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The idea to create SouthAmerica.travel first came to Co-Founders Juergen Keller and Bradley Nehring while traveling through Brazil's Amazon Rainforest. The two noticed few international travelers, and those they did meet had struggled to arrange the trip by themselves. Expertise in custom travel planning to Brazil was scarce to nonexistent. This inspired the duo to start their own travel business to fill this void and help travelers plan great trips to Brazil, and later all South America.

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ESSENTIAL BRAZIL TRAVEL TIPS

Brazil is a vast land,

Brazil is a vast land, equivalent to the continental United States. Its 198 million people include soybean farmers, enthusiastic football fans, talented dancers and musicians, dedicated beach-goers, and friendly bartenders pouring perfect caipirinhas. Step beyond the curvaceous coastline of Rio de Janeiro, and find a treasure trove of isolated beaches, landscapes dotted with waterfalls and 18th century churches, wetlands loaded with egrets and jabirus, and friendly locals.

When to Visit Brazil

The Brazilian summer vacation time is from December to February. During this season, hotels, beaches, and tourist attractions are packed. During Carnival, Easter, Christmas, and New Year's holidays, it's best to reserve a hotel room with advance reservation. Also during this time, Brazilians like to take vacations and head for the beach. The Brazilian winter, which is also the dry season, is from June to August. The coast still enjoys warm temperatures, warm waters, and an occasional day of rain. This is a wonderful time to travel to Brazil, and it coincides with the peak vacation time for North Americans. The best time to visit the Amazon Rainforest and the Pantanal is between June and December, when there is less rain and fewer bugs to put a damper on your vacation. But the rainy season, between January and May, can be good for seeing wildlife. If you want to avoid the crowds, travel to Brazil between April and June.

[Read more: Best Times to Travel to South America](#)

Brazil Travel Visa & Passport Information

Did you know that citizens of Canada and the United States no longer require a travel visa to enter Brazil?



Recommended Foods

Eating local foods enhances your cultural experience and your taste buds. While in Rio de Janeiro, eat at a local restaurant rather than an overpriced one on the main streets. In Salvador, try acaraje, a fried sandwich heavily influenced by African cuisine. Also try cove, Brazilian kale, carioca black beans and rice, and casaba, or manioc. While in the Amazon Rainforest, try fresh-caught fish and exotic fruits.

[Read more: The Best Local Rio de Janeiro Restaurant!](#)



MAP OF BRAZIL



THE NATURAL HIGHLIGHTS OF BRAZIL

Foz do Iguaçu

Brazil's natural highlights are many. There are the big hits like the Amazon Rainforest and the Iguazu Falls, but also lesser-known spots like the Pantanal wetlands, Ilha Grande, Chapada Diamantina, and white-sand beaches of the Lençóis Maranhenses. If you are looking to escape the busyness of the cities and see some wildlife and impressive natural wonders, all of these sites are worth your while.

The Iguassu Falls is not just a giant waterfall. Over **270 waterfalls** splash over the border of southern Brazil and northern Argentina. It takes at least a day to do the falls justice: spend the morning on the Argentine side of the falls, walking along nature trails to get a close-up view of **The Devil's Throat**, a gaping waterfall 82 meters high and 700m long. In the afternoon, explore the Brazilian side of the falls, where you can follow walkways out over the water and be completely surrounded by rushing water.

You might also want to take a side trip over the border to Argentina and Paraguay, where there are remnants of magnificent baroque churches and communities built in the 17th century. These **Jesuit Missions** are now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Read more: [Go on the Iguassu Falls Tour – And Don't Forget the Jesuit Missions!](#)

Insiders Tip

Try an adventure tour while in the Iguassu Falls area. Go on a river-rafting ride downstream, try rappelling or zip lining, or take a 4x4 off-road safari tour through the jungle.





