

BRAZIL

Discovered in 1500 when Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral landed at Porto Seguro, the country of Brazil is larger than the whole of Western Europe. United by a strong sense of national identity and with an innate optimism and sense of fun, Brazilians of Portuguese, African, European and Japanese descent share a love of music, dance and football, and work together to create a dynamic modern country which currently boasts the seventh largest economy in the world.

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The Amazon

The vast Amazon basin with the world's largest rainforest covers more than one third of the country, and is home to an huge variety and abundance of flora and fauna.

Landscape

The remaining two thirds of Brazil include the green, hilly state of São Paulo, the plains and beaches of the Northeast region, the Pantanal birdwatching sanctuary and the extensive waterfalls of Iguassú set in



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subtropical forest. The whole coastline is a series of glorious palm-fringed beaches, bays dotted with tropical islands, and secluded coves lined with lush forest.

Culture

Brazil's history is one of boom and recession; gold, diamonds, coffee and rubber all generated immense wealth - and poverty. This wealth is reflected in a remarkable array of colonial architecture, painting and sculpture that can be appreciated

throughout Brazil - but particularly in Salvador and the Northeast region, and in the states of Rio de Janeiro and Minas Gerais.

Entertainment

A visit to Brazil will delight any traveller; the food offers a variety of tropical recipes and exotic fruits, while the warm and friendly people love to dance to their beloved Afro-Brazilian rhythms. It is hard to remain untouched by their contagious *joie de vivre*.



Carnival in Rio de Janeiro



BRAZILIAN LANDSCAPES

The people reflect a blend of origins, a rich cultural heritage and diverse landscapes. Experience life in the Amazon rainforest, admire the colonial architecture, enjoy vibrant, cosmopolitan cities and magnificent waterfalls on this extensive tour of Brazil. Enjoy excellent cuisine, sophisticated hotels and unique music and arts.

Days 1-3 Daytime flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening, and transfer to your hotel for 3 nights. Full day tour to the statue of Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado Mountain, and to see the old centre of Rio, the Imperial Palace and the Cathedral. Day 3 is at leisure. (B)

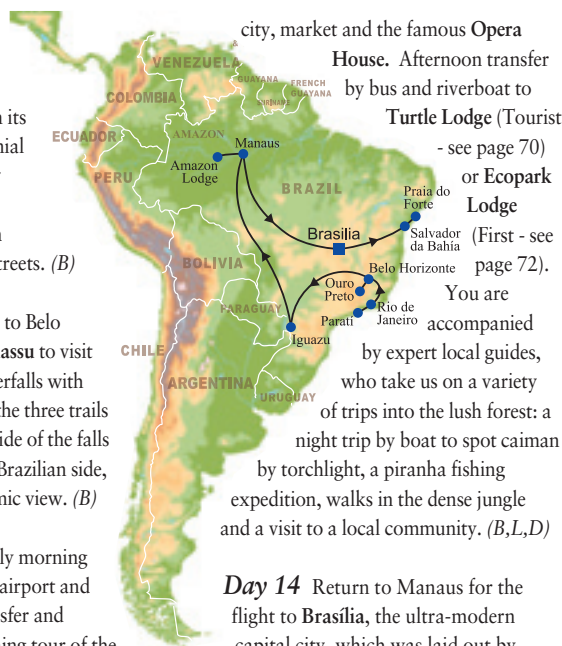
Days 4-5 A scenic journey along the coast to the delightful village of Parati, with its beautifully renovated colonial houses and cobbled pedestrian streets. Spend a relaxing day on a schooner in the glorious bay dotted with tropical islands, stopping to snorkel in secluded coves where thick forest reaches right down to the edge of the beach. (B)

Days 6-7 Early morning return to Rio for the flight to Belo Horizonte, then drive to the historic city of Ouro Preto. Set in the heart of Minas Gerais, a state

famed for its deposits of gold and gems, the city's wealth is reflected in its museums, fine colonial buildings and richly decorated baroque churches, resting on charming cobbled streets. (B)

Days 8-9 Return to Belo Horizonte, fly to Iguassu to visit the magnificent waterfalls with ample time to walk the three trails on the Argentinian side of the falls plus the trail on the Brazilian side, with a wide panoramic view. (B)

Days 10-13 Early morning transfer back to the airport and fly to Manaus. Transfer and overnight. (B) Morning tour of the



city, market and the famous Opera House. Afternoon transfer by bus and riverboat to Turtle Lodge (Tourist - see page 70) or Ecopark Lodge (First - see page 72). You are accompanied by expert local guides, who take us on a variety of trips into the lush forest: a night trip by boat to spot caiman by torchlight, a piranha fishing expedition, walks in the dense jungle and a visit to a local community. (B,L,D)

Day 14 Return to Manaus for the flight to Brasília, the ultra-modern capital city, which was laid out by architect Oscar Niemeyer in the form of a bent bow and arrow. Overnight. (B)

Days 15-17 Morning tour of Brasília then fly on to Salvador da Bahia, a city of contrasts where Catholicism, Orixas Deities and Candomblé, live side by side. The city's exotic cuisine and the unique Axe rhythms of the Northeast reflect the strong African influence. Our tour explores this fascinating city: its markets, its churches and the colourful architecture of the colonial district of Pelourinho.

