



Rio de Janeiro

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The colourful, charismatic party capital of Latin America is one of the most vibrant places on earth. The city is watched over by Christ the Redeemer that sits on top of the city's landmark Corcovado Mountain. This historic city is known world over for its magnificent New Year firework display on Copacabana beach, its explosive carnival, its colourful people and its outstanding natural landscape. If you love dancing, shopping, golf, dining on exquisite cuisine or the thrill of fabulous water sports you will not be disappointed by Rio de Janeiro.

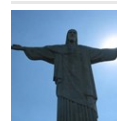
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THE CITY



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Rio de Janeiro, meaning the River of January, sits on the Atlantic coast of Brazil and is the country's second largest city behind São Paulo. For over two centuries it was the bustling capital of Brazil and even today it is one of the most important commercial and political centres in the country.

The people's sense of fun is matched only by the spectacular natural environment that Rio enjoys. There are mountains, nature trails and forests including Floresta da Tijuca, the world's largest urban forest. Its beaches are among the most beautiful in the world while its waters are home to an abundance of marine life. In fact, no visitor should leave without experiencing the city's beach life and Rio has hundreds of outstanding beaches from which to choose. Along with Copacabana in the heart of the city, popular beaches include Prainha and Grumari, the beaches of Búzios just along the coast and at Angra dos Reis the beaches of Piedade and Jurubaíba. Rio de Janeiro has famous landmarks too. Along with Christ the Redeemer, the massive statue of Jesus, there's Sugar Loaf Mountain the iconic image of the Rio skyline. The view from the top is amazing.

The city also has many museums including the 'living museums' of Petrópolis and Parati where visitors can see authentic architecture from the time Rio de Janeiro was founded while sporting enthusiasts will be captivated by the Maracanã Stadium one of the world's largest football

stadiums. Rio de Janeiro is well and truly on the map as one of the world's greatest cities.

DO & SEE



Photo: Roberto Arias

Rio de Janeiro's attractions are diverse, from festivals and landmarks to forests and nature trails. As a throbbing metropolis, Rio de Janeiro is legendary. Not only does the city host its fabulously outrageous carnival every year, the biggest, liveliest and most colourful party in the world to which everyone is invited, but it also sees its people break out into dance to the sounds of the samba at every opportunity.

Christ the Redeemer



Standing on the top of Corcovado Mountain and looking out over the city with outstretched arms, the statue of Jesus was named one of the New Seven Wonders of

the World in 2007. Its left arm points to the northern areas of Rio de Janeiro, while its right arm points to the south. If you venture up through the Tijuca Rain Forest to the top of the mountain for a closer look you will be rewarded by fabulous views of Sugar Loaf Mountain, Copacabana, Ipanema, the Maracanã Stadium and the Serra do Órgãos mountain range.

Address: Cristo Redentor, Rio de Janeiro

Sugar Loaf

The small, pert granite mountain known as Sugarloaf rises

from the ground in an egg-like fashion and is the iconic symbol of the Rio de Janeiro skyline. A visit to experience the top with its 360-degree view of the city is an absolute must. There is a two-stage cable car called Corcovado Train that runs up the mountain and makes the ascent and descent effortless.

Address: Sugarloaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2461 2700
More Info: Near Copacabana Beach

Rio de Janeiro Carnival

Held seven weeks before Easter, the Rio de Janeiro Carnival (Carnival) is a five-day extravaganza of colour and music. If your visit coincides with the festivities be sure to take part. Everyone dances in the street, including many with fabulously coloured costumes and feathered headdresses. All move to the sounds of the samba that is constant throughout the five days. See the parades and demonstrations and listen to live bands too. The Tourist Office always has a programme of events.

Address: Sambodromo, Marquês de Sapucaí, Rio de Janeiro
More Info: Sambodromo and venues throughout Rio de Janeiro

Rio Jazz Festival

If you like music, you should look out for Rio Jazz Festival. The sultry music will be heard seeping out of almost every one of the city's bars and clubs as they host special events to mark the fabulous Rio Jazz Festival. Jazz acts from around the world come to Rio to take part each year. The Tourist Office always has a programme of festival events and dates vary annually for this event.

