



Rio de Janeiro Carnival 2009

6 Days / 5 Nights

Duration: Guests arriving in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in the morning of DAY 1 (Friday, Feb/20th 2009) and departing in the afternoon of DAY 6 (Wednesday, Feb/25th 2009);

Guest & Package Profile: The Carnival in Rio is one of the most famous and impressive events in the world. The ones who had the chance to participate in it can confirm this statement. This package is also a great opportunity explore the marvelous city of Rio de Janeiro and visit its famous attractions. This is a great option for people from all ages and tastes who want to party and celebrate life;

When to go: Carnival takes place all over Brazil and it is a huge feast that is tied to the religious Calendar. Carnival activities in Brazil usually take place from the Friday prior to Ash Wednesday and continue up to and including Ash Wednesday itself. In some cities like Salvador the celebrations will spill over through the entire week and include the following weekend. One of the traditional highlights of carnival is the parade of the top samba schools in Rio de Janeiro, which takes place on the Sunday and Monday nights of carnival along the purpose built Passarela do Samba ("Sambodromo"). It is a fierce competition and these schools prepare for it during the whole year. The winners parade, featuring the top samba schools from all the divisions, will take place on the following Saturday (March/1st in 2009).

ITINERARY - 6DAYS / 5NIGHTS PROGRAM

1st DAY – Rio de Janeiro

Transfer-in from Airport to Hotel in the city of Rio de Janeiro. Remaining day FREE. Overnight in Rio.

2nd DAY – Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at hotel. Half-Day City Tour in Rio de Janeiro including Corcovado (Christ Statue) by tram, Sambodromo and the Maracanã Soccer Stadium "en passant". Overnight in Rio.

3rd DAY – Rio de Janeiro - Parade

Breakfast at hotel. Free morning and afternoon. Early at night, transfer to the Sambodromo, where the Carnival parade takes place. The parade goes on and on till early morning, but usually guests return to hotel around 2AM. Transfer back to hotel (the transfers to/from the Sambodrome are in SIB basis, not private). Overnight in Rio.

4th DAY – Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at hotel. Free day for relaxation and for guest to rest after the previous day parade festivity. Overnight in Rio.

5th DAY – Rio de Janeiro

Breakfast at hotel. Half-Day City Tour in Rio de Janeiro including Sugar Loaf by cablecar, Beaches, and Rio downtown. Free night. Overnight in Rio.

6th DAY – Rio de Janeiro – Departure day

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer from hotel to airport early afternoon.



IT IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Ticket for the parade at Grandstand 9 (for one night only);
- Professional bilingual guidance in English or Spanish following the group as per the program described;
- Transportation in nice Car, Van, Mini or Bus with air-conditioning and certified driver;
- 5 nights accommodation* at nice hotels in STD DBL Room, in Rio de Janeiro, including breakfast and taxes. Reference hotels are:
 - Luxor Continental (Touristic category)
www.luxor-hotels.com/continental/english/index.asp
 - Royal Rio Palace Copacabana (De Luxe category)
www.royalrio.com

** Due to availability reasons, we may work with other hotels, always keeping the quality and the high level of the service offered to our guests. Customers will be informed in advance in which hotels they will stay during the whole trip.*

IT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Meals and Drinks;
- Transportation and tickets for places and attractions which are not included in the proposed itinerary;
- Domestic Air Tickets;

OPTIONAL TOURS – DESCRIPTION

Besides the package described above, Easygoing also offers a rich selection of very nice sightseeing options to be accomplished in 1/2 or 1 day, all of them leaving and returning to Rio de Janeiro. Below follows some of these options and further information (prices are available in our tariff table):

OPTIONAL TOURS:

- Petrópolis: nature / scenic landscapes (mountain), Imperial Museum, Cathedral and Santos Dummont former residence;
- Tijuca Jeep tour: nature / scenic landscapes (mountain);
- HD Delta wing tandem flight;
- 2nd night Carnival Parade;
- And others...

PACKAGE EXTENSION (extra night): Customers willing to stay longer in Brazil can extend this package with an extra night. Please consult us for pricing.

SGL SUPPLEMENT: As per the description above, this package includes accommodation in DBL rooms. Customers willing to stay in SGL rooms can buy the SGL Supplement available in the tariff table.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS ALTERNATIVES / AIR-PASS

There's no need for domestic flights for this package.



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT ALTERNATIVES

This packaged trip starts and ends in the city of Rio de Janeiro. Guests will have to arrive in Rio de Janeiro's International Airport (**Tom Jobim – GIG**) in the **morning of Day 1** and leave Brazil back to their home country by the end of the program, from the same airport.

Carnival is the busiest period of the year in Rio de Janeiro. We recommend that guests reserve it in advance.

**Thank you for consulting us. Please contact us for any further information.
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