initial plus second deposit
November 13, 2010 to departure date: 100% non-refundable

No refund will be issued for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Worldwide Quest International Inc. within 30 days of the termination of the tour.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required.

Insurance

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by RBC Insurance Services Inc. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. 8% PST is included in the quoted prices.

Based on shared accommodation		Based on single accommodation	
Up to 59 years old	\$435.00	Up to 59 years old	\$495.00
60-64 years old	\$538.00	60-64 years old	\$613.00
65-69 years old	\$646.00	65-69 years old	\$736.00
70-74 years old	\$815.00	70-74 years old	\$920.00

For those 75 years and over, contact Worldwide Quest International at 1-800-387-6731.

Royal Ontario Museum Responsibility

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