More Info: Venues throughout Rio de Janeiro

The beaches of Rio de Janeiro

The city is famous for its fabulous beaches. Copacabana is perhaps Rio de Janeiro's best known beach because it hosts Rio de Janeiro's New Year celebrations that are seen from all around the world. Other beaches close to the centre of the city include Ipanema and Leblon where there are restaurants galore and the beaches of Barra da Tijuca,

Prainha and Grumari that are all great for surfing and windsurfing enthusiasts.

Nearby Búzios, a former fishing village, has many beaches where surfing, volley ball, scuba diving and windsurfing are popular, such as the beaches of Geribá, Enseada de Manguinhos, Armação, Praia dos Ossos, Azeda and Ferradura. Along the coast you find Arraial do Cabo known for its fabulous diving. The water off the beaches of Dos Anjos, where one of the first settlements was established in the 1500's, is crystal clear and the rock formations teem with tropical fish. If you sit on the shoreline you can look out over the Massambaba spit and the Araruama Lake.

More outstanding beaches can be found around the Angra dos Reis bay. The area is famous for its forest areas known as the Atlantic Forest. Here you can take nature trails through the undergrowth. It also has more than 360 islands including the beautiful Gipóia Island where Piedade and Jurubaíba beaches can be found and the Ilha Grande, the largest islands, that has the beautiful Lopes Mendes and Cachadaço beaches.

The Marine State Park of Aventureiro

Along with the State Park of Ilha Grande and the Biological Reservation of South Beach, the Marine State Park of Aventureiro is among the most important environmental initiatives in Brazil. They are located on the Ilha Grande, Rio de Janeiro's largest island, in the Angra Dos Reis Bay. They offer nearly 200 square kilometres of natural forest and waterways, beaches, nature trails for those who love to trek and clear waters for water sport enthusiasts, particularly surfers, divers and sailors.

Address: Ilha Grande, Angra dos Reis Bay, Rio de Janeiro
Internet: www.ilhagrande.com.br

Favelas

The shanty towns in Brazil are called favelas. The favelas are old places along the hillsides where former slaves

used to live. Today the favelas have become popular tourist destinations and the most famous favela in Rio de Janeiro is called Rocinha. There are many different guided tours to the favelas and they will show you a whole different side of Rio de Janeiro.

Teatro Municipal

If you pay a visit to Teatro Municipal you will find yourself in an extravagant theatre with cosy lights and exclusive interiors. This is a good place to take the opportunity to attend a performance and show. If you are not visiting for a performance or show, the guided tours are highly recommended by its visitors.

Address: Praça Marechal Floriano S/N, Centro, Rio de Janeiro
Opening hours: Open Mon-Fri 10am-6pm. Sat, Sun and Public Holiday 10am-4pm
Phone: +55 21 2332 9191
Internet: www.theatromunicipal.rj.gov.br

Escadaria Selarón

The world famous steps in Rio de Janeiro are called Escadaria Selarón. The steps are truly a work of art and are made by the artist Selarón who covered the steps with colourful tiles. By its visitors Escadaria Selarón is claimed to be a must see in Rio de Janeiro

Address: Rua Manuel Carneiro 24, Santa Teresa, Rio de Janeiro

Sítio Roberto Burle Marx

A bit outside Rio de Janeiro you can find these landscaped gardens. Sítio Roberto Burle Marx is the home of the landscape designer Roberto Burle Marx's famous 100-acres of plants and art.

Address: Estrada Roberto Burle Marx, Rio de Janeiro

New Year's Eve in Rio de Janeiro

To celebrate New Year's Eve in Rio de Janeiro is a true classic. One of the main sites for this annual event is Copacabana beach where there are many festivities. Make sure you see the world famous fireworks display at midnight. So put your dancing shoes on and join in on the

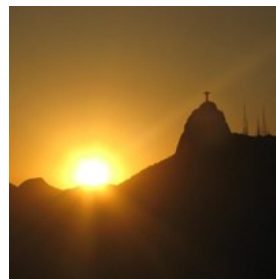
New Year's party in Rio de Janeiro.

Address: Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

Samba Schools

When visiting the country of Samba, why not put your dancing shoes on and try a few moves yourself? The samba schools are especially popular during Sambadrome and the carnival in Rio de Janeiro. The Samba School have different costumes depending on the school. Watch the samba schools in the carnival or buy a costume and join a Samba School yourself.

Mirante Dona Marta



From this popular lookout you will see Rio de Janeiro from a whole new perspective. The scenery is beautiful and you can look over Sugar Loaf Mountain and Corcovado. If

you are going to Corcovado this place is convenient to visit at the same time.