Days 18-20 Transfer to the beach village of Praia do Forte for 3 nights at

The Samba Tour

20 night itinerary:

Rio - 3 nights
Parati- 2 nights
Ouro Preto - 2 nights
Iguassu - 2 nights
Manaus - 1 night
Amazon lodge - 3 nights
Brasília - 1 night
Salvador - 3 nights
Praia do Forte Beach - 3 nights

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Brasília Day 14

the Tivoli Resort (B,D) (First, page 61), or Pousada in the Village (B), (Tourist), for a well deserved rest by the sea, the long empty beach and the coconut groves. The fishing village has a slow, laid back atmosphere with some restaurants on the beach, shops, a few bars and art galleries. Depart on Day 21 for our flight home, arriving the following day, Day 22.

The Samba Tour departs everyday - 22 days INCLUDING: 20 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, English-speaking guides, transport and meals (L,D) as shown on the itinerary. See pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

Salvador da Bahia Days 15-17



PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES - Departure everyday

	Tourist			First		
	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room
SAMBA Tour						
1 Jan - 30 June, 17 Aug-16 Dec	£6442	£4406	£5489	£8011	£5445	£6676
1 July - 16 Aug, 17 Dec - 31 Dec	£6567	£4531	£5614	£8136	£5570	£6801

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FLIGHTS on TAP AIR PORTUGAL departing from London, Internal Flights and Taxes, are included. UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: £1589 in High Season / £1483 in Low Season; British Airways on request.

HOTELS used, descriptions and photographs on our website, veloso.com/samba

TAILOR-MADE SERVICE: Please enquire for a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements. We can combine hotels, change route, excursions and we can offer Triple Rooms, Suites and Deluxe Hotels.

RAINFOREST, MODERN & COLONIAL BRAZIL

The Tamboril Tour

12 night itinerary:

Rio - 3 nights

Iguassu - 2 nights

Manaus - 1 night

Amazon Lodge - 3 nights

Salvador - 3 nights

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Iguassu, Days 4-5

Days 1-3 Departure on a daytime flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel for 3 nights. Tour of the city, including Rio's famous landmark, the **statue of Christ the Redeemer**, perched high on Corcovado mountain, for dramatic views of the city, the Bay and its famed beaches. (B)

Days 4-5 Fly to **Iguassu Falls**, to admire the magnificent waterfalls, surrounded by tropical forest. Full day to walk the three trails on the Argentinian side of the falls plus the trail on the Brazilian side, with a wide panoramic view. (B)

Day 6 Early morning flight to **Manaus** for 1 night. Our half day tour includes a visit to the local market and grandiose **Opera House**, a monument to the sheer extravagance and highbrow European tastes of the late nineteenth century. (B)

Days 7-9 Boat trip via the Meeting of the Waters, where the River Solimões and River Negro join, to **Turtle Lodge** (see page 70) Tourist class or **EcoPark Lodge** (see page 72) in First class. Expert local guides take us on a variety of excursions into the rainforest, including a night boat trip to spot caiman by torchlight, piranha

Experience a wide variety of landscapes, lifestyles and a unique colonial history that kept Brazil united.

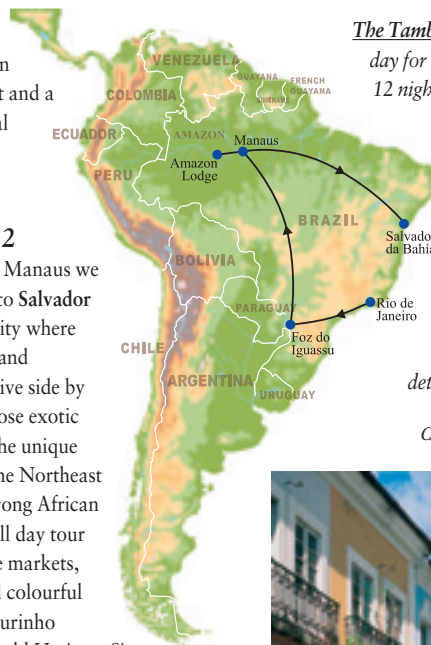
Visit cosmopolitan cities, the vast Amazon rainforest, a stunning coastline, magnificent Iguassu waterfalls, diverse cultures and a fascinating Royal heritage.

fishing, jungle treks in the rainforest and a visit to a local community. (B,L,D)

Days 10-12

Returning to Manaus we take a flight to **Salvador da Bahia**, a city where Catholicism and Candomblé live side by side, and whose exotic cuisine and the unique rhythms of the Northeast reflect the strong African influence. Full day tour exploring the markets, churches and colourful colonial Pelourinho district, a World Heritage Site, with cobbled streets, bordered by brightly painted houses and street cafés. (B)

Day 13 Return flight overnight, arriving on Day 14 or stay on longer to visit more of Brazil or unwind at a Beach Resort shown on pages 56-58 and pages 61-65.



