



THE COLONIAL ROUTE

A JOURNEY FROM SAO PAULO VIA OURO PRETO TO RECIFE

This Colonial Route shows Brazil's rather unknown but rich colonial heritage, combining picturesque towns like Ouro Preto and Paraty, wonderful landscapes, beautiful beaches and mega cities like Rio and Sao Paulo.

Day 1 São Paulo

Arrival in São Paulo. City tour through the world famous metropolis. Overnight at Blue Tree Premium Paulista.

Day 2 São Paulo - Paraty

Bus ride (seat-in) to Paraty. Guided walking tour through this historical gem. Overnight at cosy Pousada do Principe.

Day 3 Paraty

Day at leisure for own activities in and around Paraty.

Day 4 Paraty - Rio de Janeiro

Bus ride (seat-in) along the beautiful coastal road of Costa Verde to Rio de Janeiro. Overnight at Mirador Rio Hotel.

Day 5 Rio de Janeiro

Half day city tour including the Corcovado mountain with its famous Christ statue and the botanical garden. Optional churrasco dinner (BBQ) with typical Samba Show at night.

Day 6 Rio de Janeiro

Half day city tour including visit of the famous Sugar Loaf mountain with a brilliant view over the city and beaches.

Day 7 Rio - Petropolis - Tiradentes

Bus ride to Petropolis and visit to the Imperial Museum including lunch. Continue to Tiradentes, a historical city in Minas Gerais. Overnight at Pousada Mae D'Água.

Day 8 Tiradentes - Congonhas - Ouro Preto

Discover the cobbled streets and colonial houses of Tiradentes. Proceed via São João del Rey and Congonhas with its basilica to the charming colonial city of Ouro Preto. Overnight at Pousada Classica.

Day 9 Ouro Preto

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site Ouro Preto. Its baroque churches, bridges and fountains remain as a testimony to its past prosperity during the 18th century.

Day 10 Ouro Preto

Excursion to Mariana with its picturesque streets and houses from the early 18th century. Visit to Passagem Gold Mine in railcars that follow the gold veins as far as a crystalline floodlit lake. Lunch is included.

Day 11 Ouro Preto - Salvador da Bahia

Flight to Salvador da Bahia, one of the oldest cities in the Americas and the black heart of Brazil. Overnight at Pestana Convento do Carmo.

Day 12 Salvador da Bahia

City tour to the historical landmarks of Salvador.

Day 13 Salvador da Bahia

Day at leisure. Optional excursion to the town of Cachoeira, one of the main "candomblé" centres of Bahia, with its fine colonial architecture.

Day 14 Salvador da Bahia - Recife

Flight to Recife. Visit the colonial neighbourhood Olinda, a real gem of baroque architecture. Overnight at Hotel Atlante Plaza.

Day 15 Recife

City Tour incl. visit to the Ricardo Brennand Institute.

Day 16 Recife

Full day excursion to Porto de Galinhas, one of Brazil's most beautiful beaches.

Day 17 Recife

Transfer to the airport for homebound flight.