Address: Mirante Dona Marta, Rio de Janeiro

Hang Gliding over Rio de Janeiro

If you are feeling brave and are looking for one of the most thrilling experiences and amazing views over Rio de Janeiro you should try Hang Gliding. There are different companies offering Hang Gliding in Rio de Janeiro and one of them is Easy Fly Rio. Easy Fly Rio takes off from Pedra Bonita and flies over numerous attractions and sights.

Easy Fly Rio:

Phone: +55 21 9966 9346
Internet: www.easyflyrio.com.br

National History Museum

The National Historical Museum houses permanent and temporary exhibitions and is one of the most important museums showing the social and economic history of

Brazil. This is a gem for all you history lovers!

Address: Praça Marechal Âncora, Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Open Tue-Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat, Sun and Holidays:
2pm-6 pm. Closed on Mon

Internet: www.museuhistoriconacional.com.br

DINING



Photo: Lima Andruška

Rio de Janeiro is a multi-cultural city which is reflected in its varied choice of restaurants. Whether you plan to eat traditional dishes like Brazil's national dish and drink Feijoada and Caipirinha, or prefer Mexican, Oriental, French, Italian or Middle Eastern cuisine you will find a restaurant to suit your palate and budget.

Porcão

A fabulously elegant, upmarket restaurant that cooks meat and fish on rotisserie style barbecues to perfection. There is a sushi bar too, plus a buffet serving a large range of salads and cold dishes. The restaurant's menu offers a tempting selection of desserts and cocktails.

Address: Avenida das Américas, N° 500, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 3389 89 89

Internet: www.porcaao.com.br

Cais do Oriente

Dining at the Cais do Oriente will be a memorable experience. Not only is its Oriental and European menu inspired and the dishes artistically presented but the ambience of this stylish restaurant is quite unique. Housed in a restored 19th century warehouse beautifully decorated and furnished with antiques it oozes charm.

Address: Rua Visconde de Itaboraí 8, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2233 2531

Internet: www.caisdooriente.com.br

Guapa Loco

This restaurant offers an exhausting selection of Mexican and Tex-Mex dishes, as well as pizzas and great salads.

This together with a bright and lively atmosphere, the Guapa Loco is a great place to relax and dine informally. Be sure to try one of its lavish ice cream desserts and its house speciality, the Margarita cocktail.

Address: 48 Rua Rainha Guilhermina, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Open daily

Phone: +55 21 2294 8148

Amir

The great thing about eating at Amir is that you can indulge yourself in a fabulous Arab and Lebanese inspired buffet. If you have the appetite you can return to the buffet time and time again for more. The restaurant is decorated in rich autumn colours and with a welcoming feel.

Address: 55/C Rua Ronald de Cavalho, Praça do Lido, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Open daily for lunch and dinner

Phone: +55 21 2275 5596

Internet: www.amirrestaurante.com.br

Fellini

This is one of Rio de Janeiro's most popular value restaurants. The Fellini is lively and welcoming and here you can choose from a buffet of international dishes including sushi and an oyster bar. You only pay for the portion you select.

Address: Rua General Urquiza, 104, Leblon, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2511 3600

Internet: www.fellini.com.br

Fazendola

With its wooden furniture and home made dishes the Fazendola is styled to capture a traditional Brazilian country eatery. The restaurant serves local dishes made from fresh ingredients as well as pizza and international

la carte.

Address: Rua Jangadeiros 14B, Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2247 9600
Internet: www.fazendola.com.br

Zot Gastrobar

There are many people who consider this restaurant the best one in Rio de Janeiro. Zot Gastrobar serves contemporary food in a relaxed atmosphere. This place has an excellent wine list and it will probably not disappoint you.

Address: R. Bolivar, 21 Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 3489 4363

Hachiko Contemporâneo

This restaurant combines modern cuisine with ancient oriental food. Hachiko Contemporâneo serves true contemporary Japanese food with the essential elements of cooking: tradition, wisdom, harmony and balance.

Address: Travessa do Paco 10 Centro, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2533 6366
Internet: www.hachiko.com.br

Braseiro da Gavea

This restaurant is located in a busy area and is claimed to be one of the best grilled food restaurants in Rio de Janeiro.

Address: Praça Santos Dumont, 116 Gávea, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2239 7494
Internet: www.braseirodagavea.com.br

Deli Bizarra

If you are craving a typical New York meal, Deli Bizarra is the right place to be. This restaurant serves pizza as well as pasta, salads and other specialties.

