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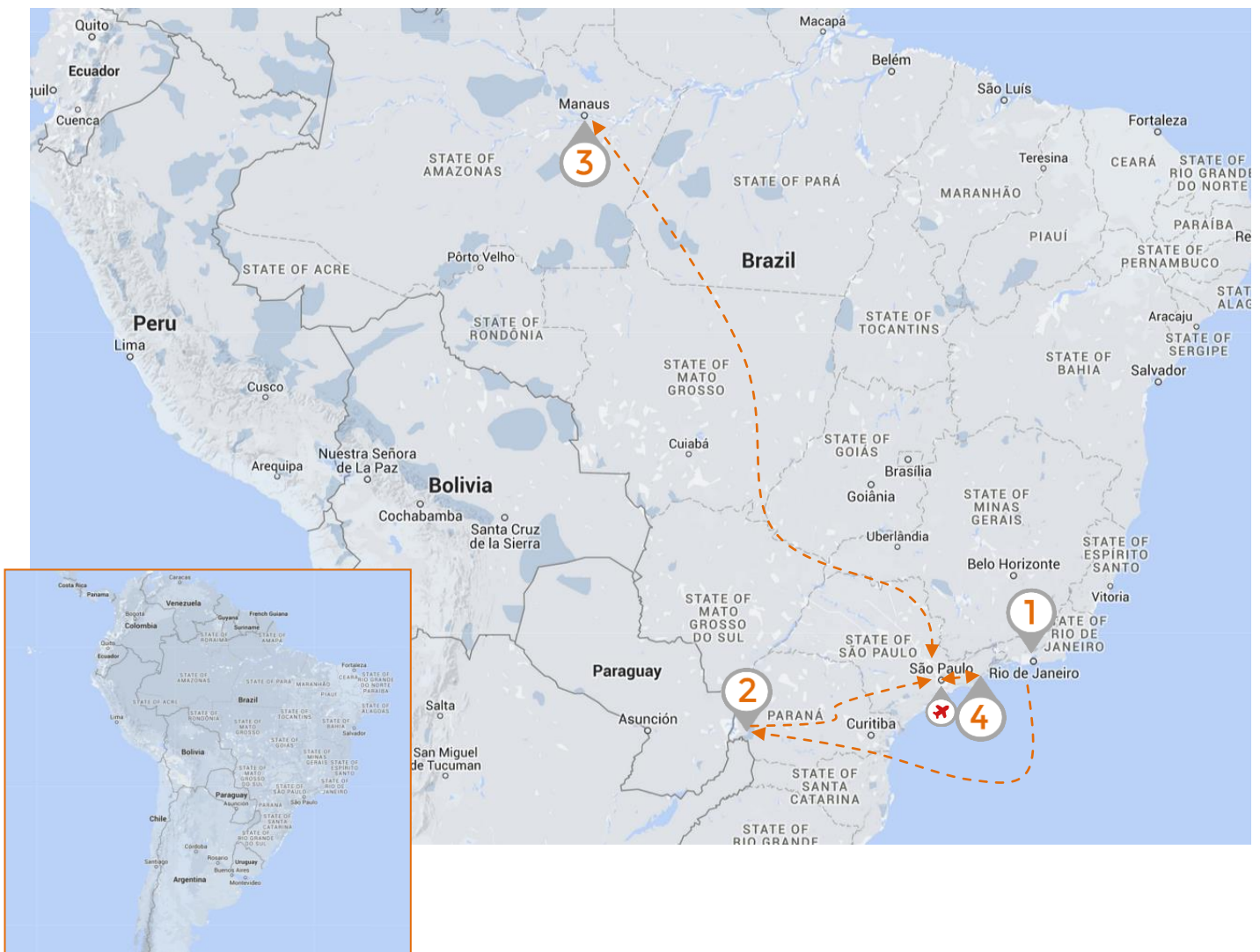
Distinctive Brazil

16-days / 15-nights



Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
1	Day 01	RIO DE JANEIRO	Arrive in Rio de Janeiro	-	Porto Bay Rio Internacional	3
	Day 02		Half day tour to Sugar Loaf Mountain	B		
	Day 03		Half day tour to Corcovado	B		
2	Day 04	IGUAÇU FALLS	Air & Road transfer to Iguazu Falls	B	Das Cataratas	2
	Day 05		Full day tour of the Argentine side of the falls	B		
3	Day 06	MANUAS	Air & road transfer to Manuas	B	Park Suites Manuas	1
	Day 07	AMAZON CRUISE	4-day Amazon cruise	B	Amazon Clipper Premium	3
	Day 08		Activities from your cruise vessel	B		
	Day 09		Activities from your cruise vessel	B		
3	Day 10	MANUAS	Activities from your cruise vessel, disembark in Manuas	B	Park Suites Manuas	1
4	Day 11	COSTA VERDE	Air & road transfer to Costa Verde	B	Pousada Picinguiba	4
	Day 12		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 13		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 14		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 15	DEPART	Meet the return flights to the UK	B	-	
	Day 16	HEATHROW	Arrive back in the UK	-	-	



Detailed Itinerary



Day 01 DEPART - RIO DE JANEIRO

Depart Heathrow for Rio de Janeiro flying with British Airways.