The Tamboril Tour departs every day for 14 days INCLUDING: 12 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, English-speaking guides, transport and meals as shown. Please refer to pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

Colourful Pelourinho district in Salvador, Days 11 - 12



PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES - Departure everyday

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	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room
TAMBORIL Tour						
1 Jan - 30 June, 17 Aug - 16 Dec	£4095	£2897	£3608	£4760	£3478	£4029
1 July - 16 Aug, 17 Dec - 31 Dec	£4220	£3030	£3733	£4885	£3603	£4154

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RIO DE JANEIRO



The natural setting of Rio de Janeiro is stunning.

The beaches, the bay and the lagoon are all flanked by huge granite peaks which punctuate the landscape; and the statue of Christ the Redeemer which looks over the city, embracing it with open arms.

The Portuguese Royal Family lived in Rio for thirteen years from 1808, enriching the Arts, Culture and Architecture. The Municipal Theatre, Brazil's National Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, The Paço Imperial, and the Museum of the Republic provide a fascinating historic perspective into Brazil's development as a united country and rich cultural life.

Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana, Leblon and Ipanema beaches are a magnificent sight in themselves, and you can spend hours walking along the famous promenade, watching the local "cariocas" of all ages, as they jog, stroll, play football, beach volleyball, sunbathe and socialise.

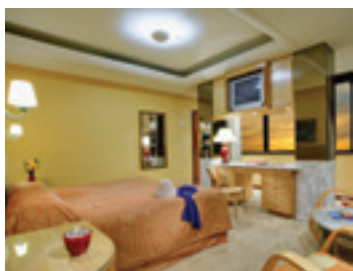
There are trendy shops, sophisticated restaurants with excellent cuisine, local street bars serving fresh tropical fruit juices, and cafes where you can enjoy Brazilian music and dancing. You can also sit by the sea at the Copacabana Fort, visit art galleries, climb mountains, take walks in the forest, and enjoy a variety of excursions in and around the city to keep you busy exploring for days on end.



RIO DE JANEIRO HOTELS

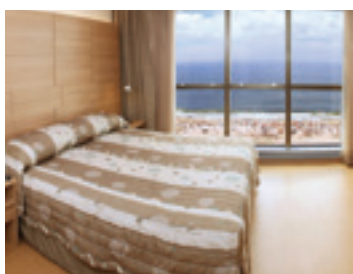
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Excelsior First



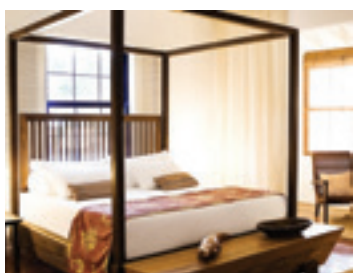
Facing Copacabana Beach, this hotel has 233 modern rooms with air-conditioning, and en-suite bathroom. Like many hotels in Rio, the standard rooms face the city, and superior rooms face the beach. On top of the hotel there is a swimming pool and bar, with great views of the beach, the bay and the statue of Christ.

Arena Copacabana First



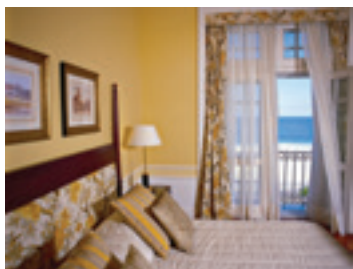
The Arena is an excellent choice, new, modern and located in the centre of Copacabana beach, the decoration is light, with 135 comfortable and spacious rooms, fully equipped with WiFi, air-conditioning and sound proof windows. The top floor terrace, pool and sauna, have a panoramic view of the beach and the ground floor restaurant serves international cuisine.

Santa Teresa Deluxe



Located in the historic Santa Teresa district and part of the cities historic preservation, the hotel has a garden and a large terrace with a bar. The Relais & Chateaux standard is visible throughout. There are 44 sophisticated rooms some with balcony and views over the city. It has an excellent restaurant, swimming pool and spa.

Copacabana Palace Deluxe



This grand, traditional hotel has welcomed the rich and famous since 1923, and stands right on Copacabana Beach. Part of the Orient Express group, it has 222 spacious, modern rooms with 24-hour room service and is fully air conditioned. Most rooms are in the main listed building. There is a large swimming pool, a modern spa and health club, a tennis court and two gourmet restaurants.