Address: Rua Doutor Marques Canario 24, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2137 8121

Riso

This modern restaurant has a wide range of food in its

menu and live music while eating. This is a place you should come to for a meal in a modern interior with a superb ambiance.

Address: Rua Anibal de Mendonca, 175, Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2147 8259
Internet: www.riso.art.br

Lagoon

Lagoon is a large complex full of restaurants, events and a cinema. On the second floor there are six different restaurants to choose from, one for each taste. The six restaurants are: Guiseppe Grill, Gula Gula, Pax Delícia, Quadrifoglio, San Remo and Empório Gourmet Show.

Address: Av. Borges de Medeiros 1424, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2529 5300
Internet: www.lagoon.com.br

ORO

The restaurant is inspired by all the different flavours of Brazilian food. If you want to you can try their different tasting menus. The tasting menus will take you on a culinary journey through Brazil and all the different gastronomic sources from around the country.

Address: Rua Frei Leandro, 20 - Jd. Botânico Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 7864 9622
Internet: www.ororestaurante.com

Zaza Bistro Tropical

At Zaza Bistro Tropical you will find yourself in an iconic corner of Ipanema where the restaurant has been located since 1999. You should come here if you like healthy food since they especially opt for organic foods.

Address: Rua Joana Angelica, 40, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2247 9101
Internet: www.zazabistro.com.br

Olympe

All the French food lovers should pay a visit to the French restaurant Olympe. This restaurant is truly amazing according to its customers and it has a good ambiance

and beautifully presented dishes. It could be a good idea to make reservations before visiting.

Address: Rua Custodio Serrao 62, Lagoa, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2539 4542
Internet: www.claudetrisgros.com.br

CAFES



Photo: Eduardo Otubo

In true Rio de Janeiro spirit, the city's cafés are often elaborate venues with a wide range of beverages and pastries or light snacks on offer for you to enjoy.

Confeitaria Colombo

Full of Belle Époque charm this lavish Art Nouveau café is located in the heart of old Rio de Janeiro. It serves a range of cakes, pastries, light snacks and a selection of teas. Be sure to take the 5pm High Tea. There is another branch of this popular cafe on the harbour side.

Address: Rua Gonçalves Dias 32, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2505 1500
Internet: www.confeitariacolombo.com.br

Café Hum

The Café Hum is a charming coffee shop that serves rich Brazilian blends as well as cappuccino and espresso, accompanied by delicious homemade cakes, sandwiches, waffles and pastries.

Address: Rua Visconde de Pirajá, 580, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2239 2849
Internet: www.cafehum.com.br

Da Casa da Tata

The elegant café Da Casa da Tata is known for its large selection of lavish cakes, breads, desserts and light Carioca style lunches. Try the local beef stew dish called feijoada.

Address: Rua Professor Manoel Ferreira, 89 Gavea, Rio de Janeiro
Opening hours: Open for breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea
Phone: +55 21 2511 0947
Internet: www.dacasadatata.com.br

Talho Capixaba

This café/deli serves bread, sandwiches and much more. Talho Capixaba is a good place to visit for all occasions and is popular among its guests.

Address: Avenida Ataulfo de Paiva, 1022, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 22 2512 8760
Internet: www.talhocapixaba.com.br

Cafecito

At Cafecito you can have a good cup of coffee, or more, in a relaxed atmosphere. At this café you can have high quality coffee made by skilled baristas.

Address: Rua Paschoal Carlos Magno, 121, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2221 9439
Internet: www.cafecito.com.br

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: Mike Vondran

Almost all areas of Rio de Janeiro have a lively nightlife scene with the samba being the music of choice. If you add great restaurants and sunsets into the equation, such as those at Arraial do Cabo, then you have the ingredients for a perfect evening.

Caroline Café

Housed in an elegant townhouse near the Jardim Botânico, this evening venue has soft music, sushi and great cocktails. It is usually full of Rio de Janeiro's beautiful people.

Address: Rua J J Seabra 10, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Open Mon-Fri from 4pm-2am. Thu, Fri and Sat from 4pm

Phone: +55 21 2540 0705

Internet: www.carolinecafe.com.br

Arco Iris da Lapa

This is one of the liveliest city centre venues. Arco Iris da Lapa is known for its music, snacks and good beer.