The Pantanal

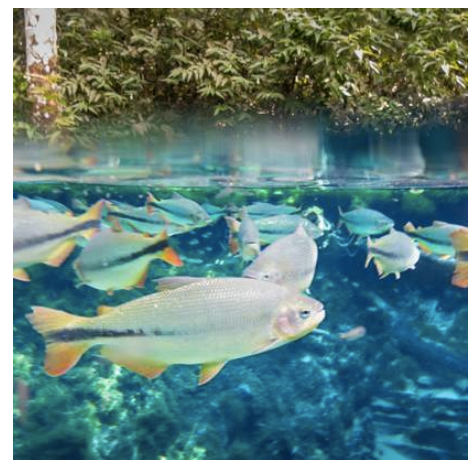
Think the Amazon Rainforest is the best place to see wildlife in Brazil? Think again. The Pantanal, the largest wetlands in the world, is home to jabirus, capybaras, caracaras, tapirs, iguanas, jaguars, monkeys, piranha, and plenty of other critters. During the dry season (June to August), the flood plains recede, and wildlife congregate around the remaining marshes. This makes it easier to spot wildlife, much easier than in the Amazon, where the thick canopy obscures many of the animals. **Bring your binoculars and your sense of adventure** for a Pantanal tour including horseback riding, nature walks, canoe rides, visits to local farms, and Jeep safari tours deep into the wild.

Getting There and Around

Fly to Cuiabá, located in the northern region of the Pantanal, in the state of Mato Grosso. The northern Pantanal area near Nobres is great for swimming in its clean rivers, much better than in the popular Bonito in the south. Plus, it is easy to fly from Cuiabá to the Amazon region, if you want to tack on a trip to the rainforest.

Stay in the luxurious **Araras Lodge**, the **Rio Mutum**, or the **Rio Claro**. These Pantanal Lodges offer guided excursions and full room and board for one night or several. There is also the exclusive Jaguar Lodge, geared for jaguar spotting among the wetlands, completely surrounded by rushing water.

Read more: [The Brazilian Exuberance Tour](#)



Chapada Diamantina

The Plateau of Diamonds is a rarified beauty indeed. Just inland from Salvador in the state of Bahia, the Chapada Diamantina National Park is studded with crystal clear rivers, waterfalls, natural waterslides, deep canyons, and underwater caves. The region was booming during the 19th century diamond mining frenzy, but now the only jewels you'll see are the spectacular landscapes. It encompasses 38,000 km², making it larger than the Netherlands.

Lençóis is known as the gateway to the national park. This small town was once headquarters during the mining era. Now it has hotels and restaurants to accommodate the hikers and onlookers eager to visit the national park. Visit the Casa de Afrânio Peixoto, the French vice consulate building, and other relics from the diamond days.

Take a guided excursion to underwater caves such as the Lapa Doce and Pratinha and the Poço Encantado. Get drenched by waterfalls such as the **Cachoeira da Fumaça**, the tallest in Brazil. The most unique features of the landscape are the jutting buttes and mesas. The **Morro do Pai Inácio** is one of the most famous. Pass through trails drapes in orchids and bromeliads, walking in the footsteps of diamond-hunters who blazed trails throughout the region. Visit at sunrise or sunset for stunning panoramas.

Read more: [View the Rhythm and Diamonds tour to Chapada Diamantina and Salvador da Bahia](#)



The Amazon Rainforest

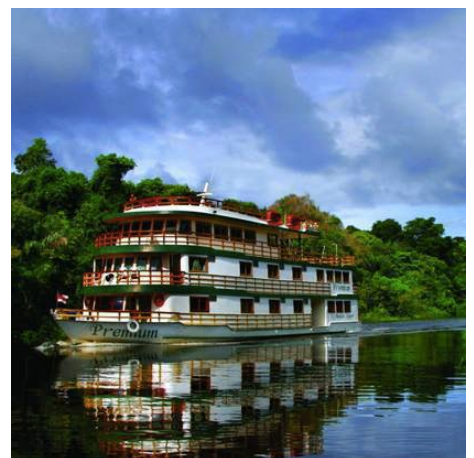
Brazil boasts the lion's share of the Amazon Rainforest, and no trip to Brazil would be complete without a venture deep into the jungle, where birds, animals, and flowers flourish. Stay in an Amazon jungle lodge or take an Amazon River cruise to encounter the Amazon – the “world's lungs.”