Sofitel Rio Deluxe



The Sofitel Rio occupies an excellent location at one end of Copacabana, close to Ipanema, the Fort and opposite a small fishing market. Breakfast is served in a restaurant with a terrace above tree height, looking out to the beach. This more than makes up for the small pool. The rooms have a stylish decor and are well equipped. The deluxe rooms have private balconies with a wonderful view of the sea.

Additional Hotels available in Rio:

In Copacabana : Windsor Palace, Pestana Atlantica, Othon, Miramar, Mar Palace, Vilamar ; *In Santa Teresa* : Mama Ruiza, Casa Cool Beans, Relais & Chateaux ; *In Leblon* : the Marina & Marina All Suites; *In Ipanema* : Ceasar Park, Praia Ipanema, Ipanema Inn, Sol Ipanema.

Porto Bay First



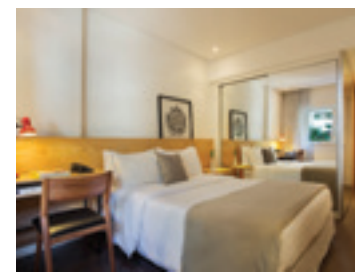
Situated overlooking Copacabana Beach, its 117 rooms are decorated in modern style with balconies and side views of the beach and ocean, central air conditioning. The rooftop bar is next to the outdoor swimming pool, sun terrace, fitness centre and sauna, and has a great view. The hotel has a dedicated beach area with free sun loungers, shower and towels.

Sol Ipanema Tourist



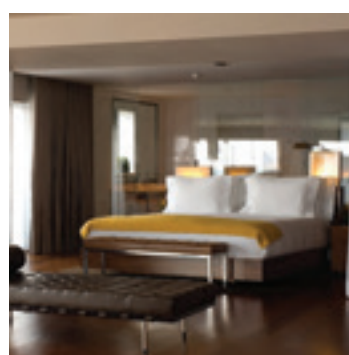
Conveniently located in Leblon, an upmarket area of Rio, and surrounded by lively cafes, trendy shops, restaurants and bars with the beach only a short walk away. All 40 rooms are equipped with air conditioning and internet access. There is a small outdoor pool, gym with sauna and a restaurant serving regional and international cuisine. The decoration is modern and light; an excellent choice to blend with local life.

Ipanema Inn Tourist



The Ipanema Inn has a wonderful location in the trendy residential district of Ipanema with numerous shops, bars and restaurants and only 300 metres from the Beach. All the rooms have private facilities, internet access, air conditioning, cable TV and minibar. Some have private balconies. The restaurant and bar serve Brazilian specialities and exotic local drinks.

Fasano Deluxe



The Fasano is Rio's best trendy hotel, and is located on Ipanema Beach, close to Copacabana and the Fort. It has 81 rooms and 10 suites, all with private terrace, Wi-Fi and marble bathroom. The decoration includes artworks from the 1950s and 60s. The rooftop pool, restaurant, lobby bar and lounge with live music are a magnet for Rio de Janeiro's trendy socialites.

PRICES for 4 days • 3 nights

NO OF TRAVELLERS SEASONS*	1 SINGLE	2 SHARING	EXTRA NIGHT SHARING
EXCELSIOR			
All year*	£766	£383	£97
PORTO BAY			
All year*	£1024	£512	£140
ARENA			
All year*	£856	£428	£112
SANTA TERESA			
All year*	£1366	£683	£197
SOL IPANEMA			
All year*	£844	£422	£110
IPANEMA INN			
All year*	£543	£272	£69
COPACABANA PALACE			
All year*	£1624	£812	£240
FASANO			
All year*	£2149	£1075	£328
SOFITEL RIO			
All year*	£1144	£572	£160

Prices are per person including private transfers to/from Rio airport, accommodation in a standard room, taxes and Breakfast.

*Please enquire for New Year's Eve, special events & Carnival prices. Triple and Deluxe rooms facing the beach and ocean are available upon request.



BRAZIL

EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE:

- **Statue of Christ the Redeemer on Corcovado**
This is a must, the view from the top is stunning and serves as an orientation to the city
- **Botanical Gardens and Sugar Loaf Mountain**
Walk surrounded by tropical trees, then take the cable car and admire the city lights at sunset
- **Historical Rio de Janeiro and Royal Palaces**
Visit the Royal Palaces and discover the imperial history of Rio
- **Trekking in the hills and forests**
Energy and stamina required for unique landscapes and trails beyond the usual views
- **Tropical Islands boat trip**
Schooner trip through the islands of Mangaratiba Bay two hours south of the city
- **Summer Residence of the Emperor & Royal Family at Petropolis**
Discover the palaces and imperial jewels of Don Pedro II, in the hilly interior of Rio state.
- **Classical music, ballet and theatre**
During the season, Rio de Janeiro has a rich cultural life, for which we can provide tickets
- **Football match at Maracana Stadium**
Football fans will enjoy watching a match at the Maracana, the local derby, known as Fla - Flu
- **Art galleries, Paintings & Modern Art**
There are numerous art galleries and a modern art centre for you to visit
- **Rio's Burle Marx Landscape Gardens and Folk Art Museum**
Visit the iconic landscape architect's famous gardens
- **Dance Classes: Forro, Samba, Lambada, Gafieira and Zouk**
We can arrange dance lessons for you to develop your dancing style
- **Rio by Night - City Lights and Live Brazilian Music**
There are numerous restaurants and bars with excellent cuisine, music and local dancing