Address: Avenida Mem de Sá 72, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2253 8908

Internet: www.lanalapa.com.br

Casa Rosa

Housed in a pink-washed traditional building, the Casa Rosa offers dancing, snooker, light meals, drinks and the chance to chill with friends.

Address: Casa Rosa Centro Cultural Rua Alice, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 3079 0550

Internet: www.casarosa.com.br

Clandestino Bar

Clandestino Bar is a lively venue close to the Copacabana beach. This is a bar that serves a vast selection of local and international drinks as well as light snacks with considerable flair.

Address: Rua Barata Ribeiro, 111 Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 3798 5771

Zero Zero

Pay a visit to the lively, dimly lit and contemporary-styled nightclub in the Gavea district of Rio de Janeiro. Zero Zero is often known as 00 and has music, dancing, cocktails, drinks as well as light meals.

Address: Avenue Padre Leonel Franca, 240 Gavea, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2540 8041

Internet: www.00site.com.br

Palaphita Kitch

Palaphita Kitch is usually buzzing and is a popular place with the locals as well as visitors. You can enjoy drinks and dancing in the outdoor seating areas with a fabulous view over the bay.

Address: Av. Epitácio Pessoa, Logoa, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2227 0837

Internet: www.palaphitakitch.com.br

Alcazar

If you stroll alongside the Copacabana beach you will be sure to find Alcazar, a large and lively bar-cum-restaurant. It is always buzzing with people of all ages and a popular meeting place for the trendy set.

Address: Avenida Atlântica 3530, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2521 0799

SHOPPING



Photo: Brazil28

Shopping in Rio de Janeiro will be an experience. For top-notch clothes and accessories head for the Rua Visconde de Pirajá that runs parallel to the beach in Ipanema. Another good street for shopping, especially for crafts, is the Feira de São Cristóvão in the north of the city.

A few of the greater shopping malls are The Fashion Mall in the Estrada da Gávea and São Conrado that has nearly 150 upmarket shops plus restaurants and cinemas while the Barra Shopping complex in Avenue das Americas, Barra da Tijuca is one of the city's largest.

For enthusiasts of markets, and especially those that specialise in antiques, head for the Rua do Lavradio which is close to the Praça Tiradentes. Every first Saturday of the month it hosts the Feira do Rio Antigo that is a huge, bustling antique market where everything from books to lamps can be found. Make a day of it as there are plenty of restaurants to grab a bite to eat and live bands playing the samba if you fancy a dance. Another market that should capture your attention is the Feira Hippie in Praça General Osório, Ipanema. Here you will find handicrafts, art, unusual clothes and leather goods.

A little out of town is the charming Búzios, a former fishing village that is known for its great speciality shops along the Rua das Pedras. Shop here for exquisite designer goods, sweets and jewellery.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Photo: mark goble

In a big city like Rio de Janeiro you will have no problems finding something that suits your preferences. There are plenty of alternatives near the beach and many hotels have a roof-top pool overlooking the ocean.

Copacabana Palace

This is probably the most famous hotel in Rio de Janeiro and has been welcoming the rich and famous for decades. It is located right on the beach and offers luxurious guestrooms, a spa, top-notch restaurants and a great view of the city.

Address: Avenida Atlântica 1702, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2548 7070

Internet: www.copacabanapalace.com.br

Sofitel Rio de Janeiro

With a view over the bay and Sugarloaf mountain, with Copacabana Beach in one direction and the lively Ipanema in the other, Sofitel Rio de Janeiro is truly located in the heart of the city's action. The hotel oozes luxury throughout and offers many leisure activities and a gourmet cuisine.

Address: Avenida Atlantica, 4240, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2207 0002

Internet: www.sofitel.com

Windsor Palace Hotel

This is a modern hotel within a few minutes walk from Copacabana beach and the city's main attractions. Windsor Palace offers a rooftop swimming pool, an

intimate restaurant serving Brazilian and International cuisine, a bar, business centre and well-equipped guestrooms.

Address: Rua Domingues Ferreira 6, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2195 6600
Internet: www.windsorhoteis.com.br

Mirasol Copacabana Hotel

With views over Copacabana Beach in one direction and Christ the Redeemer in the other, relaxing in the Mirasol Copacabana makes you feel as if you are in the heart of Rio. This hotel is a convenient place to stay and offers an atmospheric bar, the Riazor, restaurant, gym and contemporary guestrooms.