The starting point for most Amazon tours is **Manaus**, the largest city in the Amazonas region of Brazil. During the late 19th century, the city of Manaus grew rapidly with an influx of rubber barons seeking to get rich quick on the export of rubber from the Amazon. The Teatro Amazonas is a magnificent example of Baroque architecture and the strong European influence on the region during the rubber boom.



From Manaus, you can easily visit **the Meeting of the Waters**, where the black waters of the Rio Negro and the light brown waters of the Rio Amazonas converge. Take a boat ride to see these two mighty rivers, which flow side by side without mixing for nearly 4 miles (6 kilometers). The **Tucano River Cruise**, which takes you the farthest up the Rio Negro, is the best option of the Amazon River cruise boats. This classic yacht has traditional architecture, and the American owner of the boat loves showing his guests the best that the jungle has to offer. Go with expert guides on canoe rides and nature walks, go swimming and fishing, relax on the comfortable viewing decks, and enjoy the delicious food served aboard.

Read more: [Amazon Tours to Explore the Amazon Rainforest](#)



THE COLONIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF BRAZIL

Salvador da Bahia

Before the architect mastermind Oscar Niemeyer envisioned the modern city of Brasilia, and before Rio de Janeiro was a bustling hotspot and center for trade, there was a city far to the north that lay claim to the title of Brazil's capital. **Salvador da Bahia** was Brazil's first capital, and its distinct colonial architecture is well preserved in the **Pelourinho** district. This town and many others in Brazil betray the long history of colonial rule in Brazil, from the first European settlers, to the booming African slave trade, to the boom-and-bust eras of gold and diamond mining, to the shortlived imperial era.

Salvador enjoys year-round sunshine, exclusive beach resorts, and a vibrant Afro-Brazilian culture. Walk down the cobblestone streets of the **Pelourinho**, admiring the brightly painted restaurants, shops, and churches in restored 16th-19th century buildings. See the Paço Municipal, the Palácio Rio Branco, the Elevador Lacerda, and the Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Misericórdia on a guided historical tour.

Read more: [View the Rhythm and Diamonds tour to Chapada Diamantina and Salvador da Bahia](#)





Recife and Olinda

These beachside sister cities are located on the coast of Brazil, 1874km (1164 miles) northeast of Rio de Janeiro. **Recife** is a surfer's city, swathed in beautiful beaches and resorts such as those found in **Boa Viagem** and **Porto de Galinhas**. The Dutch built canals and dikes to transform the landscape. The colonial district has been recently restored, especially the **Rua do Bom Jesus**. But towns such as **São Luis** will give you a much better picture of Portuguese colonial rule than Recife's historic district will.

The adjacent **Olinda** is built on a mesa, and was a Portuguese colony until the Dutch prince of Recife burned most its buildings. During the 1800s and 1900s, Olinda escaped the growth and development of its neighbor. Today it is a UNESCO-protected site, and has been carefully restored so that its early Portuguese churches (such as the **Santo Antonio do Carmo** pictured above) shine brilliantly among the palms. Make sure to walk to **Igreja da Sé**, which steals the prize for best views of the sleepy city's baroque churches and beaches. There is also an old observatory that now serves as a lookout point called the **Malakoff Tower**.

Read more: [View the Coast of the Conquerors tour including Salvador, Maceio, Recife, & Olinda](#)



Rio & The Route of Gold

The colonial gold mining towns of Ouro Preto and São João del Rei are nestled in the Serra do Espinhaço mountains in the state of Minas Gerais. Just a 4.5-hour scenic drive from Rio de Janeiro, Ouro Preto was an important city during the gold mining days. Its name means “Black Gold,” and it was the center of trade and commerce in Minas Gerais.

Gold financed the beautiful churches found in Ouro Preto, including the Igreja de São Francisco de Assis (see photo right). Even today, Ouro Preto retains its colonial architecture and beauty with strict building codes and limits on development. Visit the Mineralogy Museum Da Escola De Minas, which houses priceless gemstones and crystals sourced from the region. The Inconfidência Museum tells the story of the failed plot to break away from the Portuguese crown.