Football match



Nightlife at Arcos da Lapa



Copacabana beach at night



Old style cafe

VELOSO TOURS GUIDES, YOUR HOSTS IN RIO DE JANEIRO

Our guides are renowned for their knowledge and enthusiasm for life in the city. The guide assigned to you is specially briefed on your interests. We will advise you the name of your host so that you know who is meeting you on arrival at the airport and who will be with you for all the services booked during your stay. Your host and our office are your concierge services for reservations, help and suggestions.



Please refer to pages 12-13: Eugenio Souza



Lisa Graham



Paulo Giffoni





Samba schools parade at the Sambadrome

RIO DE JANEIRO - CARNIVAL & NEW YEAR'S EVE



Magnificent fireworks display on New Year's Eve in Rio de Janeiro

Day 1 Depart London on a direct non-stop flight on British Airways. Other airlines and overnight flights are available, please enquire. On arrival in **Rio de Janeiro**, your guide and transport will meet you, to take you to your chosen hotel staying for 6 nights. The guide will provide an introductory briefing and orientation of the surrounding area. (B)

Day 2 Today we have a full day tour of Rio de Janeiro including the main sights and areas that you would not necessarily find on your own. We go up to old residential area of **Santa Teresa** with great views over the city and large mansions, we visit **Praça XV** and the old centre when the Portuguese Royal Family

lived in Rio de Janeiro, we take the train up to **Corcovado Mountain** with the statue of **Christ the Redeemer** for stunning views of the city, the beaches, the ocean and the **Guanabara Bay**. (B)

Days 3 to 6 Free to explore on your own or take some of the numerous visits and excursions that we offer through our office in Rio de Janeiro and your local guide. They are your hosts for any questions you may have or reservations you would like to make. Please refer to page 54 for additional sightseeing excursions on offer. (B)

Day 7 Transfer to the airport for the flight home, arriving on **Day 8**. (B)

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CARNIVAL - In Rio, Carnival is celebrated with an intense, all-night, parade of Samba Schools at the Sambadrome, displaying elaborate costumes and floats with music and dancing. We collect you in the evening, provide seats for the parade and return in the morning, or you can return every two hours from 2 am onwards.

A more economical choice is to attend the **Winning Samba Schools Parade**, at the Sambadrome, on the Saturday night after Carnival.

Dates are: 24 to 28 February 2017, 9 to 14 February 2018, 1 to 5 March 2019


NEW YEAR'S EVE - Traditionally Rio celebrates with fascinating fireworks and many large bouquets of flowers and candles, floated in the sea as offerings to **Yemanjá**, the diety of the sea, creating a magnificent spectacle. There is live music on large stages set all along **Copacabana Beach** for all night parties.

Add Iguassu Falls for 2 nights

Days 7-9 Transfer to the airport and fly to **Iguassu** staying for two nights at your chosen hotel (Page 67). Day tour visiting the **Argentinian** and **Brazilian** side of the magnificent waterfalls. Transfer to the airport for the flight to **Rio de Janeiro** or **Sao Paulo**, connecting with the overnight flight home, arriving on **Day 10**.

Add Buzios Beach Resort for 3 nights

Days 7-10 Transfer to the trendy beach resort of **Buzios** two hours north of **Rio de Janeiro** and staying at for three nights at your chosen hotel (Page 57). Please contact us for longer stays. Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home, arriving on **Day 11**.



The Carioca Tour

6 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 6 nights

Optional extensions:

Iguassu - 2 nights

Buzios Beach - 3 nights

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PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES - Departure everyday			
	Tourist	First	Deluxe
CARIOCA Tour	Ipanema Inn	Excelsior	Sofitel
1 Jan - 30 June, 17 Aug - 12 Dec	£1577	£1774	£2152
1 July - 16 Aug, 13 Dec - 24 Dec	£1915	£2112	£2490
CARIOCA Tour at CARNIVAL	£2153	£2351	£2786
Also includes Arquibancada seats, Sector 9 for 1 night at the Sambadrome Carnival Parade.			
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FLIGHTS on BRITISH AIRWAYS departing from London and UK Regional Airports and Taxes, are included. UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: £2113 in High Season / £2450 in Low Season; Premium Economy Seat : £514			
HOTELS used, descriptions and photographs on our website, veloso.com/carioca ; Iguassu on page 67, Buzios page 57			
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Parati waterfront

PARATI

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Parati is a charming old colonial town, once the port for the Gold Route from Minas Gerais. The old town retains its original architecture with a fully pedestrianised centre and charming cobbled streets, white-washed houses, brightly painted windows. Several old houses have been converted into art galleries and craft shops, while characterful bars and restaurants offer locally caught fish delicacies. The bay is dotted with tropical islands whose shady forests reach right down to the sandy beaches, while old colonial forts look out from atop rocky outcrops. Take a boat trip to the islands, swim at idyllic beaches and snorkel in the clear waters.