Address: Rua Rodolfo Dantas 86, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2123 9292
Internet: www.mirasolhotel.com.br

El Misti Rio Hostel

Located in the heart of the action in Copacabana, this hostel style hotel offers both private and shared accommodation. Guest rooms are well presented and equipped, and include a laptop connection. Breakfast is served in its own eatery, while cocktails are prepared in the 'chill-out' lounge to the sounds of samba.

Address: Travessa Frederico Pamplona 20, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2547 0800
Internet: www.elmisticopacabana.com

Mar Ipanema Hotel

Located in a convenient location in the heart of Ipanema, also called the "Charm Quarter", the Mar Ipanema Hotel is ideal for sightseeing and is only 100 meters away from Ipanema beach, restaurants and shops. All the 86 pleasingly presented guestrooms have wireless and high-speed Internet.

Address: R. Visconde de Pirajá 539, Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 3875 9191
Internet: www.maripanema.com.br

Hotel Santa Teresa

Hotel Santa Teresa is a beautiful design concept hotel. The hotel is located in historical Santa Teresa and was inspired by "the golden ages of coffee and cocoa". In the hotel area there are amenities such as a pool, garden and lobby.

Address: Rua Almirante Alexandrino 660, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 3380 0200
Internet: www.santa-teresa-hotel.com

Hotel Novotel

Hotel Novotel is a good value hotel and is located in the financial district of Rio de Janeiro. When living at the hotel you will be close to a few major attractions, which is good for all tourists visiting Rio de Janeiro. The hotel is ideal for both business and leisure visitors.

Address: Rua Marechal Camara 300, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 3506 8500
Internet: www.accorhotels.com

Rio Othon Palace

Just within walking distance from Ipanema Beach, Rio Othon Palace is right next to Copacabana beach. Right on the top there is a rooftop pool and you can also find amenities such as a health club and spa in the hotel.

Address: Avenida Atlântica, 3264, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2106 0200
Internet: www.othon.com.br

Promenade Visconti

Ideally situated close to Ipanema Beach, Promenade Visconti is a charming hotel close to shopping areas and restaurants. In the hotel you will find amenities such as a swimming pool, jacuzzi and a sauna.

Address: Rua Prudente De Moraes 1050, Rio De Janeiro
Internet: promenadevisconti-rio.hotel-rez.com

Porto Bay Rio Internacional Hotel

This hotel is situated right on the beach with a stunning view over Copacabana beach. Porto Bay Rio Internacional

is well recognised for its ideal location and roof-top pool.

Address: Av. Atlântica, 1500, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2546 8000
Internet: www.portobay.com

Lapa Hostel

Lapa Hostel is a popular hostel with dormitories in Rio de Janeiro's bohemian district. The hostel is close to numerous bars, restaurants, and nightclubs. The hostel also serves breakfast and offers free WiFi.

Address: Rua do Rezende, 43, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2507 2869
Internet: www.lapahostelrio.com

Atlantis Copacabana Hotel

Only a five minutes walk away from Copacabana and Ipanema you will find Atlantis Copacabana Hotel. At this hotel you can enjoy the roof-top pool and have a drink while watching the sunset over the Atlantic.

Address: Rua Bulhões de Carvalho 61, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2521 1142
Internet: www.atlantishotel.com.br

APA Hotel

If you are staying a few nights in Rio de Janeiro and looking for an affordable accommodation, the APA Hotel is a good choice. This hotel is close to the beach and is surrounded by many restaurants and bars.

Address: Rua República do Peru, 305 Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2548 8112
Internet: www.apahotel.com.br

Pestana Rio Atlantica

This environmentally sustainable hotel is situated on the beachfront. Pestana Rio Atlantica offers drinks and food at the restaurant, and cocktails and music in the lobby bar. The breakfast is served on the roof-top with a panoramic view.

Address: Avenida Atlantica 2964, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2548 6332

Internet: www.pestana.com/br

Windsor Martinique

Windsor Martinique Hotel is a sophisticated hotel only steps away from Copacabana beach. The hotel is located near bars, restaurants and attractions and the staff will welcome you and make your stay in Rio de Janeiro pleasant.