BA249 Economy Dep: Heathrow T5 12:20

Arr: Rio de Janeiro Intl 21:05

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Porto Bay Rio Internacional Hotel



1 x Superior Limited Ocean View Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

Located in the heart of Copacabana, the Porto Bay Rio boasts stylish accommodation, a beautiful waterfront setting, lovely views and easy access to the world famous Copacabana Beach. All rooms include balconies with a view of the sea, cable TV, central air conditioning, mini-bar, bath-tub and a personal safe. Other facilities include a sauna, swimming pool, fitness centre, laundry room, massage room, concierge service and beach service.



Day 02 RIO DE JANEIRO



Private half day tour to Sugar Loaf Mountain

Over a million tourists every year visit the world famous Pão de Açúcar (Sugar Loaf Mountain), which has become an iconic symbol of the city of Rio de Janeiro. Rising up from a small peninsula at the entrance of Guanabara Bay, its name is said to refer to its resemblance to the traditional shape of concentrated refined sugar loaf. The first cable-car takes passengers to the top of Urca Hill, which rises 215 metres above sea level and offers spectacular views of the entire bay and its islands. From Urca Hill, passengers continue in a second cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf which rises 395 metres above sea level and offers a 360 degree view of the entire city including Botafogo and Copacabana Beaches, Corcovado and downtown Rio.



Day 03 RIO DE JANEIRO



Private half day tour to Corcovado

Depart from the hotel to visit the Christ Statue, recently elected as one of the seven modern wonders of the world. The statue sits 2,300 ft. above sea level, atop Corcovado Hill. Following a scenic drive along the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, you will arrive at the foot of the hill, where you embark on a small train which climbs the beautiful mountainside. Upon reaching the top, visitors will experience a panoramic view of Rio de Janeiro and discover why it is known as the 'Marvelous City'! The tour also includes a drive along Rio's famous beaches.



Day 04 RIO DE JANEIRO - IGUAÇU FALLS

Private transfer to the airport to meet a flight with TAM.



JJ3188 Economy Dep: Rio de Janeiro Intl 09:56

Arr: Foz do Iguassu 12:10

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Belmond Das Cataratas



1 x Superior Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

The only property on the Brazilian side within the national park, the pastel pink Das Cataratas is a charming colonial style hotel owned by Belmond. It is opposite the famous scenic 1.5km trail which provides spectacular panoramic views of the falls and its delightful grounds and gardens are full of hummingbirds, parrots and the racoon-like coatis. Other facilities include a large attractive outdoor pool, 2 bars and restaurants, tennis courts, games room and a nature trail.

Afternoon at leisure to explore the Brazilian side of falls from your hotel.



Day 05 IGUAÇU FALLS



Private full day tour of the Argentine side of the falls

Cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge, heading towards the Iguazu National Park in Argentina. At the entrance, a small train takes visitors on a tour through the park, making 2 stops. Follow the pathways to the top of the waterfalls that provide spectacularly unique views of the 'Cataratas', amidst the abundant nature filled with orchids, colourful birds and other wildlife. The tour ends at the observatory on the edge of the largest waterfall in the park, 'A Garganta do Diabo' or 'The Devil's Throat'.



Day 06 IGUAÇU FALLS - MANAUS

Private transfer to the airport to meet a flight with TAM.



JJ3556	Economy	Dep: Foz do Iguassu 06:00
JJ3748	Economy	Dep: Sao Paulo Intl 09:25

Arr: Sao Paulo Intl 07:45
Arr: Manaus 12:33

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Park Suites Manaus



1 x Superior Suite on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night

Located on the bank of the Rio Negro ('Black River'), the Park Suites Manaus is the perfect place for those looking to relax in comfort, surrounded by breathtaking views. The hotel features 247 apartments all equipped with a 29" cable TV, air-conditioning, a hair dryer, a mini-bar, free internet access, a work table and an electric safe. The Senior and Master Suites offer exclusive services and amenities such as a spacious veranda for guests to enjoy the beautiful sunset. All guests are invited to take advantage of the many facilities offered at the Park Suites Manaus, such as the infinity swimming pool overlooking the Rio Negro, a restaurant, 24 hour room service, a complimentary daily breakfast, and a hotel bar.