Parati was the colonial seaport where gold was sent off to Europe. Backed by lush Atlantic Rainforest-covered hills, it is a picturesque place to spend the weekend. Between the mountains and the ocean, the Gold Trail was blazed – some parts of which are still accessible on guided hikes.

Stay in a local pousada and stroll down the cobblestone streets, admiring the baroque churches, colonial forts, and flooded streets. Take a 4x4 Jeep tour of the Serra da Bocaina National Park, the Serra do Mar State Park, and other natural preserves surrounding Parati. Or go on a schooner cruise, including stops for snorkeling

Read more: [Rio de Janeiro & the Route of Gold Tour](#)



THE FESTIVALS OF BRAZIL

Rio de Janeiro Carnival

It's called "The Largest Party on Earth" – and for good reason. The Rio Carnival celebration, which takes place every February or March in the week leading up to Lent, brings millions of people to Rio de Janeiro. The sounds of samba music fill the air, and dancers parade in the streets. Decked out in costumes, many cariocas – as the locals call themselves – and musicians prepare to enter the Sambadromo stadium and perform their best music and dance routines before hundreds of thousands of spectators. This is Rio Carnival.

The **Sambadromo** is a massive stadium built specifically for the Carnival parades. Here's an important tip: make sure to purchase a seat in the stadium, and avoid purchasing an entrance ticket without a numbered seat. Sector 9 with numbered seats is your best option, because the section is across from the jury. You'll have a great view of the best dancing. Be prepared for a wild and crazy night: samba parades start at 8:00pm and finish well into the early hours of the next morning!

[Read more: Insider's Guide to Rio Carnival](#)



Insiders Tip

You can participate in a samba school and dance along with the professionals! Make an advance reservation and show up at the rehearsal, then get ready to dance in a samba costume through the center of the Sambadromo!





More Rio Carnival

There are Carnival parades throughout the week of Carnival in the Sambadromo, but the best one to watch is the **Winner's Parade**, held on the Saturday after Ash Wednesday. This parade is where the best of the best perform in a grand finale show. The symphony of lights and colors and samba music during this show makes it the best part of Rio Carnival. Plus, the crowd is more calm, and the city is not as packed during the Winner's Parade.

In addition to the Carnival parades in the Sambadromo, there are also blocos and street parties throughout the city. Whether live music or just a pickup truck blasting samba from loudspeakers, laid-back and carefree cariocas will gather around to enjoy the music.

The mass influx of people during Carnival means that **Rio de Janeiro** hotels will require you book 4-5 nights minimum. And if you want to stay in a 3* or 4* or 5* Rio hotel during Carnival, it is imperative that you book your hotel reservation well in advance. Many of the fine hotels, such as the Copacabana Palace, have Carnival masquerade balls with music and live bands. Combine your Rio Carnival tour with a visit to the other highlights of Rio de Janeiro. Take a city tour of **Sugarloaf Mountain** and see the **Christ the Redeemer statue** on Corcovado Mountain. Both offer panoramic vistas of Rio's stunning coastline.!

[Read more: Tango, Samba, Waterfalls, & Rio Carnival](#)



Did you know?

There are Carnival celebrations throughout Brazil. Experience Carnival in São Paulo, Salvador, Ouro Preto, and more!
Learn more: [3 South America Carnival Tours Beyond Rio Carnival](#)



Oktoberfest in Blumenau

Thought all that Brazilians drank were caipirinha cocktails? Think again.

The Blumenau Oktoberfest is the biggest beer-garden outside of Germany. Over 600,000 liters of beer flow each year in this small town in the foothills of Brazil, where German immigrants put down roots centuries ago. You'll find parades, folk dances, a Ferris wheel, a Bierwagen, plenty of children wearing lederhosen, a "Chopp em Metro" (Beer Drinking Contest), and the crowning event, the designation of the Oktoberfest Queen and Princess. It's an excellent time to take an Oktoberfest Brazil Tour to see the highlights of Brazil, and top it off with a beerstein and bratwurst.