Address: Rua Sá Ferreira, 30 Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2195 5200
Internet: www.windsorhoteis.com.br

EVENTS



Events from Nickes.Com

Botafogo - Deportivo Quito

Copa Libertadores - Round 1: 2/5/2014

Address: Rio De Janeiro, Maracana
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=731288>

One Direction

Address: Rio De Janeiro, Apoteose
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=674095>

Brasilien

VM-Kval 2014: 6/15/2014

Address: Rio De Janeiro, Maracana
Internet: <http://www.nickes.com/sv/EventInfo.aspx?eventid=730812>

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Airport - Galeão International Airport

Most flights arrive into Rio de Janeiro via Galeão International Airport. The airport is located on Governador Island, the largest one in Guanabara Bay, and is located around twenty kilometres from the city centre. The airport is served by a good road network, including the Linha Vermelha and Linha Amarela freeways and Avenida Brasil.

Galeão International Airport has a range of facilities including ATM's, bank, restaurants, telephones, parking and car hire offices.

There are four bus lines (2018, 2101, 2145 and 2918) that run to and from the city centre and Rio's other airport, Santos Dumont Airport. The buses run every ten minutes and journey times can vary depending on the time of day, but allow at least 40 minutes.

For regular taxis there are two companies at the airport, Aerotaxi: +55 21 3398 3163 and Aerocoop: +55 21 3398 3691. There are also VIP taxis available.

Address: Galeão International Airport, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 3398 5050

Internet: www.aeroporto.galeao.net

Airport - Santos Dumont Airport

Santos Dumont Airport is located eight kilometres downtown from Rio de Janeiro. Santos Dumont Airport has a range of facilities, including ATM's, telephones and car hire offices.

There are two bus lines that operate from the airport. Number 2145 runs to Rio de Janeiro International Airport and 2018 runs to Rio de Janeiro International Airport and Alvorada.

There are also taxis and rental cars available.

Address: Santos Dumont Airport, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 3814 7070

Internet: www.aeroporto.santosdumont.net

Metro and bus

Getting around Rio de Janeiro is relatively straightforward. The city is divided into four zones: the South (Zona Sul), Centre (Centro), North (Zona Norte) and the West (Zona Oeste).

You can get around with metro and bus, ônibus, that are both very inexpensive ways to travel and you can also purchase a combination ticket. You can buy tickets and cards at all stations. One single ticket for the metro costs R\$3,20. Be careful of pickpockets during rush-hour!

Internet: www.metrorio.com.br / www.rioonibus.com

Ferries

Ferries run frequently between the mainland and some of the islands. They allow you to take bicycles on board if you wish to explore when you disembark.

Internet: www.grupoccr.com.br/barcas

Taxi

Taxis can be seen everywhere and they are fairly priced, although always use those associated with an accredited company with an identification sticker in the window. Be sure it has a meter before you begin your journey, some drivers might quote you excessive rates at night-time. Taxis are usually found in the designated ranks outside the airport terminal and hotels, and are generally yellow or white coloured. If you feel unsure ask the hotel or restaurant to call you a taxi, that way you can be absolutely sure it is safe.

Nettaxi

+55 21 9136 9784

Aerocoop

+55 21 3078 5050

Aerotaxi

+55 21 2467 7408

Central Táxi

+55 21 2195 1000

Post

There are many post offices around the city in Rio de Janeiro. The name of the national post agency is Correios which means 'post office'. To locate a post office more easily, remember the blue and yellow colours of the post office sign.

Main Post Office:

Address: Rua 1 de Marco 64, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Generally open weekdays 8am-6pm and Saturday mornings

Phone: +55 21 2503 8337

Pharmacy

Rio de Janeiro has a number of pharmacies around the

city. Large pharmacy chains to look for are Drogaria Pacheco, Droga Raia and Drogaria Pop.

Drogaria Pacheco in Copacabana:

Address: Av. Nossa Senhora de Copacabana 534, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Drogaria Pacheco in Copacabana is open around-the-clock

Phone: +55 21 3208 4600

Internet: www.drogariaspacheco.com.br/index.php /
www.drogaraiacom.br / www.drogariapop.com.br

Telephone

Country code: + 55

Area code: 21

Electricity

110V or 120V, AC, 60 Hz, European plugs with two circular pins or Japanese-style plugs with two perpendicular flat blades. Some hotels have 220V outlets.