Posada Literaria *Deluxe*

Pousada Literaria occupies a large colonial-era house on the edge of the old town, fully renovated, modernised, and decorated with bright colours and Brazilian art. The atmosphere is relaxed and sociable, and reflects Parati's heritage of arts and culture. There is a swimming pool and large sun-deck in the internal courtyard, as well as a restaurant and connecting book shop.



Street view of Parati



Casa Turquesa *Deluxe*

Located in the historic centre of Parati in front of the docks, Casa Turquesa combines charm and modernity with a fresh and bright colour palette. Designed to make every guest feel at home, there are nine comfortable rooms, individually decorated, with views from their windows of the bay, the surrounding tiled rooftops, the mountains or the dome of the Santa Rita church.



Room at Casa Turquesa

Pousada Sandi *First*

Located in the centre of old colonial Parati, the pousada is surrounded by rich colonial architecture, cobbled streets and is next to the church. The period decoration is simple, charming and homely. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, mini bar and en-suite bathroom. The pousada also has a restaurant and bar, but no swimming pool.



Room at Pousada Sandi

Cairuçu *Private House*

Casa Cairuçu is ideal for people who value privacy, seclusion and a sense of tranquility. Only accessible by a 20 minute boat-ride from Parati, it is inside the Cairuçu Conservation Area with nearby deserted, pristine beaches and fishing communities. It has three bedrooms, dining/sitting room with veranda and maid/cook service.

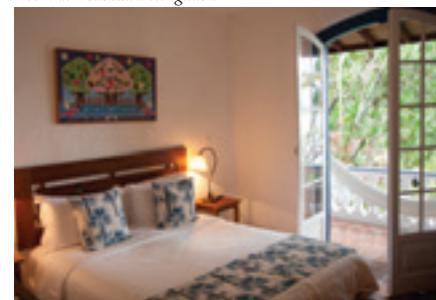


Casa Cairuçu

Picinguaba *Pousada*

Set on a hillside 30 minutes from Parati above a secluded bay, Picinguaba is a hideaway for those who want to be surrounded by lush forest. The decor is simple and colourful, with stylish touches. There is a pool, sun-deck and boat for daytrips, but the only beach is where local fishermen dry their nets.

Room at Pousada Picinguaba



Búzios

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Búzios, famous for its beaches and trendy lifestyle, is located two and a half hours from Rio de Janeiro. Dotted around the peninsula are numerous bays and coves with sandy beaches and crystal clear water. The heart of Búzios is the popular Rua das Pedras, a cobbled street lined with glamorous boutiques, restaurants and bars with live music - great place to hang out. Wealthy and glamorous South Americans come to their villas in Buzios to relax and socialise. It's a great place to enjoy a stroll along the waterfront past the colourful fishing boats.

Pedra da Laguna First

This charming pousada is located in Ponta da Lagoinha, near Ferradura Beach and not far from the village of Búzios itself. The hotel has a stylish decoration, and all rooms are equipped with air conditioning, ceiling fan and a veranda, with a view out to the sea or to the surrounding hills. The pool is spacious for swimming, with drinks and snacks served from the bar, and there's a sun terrace and hammocks in the garden which are perfect for peaceful relaxation. There's also a tennis court and a spa offering a wide range of therapies.

Insolito Hotel Deluxe Boutique

Located on the edge of Ferradura beach, Insólito is a small boutique hotel overlooking Ferradura bay. Each of the 8 rooms and 3 suites is designed around a distinctive theme from Brazilian culture. The whole hotel was designed by the owner as a token of her passion for Brazil. The hotel has two swimming pools, and the restaurant serves a high-class fusion of French and Brazilian cuisine.

Vila D'este Tourist Superior

Pousada Vila D'este is within walking distance of the village of Buzios and the famous Rua das Pedras, and is located on a hill with a panoramic view of the bay. Beautifully decorated in a homely style, with sitting room, dining room and veranda looking perfectly out to sea for a delicious breakfast outdoors. The 15 rooms have air conditioning, minibar, and private bathroom. It also has a bar, a heated pool and Jacuzzi by the steam room.

Casas Brancas First

Overlooking the stunning bay of Buzios, with 32 individually decorated rooms and suites, the pousada boasts elegant Mediterranean architecture. Many rooms have magnificent sea views and some also have private verandas. The interior decoration is stylish yet homely. Relax on the terrace by the small pool and enjoy the delicious food at the restaurant.