Day 07 MANAUS - AMAZON

3-night / 4-day 'Amazon Clipper Premium' cruise

Transfer from hotel to Manaus harbour to board your Amazon cruise vessel. Board the boat and depart around 14:30 towards the Amazon River, while you enjoy a welcome drink and are informed about the routes and facilities. After a snack, meet in the leisure room for lectures about the Amazon, from which you can get a better understanding of the ecology of the region. Before dinner, there will be time to enjoy a caipirinha, Brazil's national drink, while watching the sunset. After dinner, explore the streams and ponds, and with the help of spotlights search for crocodiles and alligators, and sometimes even night-hawks, snakes, sloths and frogs.

Amazon Clipper Premium



1 x Standard Cabin with Full Board & Shared Activities for 3-nights

A luxury vessel that is traditional and well adapted to the Amazon region. There is a covered area which serves as a dining room, a salon with video, and games and two outboard-motor canoes for side-trips and fishing. All cruises are accompanied by a guide specialist in Amazon flora and fauna. The boat has 16 spacious all-outside cabins with lower beds, private bathroom facilities with hot shower, individual air conditioning and safety box. It has large public spaces including a spacious observation and sun deck with a fantastic 360° panoramic view, yet it is small enough to dock at remote spots and cruise to hidden locations.



Day 08 AMAZON



Early in the morning, explore the rivers and ponds in canoes and encounter birds that feed on fruits, such as parrots and toucans. After breakfast, leave for a walk through the jungle, discovering surprising fragrances in the leaves, fruits, woods and animals. Around noon return, and before lunch you can go for a swim. In the afternoon, navigate through the Anavilhanas National Park, one of the largest freshwater archipelagos in the world. In the late afternoon, go out in canoes and learn more about the wonderful natural park.



Day 09 AMAZON



Early in the morning spend some time fishing for piranhas and other fish. After breakfast, visit a community where you will find many typical fruits of the Amazon, such as cupuaçu and taperebá, palms such as açaí, tucumã and pupunha. Learn about the preparation of farinha de mandioca (cassava flour) as well as the health and education system of the local children. After lunch, stop at one of the beautiful white-sand beaches to swim in the dark water and watch the pink dolphins. In the late afternoon, explore the area by canoe and observe the wildlife. Dinner will be served on the way towards the Amazon River.



Day 10 AMAZON - MANAUS



Early in the morning explore the Lake January Ecological Park. This area is generally a great place to observe wildlife and see Vitória Regia, the giant water lilies. While you have breakfast, the boat will begin its navigation towards the 'Meeting of the Waters' - a unique spectacle where the muddy waters of the Amazon and the dark waters of Rio Negro flow side by side without mixing for several miles. Making the trip back, pass by Manaus, observing the floating docks, the market, the old customs house, and the Opera dome, arriving around 11:30 at the pier of Tropical Hotel.

Private transfer on disembarkation to your hotel.



Park Suites Manaus
1 x Superior Suite on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night



Day 11 MANAUS – SAO PAULO – COSTA VERDE

Private transfer to the airport to meet a flight to Sao Paulo with TAM.



JJ3717 Economy Dep: Manaus 06:55

Arr: Sao Paulo Intl 11:35

Private transfer on arrival to the 'Costa Verde' and your hotel.

Pousada Picinguiba



1 x Classic Room on a Half Board basis for 4-nights

A lovely, small hotel set overlooking stunning, forested coastline half way between Rio and Sao Paolo. The 10 comfortable rooms overlook tropical gardens that surround the swimming pool and the food served is fresh and local. This is a very relaxed hotel presenting the very best of Brazil - a wonderful, tranquil place to recharge your batteries or to use as a base exploring the area; take the hotel's schooner to deserted islands and beaches, accompany a local guide through the rainforest to spectacular hidden waterfalls, visit beautiful Paraty (half an hour away) dive, fish, surf or sea kayak.



Days 12-14 COSTA VERDE



Days at leisure.



Day 15 COSTA VERDE – SAO PAULO - DEPART

Private transfer to Sao Paulo to meet your return flight with British Airways.



BA246 Economy Dep: Sao Paulo Intl 16:15

Arr: Heathrow T5 07:20 (Day 16)



Day 16 UK

Arrive back in the UK.



Holiday Cost

from £5,995.00 per person

20% deposit is required to secure this booking

Suggested Itinerary

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

Includes

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please Note

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

Booking Conditions

- Usually a deposit of 20% is required to secure a booking.
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