Blumenau, just inland and north of Florianopolis in Brazil, was a German settlement begun in 1850 by the Austrian Dr. Hermann Blumenau. Today, a vibrant German community continues to thrive in Blumenau, with tow-headed children speaking German. In 1983, the town decided to give homage to the fatherland with a beer-guzzling festival that would rival that of Munich's.

Now an average of 700,000 people come each year to the *cerveza-ganza* to imbibe and partake in what many would call the most authentic German festival in the Americas. The sounds of samba music are nowhere to be found: only traditional German folklore, with dancers decked out in lederhosen and dirndl. Many bands fly straight from Munich into Blumenau to perform after the Munich Oktoberfest is over.

Blumenau is a convenient stop on the way through the Atlantic Rainforest from the Iguassu Falls to Rio de Janeiro. Learn more about our Oktoberfest Brazil Tour that includes the Iguassu Falls, Rio de Janeiro, and Buenos Aires.

Insiders Tip

Only authentic German-style beer is crafted in Blumenau, with hops, water, malt, and yeast. But Brazilians like their beer "stupidly cold," so order your stein "chopp estúpidamente gelada."

New Year's in Rio de Janeiro

Also known as Reveillon, New Year's Eve in Rio de Janeiro is one of the world's largest end-of-the-year celebrations. Perhaps the tropical weather is what draws 2 million attendees to the beaches of Rio de Janeiro for New Year's. Or maybe it is the spectacular fireworks display. Head to Copacabana Beach for the best fireworks show.

You'll want to wear white clothing, in honor of Yemanjá, the African goddess of the Sea. The last day of the year is her day. The Africans came across the Atlantic Ocean at a time when traveling the seas involved a lot of risk. Praying to Yemanjá saved their lives. Hence the importance of this tradition. On New Year's Eve, you'll see cariocas celebrating the day offerings white lilies and candles to the sea.



Throughout the evening, there are laser shows and music bands, on stages located along Copacabana Beach. As the clock strikes midnight, toast to the Ano Novo with friends with champagne, which you can purchase by the bottle from street vendors. Then after the fireworks show, the crowd slowly moves to Ipanema, where musicians play dance music until the next morning.

Be aware that many hotels in Rio de Janeiro require a minimum stay of 3 or more nights, and often hotels are booked well in advance during New Year's. So make sure to make your Rio New Year's travel plans early.

Read more: [Tango, Samba & Waterfalls + New Year's](#)

Insiders Tip

Rio has received a poor reputation for safety, but in recent years patrol of the streets has increased dramatically. Take normal precautions while on Copacabana: avoid wearing jewelry and expensive watches.

THE BEST BEACHES OF BRAZIL

Ipanema and Copacabana

The beaches of Brazil boast **golden shores, curvaceous coastlines, great surfing and snorkeling** – all the things you'd expect out of a beach. But Brazil's beaches also have a **vibrant local scene**, where cariocas' waking hours are spent **fishing, sunbathing, or playing a game of volleyball**. And to top it all off, many of the beaches of Brazil are backed by beautiful landscapes, such as the hills of the Serra do Mar behind Paraty.

Rio de Janeiro's two world-famous beaches are so for a reason. Popularized by the song *The Girl from Ipanema* in the 1960s, this beach has retained its allure through the decades. Now known as the more swank of the two, Ipanema is the beach for the elite. Copacabana, on the other hand, is the everyman's beach, with a wide boardwalk and the perennial game of volleyball. Set in a horseshoe-shaped bay, Copacabana features protected waters.

Take a spin through the bay and visit its islands on a **Tropical Islands tour**, which includes a schooner ride with stops for snorkeling throughout the day. Another popular choice is a **Guanabara Bay cruise**, a 3-hour ride through the beautiful bay. Nearby is the **Tijuca Forest**, which you can explore on a 4x4 Jeep safari tour.

[Read more: 7 Must-Do's on a Copacabana Tour of Rio de Janeiro](#)





Morro de São Paulo

South of Salvador da Bahia, the Morro de São Paulo is a small island with good pousadas and beaches. No cars are allowed on the island, only tractors. Stay at the Villa Guaiamu Beach Resort.