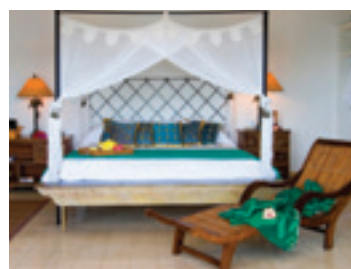
Beachfront at La Borie



Pedra da Laguna



Insolito Hotel



Suite at Vila D'este



Pool at Casas Brancas

La Borie First

Relais La Borie is the only hotel in Buzios located directly on the beach. Geriba beach is a long bay with white sand and closest to the entrance of the peninsula and furthest from the town of Buzios. The 28 rooms are well decorated in a cosy style, there is a bar, restaurant and two swimming pools with a garden area and lawn for sunbathing. There is also a spa, sauna, jacuzzi and beach services.

PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS*	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHTS
PARATI - Pousada do Sandi		
All Year*	£349	£45
PARATI - Casa Turquesa		
All Year*	£616	£134
PARATI - Literaria		
All Year*	£537	£108
PARATI COAST - Cairu House		
All Year*	£730	£172
PICINGUABA - Picinguaba		
All Year*	£622	£136
BUZIOS - Pedra da Laguna		
All Year*	£455	£93
BUZIOS - Insolito		
All Year*	£847	£224
BUZIOS - Vila D'este		
All Year*	£529	£118
BUZIOS - Casas Brancas		
All Year*	£869	£231
BUZIOS - La Borie		
All Year*	£499	£108

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including accommodation and Breakfast, tax, service charge, activities, meals as described and transfers to/from Rio de Janeiro airport or hotels.
*Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.

ILHA GRANDE

web veloso.com/grande

This unspoilt island, an extension of the Emerald Coast's forested mountains, is one of Brazil's largest. A former pirate hideaway, slaving centre and prison, its sandy bays and peninsula now attract gentler visitors. The island boasts virgin, unexplored forest and deserted beaches, with most of the small hotels in the modest but lively fishing village. Enjoy the local restaurants serving excellent seafood. Ilha Grande is the perfect spot for a peaceful getaway or for leisurely activities including sailing, trekking, sea kayaking and snorkelling.



View s from the room at Naturalia

Caicara Tourist

This charming pousada has a privileged position on the sea front just a few steps away from the centre of Villa do Abraao village, and close to the best restaurants. Caicara opened in 2006, it is a small, tranquil and friendly place, whose nine rooms all have their own veranda, air conditioning, ceiling fan, and minibar. The rooms are bright, airy and tastefully decorated. Breakfast is served in a lounge with a stunning view of the bay, and each afternoon, when guests return to the hotel, coffee, tea and biscuits are provided.

Naturalia Tourist

This tiny rustic pousada stands in a quiet corner of Villa do Abraao, where the peace is only disturbed by birdsong and the sound of waves lapping the shore some 60 metres away. Each of the 12 rooms have a wide private veranda with a hammock and a view of the sea - just ideal for an afternoon nap - as well as a ceiling fan, minibar, and a safety deposit box; hot water is provided by solar power and eight rooms are air conditioned. Its ecological credentials include the fact that every stone found on the original plot was preserved and used in the construction, and the wooden pillars



Sailing & exploring Ilha Grande. Lopes Mendes beach, recognised as one of Brazil's most beautiful.



are from sustainably harvested eucalyptus. A wonderful place to soothe body and soul.

PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS*	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHTS
<u>CAICARA</u>		
All Year*	£171	£37
<u>NATURALIA</u>		
All Year*	£152	£31
<u>IBITIPOCA</u>		
All Year*	£1299	£237
<u>TANKAMANA</u>		
All Year*	£423	£87
<u>VARGEM GRANDE</u>		
All Year*	£533	£99

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including accommodation and Breakfast, tax, service charge and transfers to/from Rio de Janeiro to Ilha Grande by shared coach transport and Country Lodges by private transport. *Prices for Triple Room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, special Events Easter and child fares available on request.

COUNTRY LODGES

web veloso.com/riocountry

Inland from Rio de Janeiro there is a mountain range with Fazendas, old style estates with colonial architecture, from the coffee producing days in the late 19 century. Some of these Fazendas are country lodges receiving guests, for you to experience life in the countryside with comfortable, modern facilities, swimming pool, character and activities such as walking and horseriding.

Ibitipoca Deluxe Lodge

The main house, from 1715 was rebuilt in 2006 with 8 sumptuous guest rooms, as well as spa, dining room, sitting room, cosy veranda and all decorated in characterful, colonial style. The stables have Mangalarga and Anglo-Arabian horses. Explore the 4000 hectares of waterfalls, hills and forest, walking, horseriding or 4x4 vehicle. Enjoy the regional cuisine and personal service.