Avenida 13 de Maio	C2 C3	Praça Est da Guanabara	C2	Rua do Passeio	C3
Avenida Almirante Barroso	C2 C3	Praça Floriano	C3	Rua do Rezende	A3 B3
Avenida Augusto Severo	C3 C4	Praça Henrique Lage	C2	Rua do Rosário	B2 C2
Avenida Barão Tefé	A1	Praça Jornal de Comercio	A1	Rua do Senado	A3
Avenida Beira Mar	C4	Praça João Pessoa	B3	Rua Dom Gerardo	B1 C1
Avenida Churchill	D3	Praça Mauá	B1	Rua dos Andradas	B2
Avenida Franklin Roosevelt	D3	Praça Pio X	C1	Rua dos Arcos	B3
Avenida General Justo	D2 D3	Praça Tiradentes	B2	Rua dos Inválidos	A3 B3
Avenida Gomes Freire	B3	Praça Virgilio de Melo Franco	D3	Rua Evaristo da Veiga	B3 C3
Avenida Graça Aranha	C2 C3	Rua 7 de Setembro	B2 C2	Rua Francisco	B3 B4
Avenida Henrique Valdares	A3	Rua Alexandre Mackenzie	A1 A2	Rua Frei Caneca	A3
Avenida Infante Dom Henrique	C3 C4	Rua Almirante Alexandrino	A4 B4	Rua Gonçalves Dias	B2 C2
Avenida Marechal Camara	D2 D3	Rua André Cavalcanti	A3 A4	Rua Hermenegildo de Barros	B4
Avenida Marechal Floriano	A2 B2	Rua Araújo Porto Alegre	C3	Rua Jardel Jercolis	D3
Avenida Mem de Sá	A3 B3	Rua Arce	B1	Rua Joaquim Murtinho	B4
Avenida N S de Fátima	A3 A4	Rua Assembléia	C2	Rua Leandro Martins	B1 B2
Avenida Nilo Pécanha	C2	Rua Benjamin Constant	B4	Rua Luis de Camúes	B2
Avenida Passos	B2	Rua Bento Ribeiro	A1 A2	Rua Marechal Aguinaldo C de Castro	C2 D2
Avenida Presidente Antonio Carlos	C2 C3	Rua Camerino	A1 B1	Rua Monte Alegre	A4
Avenida Presidente Kubitschek	C2 D2	Rua Candido Mendes	B4 C4	Rua Murtinho Nobre	B4
Avenida Presidente Vargas	A2 B2	Rua Cardeal Sebastião Leme	A4	Rua México	C3
Avenida Presidente Wilson	C3	Rua Carlos Sampaio	A3	Rua Regente Freijo	B2
Avenida Republica do Paraguai	B2 B3	Rua da Alfândega	A2 B2 C2	Rua República do Libano	A2
Avenida República do Chile	B3	Rua da Carioca	B2 C2	Rua Riachuelo	A3 B3
Avenida Rio Branco	B1 C2 C3	Rua da Conceição	B1 B2	Rua Sacadura Cabral	A1 B1
Avenida Rodrigues Alves	B1	Rua da Constituição	A2 B2	Rua Santa Christina	B4
Avenida Venezuela	A1 B1	Rua da Glória	C4	Rua Senador Dantas	C3
Campo de Santana	A2	Rua da Lapa	C3 C4	Rua Senador Pompeu	A1
Ladeira de Santa Teresa	B3 B4	Rua da Relação	B3	Rua Senhor dos Passos	A2 B2
Ladeira do Castro	A4	Rua da Visconde Gávea	A1 A2	Rua Silvio Romero	B3 B4
Ladeira Pedro Antônio	A1 B1	Rua de Buenos Aires	A2 B2 C2	Rua Teófilo Otoni	B1 B2 C1
Praça 15 de Novembro	C2	Rua de Santa Luzia	C3 D2 D3	Rua Uruguaiana	B2
Praça Cardeal Câmara	B3	Rua Dias de Barros	B4	Rua Visc do Rio Branco	A2 B2
Praça Cristiano Otoni	A2	Rua do Jogo da Bola	A1 B1	Rua Visconde Inhaúma	B1 C1
Praça Cruz Vermelha	A3	Rua do Lavradio	B3	Rua Washington Luis	A3
Praça da República	A2	Rua do Monte	A1	Rue 1.de Marco	C1 C2
Praça do Expedicionario	C2 D2	Rua do Oriente	A4	Rue Gonçalves Ledo	B2
Praça dos Estivadores	A1	Rua do Ouvidor	B2 C2		