Península de Maraú

This peninsula near Salvador is a quiet and relaxing getaway. Located near a lagoon covered with coconut trees, the Maraú Peninsula offers several tranquil pousadas. Stay in the 3-star Pousada do Cassange or the 5-star Kiaroa Resort.

Buzios

Only 3 hours from Rio de Janeiro, the exclusive and elegant peninsula of Buzios features several small beaches, all with unique characteristics. Start on the main street, which is full of posh boutiques and restaurants. Rent a buggy to explore the other beaches. Mix in with the rich and famous of São Paulo, who like to escape here on the weekends. Stay in the 5-star Casas Barancas Resort or the 3-star La Chimera. Read the Rio Imperial Tour, which includes Buzios.

Península de Maraú

A romantic getaway south of Rio de Janeiro, Ilha Grande has no cars, only cobblestone walking paths and hiking trails. Stay overnight in a family-owned pousada such as the Tago Mago Lodge, where you will have a view of the bay and mountains from your hammock. And don't forget about the beaches – its tranquil beaches have good snorkeling. Read the Tropical Islands of Brazil Tour, which includes Ilha Grande.



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Tropical Islands of Brazil

8 Days — Rio de Janeiro, Ilha Grande, Paraty

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Rio de Janeiro & The Amazon Rainforest

8-10 Days — Rio de Janeiro, Manaus, & Amazon Lodge or Cruise

Brazil boasts the lion's share of the Amazon Rainforest, and no trip to Brazil would be complete without a venture deep into the Amazon, where birds, animals, and flowers grow in abundance. Also enjoy a Rio de Janeiro tour including a cable car ride to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain.

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Brazilian Exuberance

8 Days — Rio de Janeiro and the Pantanal

At half the size of Texas, the Pantanal is a vast wetland stretching across the borders of Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay. . The rainy season, from October to March, creates an enormous flooded area relieved by patches of dry land, where most of the wealth of animals migrate together. The richness and diversity of the flora and fauna is, quite simply, unforgettable. Finish your tour with the unforgettable Rio de Janeiro!

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Rhythm & Diamonds

8 Days — Salvador da Bahia and Chapada Diamantina

Combine Brazil's African soul with the off-the-beaten-track interior of Bahia state. From the flair of Salvador's markets to the eternal tranquility of the Highlands, Brazil's ethnic and geographical diversity comes alive. Experience the most African city of the Americas, then travel into the mountains for hikes into the Highlands' overwhelming natural beauty.

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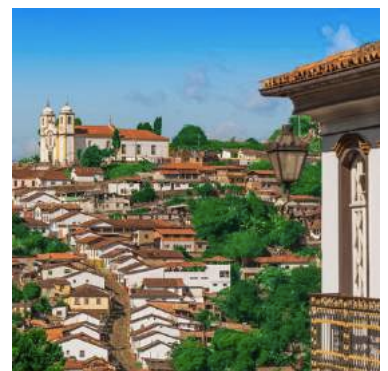


Rio de Janeiro & The Route of Gold

8 Days — Rio de Janeiro, Paraty, Tiradentes, Ouro Preto

The Route of Gold runs along rugged mountains from the beautifully preserved colonial gold mining towns of Ouro Preto. Travel to the scenic and historic regions, through the Atlantic Rainforest, to almost-forgotten mining towns, UNESCO World Heritage sites and colonial seaports.

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Coast of Conquerors

8 Days — Salvador da Bahia, Maceio, Recife, and Olinda

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Rio Imperial & the Beaches of Buzios

8 Days — Rio de Janeiro, Buzios & Petropolis

Escape to Buzios, the secret beach resort town near Rio de Janeiro made famous by the celebrity Brigitte Bardot. Also visit the "Marvelous City" of Rio de Janeiro and Petropolis, once the summer home of the Imperial court.

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Brazilian Beaches & Lencois Maranhenses

9 Days — Fortaleza, Jericoacoara, Delta do Parnaíba, Sal Luís

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