Reserva do Ibitipoca

Tankamana First

Wonderful oriental style quiet, romantic lodge with individual, well appointed bungalows spread over a large property. Walk the trails in the mountains and forest, and enjoy the swimming pool, the lawn and gardens. The restaurant offers excellent cuisine in a cosy setting with panoramic windows with views of the surrounding nature.



Reserva do Ibitipoca

Vargem Grande Lodge

Vargem Grande is a Fazenda from the old days of coffee production, that has been modernised and preserved over the years. The house is from 1837 and the garden is by Roberto Burle Marx. It has 6 rooms with wooden floors in traditional style, a dining room, sitting room and a swimming pool. Activities include walking, viewing the mountain landscapes and horseriding.

COSMOPOLITAN, COLONIAL, EXUBERANT



Praia do Forte, Days 8 to 13

Enjoy the sheer romance of Rio de Janeiro's magical setting, the imposing magnificence of Iguassu Falls, and the colourful blend of Portuguese and African culture in Salvador, before heading to the idyllic tropical beaches of the Bahian coast to unwind by the sea.

Days 1-4 Depart on a daytime flight to Rio de Janeiro. On arrival our guide will take you on a short introductory orientation walk of the surrounding streets and beachfront. The following day you have a tour of Rio including the statue of Christ the Redeemer perched high on Corcovado mountain for dramatic views over the city, the lagoon, the sweep of Guanabara Bay and its beaches. You will also visit the colonial centre, Sambadromo, the cathedral and enjoy a cable car ride to Sugarloaf for sunset as dusk falls and the city lights up. Following days free to explore the city including art galleries and museums, discover the music, cuisine, shopping and local lifestyle or visit Petropolis, Parati or the Tropical Islands. (B)

Days 5-6 Morning flight to Salvador da Bahia. The exotic cuisine, people and culture reflect the influences of colonial history, also seen in the music, painting and literature. Full day guided tour to explore the markets, churches and squares of the Pelourinho district. A World Heritage Site, whose cobbled streets are a centre for galleries, shops and cafés. (B)

Days 7-11 Transfer to Praia do Forte Tivoli EcoResort (B,D) (First, page 61) or Pousada in the Village (B) (Tourist), to experience an idyllic tropical

community on the seafront. Enjoy walking along miles of empty beach, sunbathing, sailing and watersports. Explore the small fishing village with an old church, pedestrian streets, a variety of shops and the turtle conservation project. (B)

Day 12 Transfer to Salvador airport for your return flight, arriving home the following day. (B) (Day 13).

Optional - Iguassu Falls

Days 5-6 Morning flight from Rio to Iguassu Falls for two nights staying at the hotel of your choice, please see price panel on page 67. Visit the thundering waterfalls, surrounded by tropical forest and the Argentinian side for walks among the myriad of islands and trails (B).

Day 7 Continue the tour with the flight to Salvador as per days 5-6.

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR

Departures every day throughout the year

	Tourist	First
No. of travellers	2 Sharing	2 Sharing
Seasons	Double	Double
Low (Jan-Jun, 17Aug-16Dec)	£2046	£2891
High (Jul-16Aug, 17-30Dec)	£2171	£3016

Prices per person including all flights on TAP Air Portugal, including taxes, accommodation, meals as shown, transfers, transport and guided excursions as described on the itinerary. Prices not valid for Christmas, New Year, Easter and Carnival. Upgrade to Business Class from £1483.

Iguassu Extension 2 nights on Page 67 plus flights. Prices are subject to availability at time of booking.

The Paquera Tour

11 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 4 nights

Salvador da Bahia - 2 nights

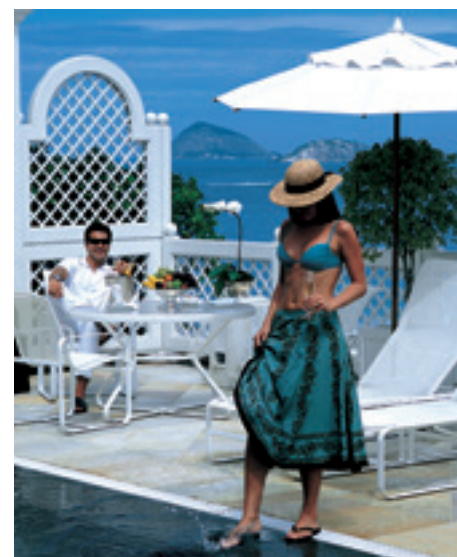
Praia do Forte Beach Resort - 5 nights

Optional Extension - Iguassu Falls - 2 nights

web veloso.com/paquera



Salvador da Bahia, Days 6 and 7



Celebrate in Brazil



Room at Praia do Forte

Salvador da Bahia, Days 6 and 7



SALVADOR DA BAHIA

Photographs and information: [web veloso.com/salvador](http://web.veloso.com/salvador)



In the state of Bahia, Salvador was once the capital of Brazil. It generated huge wealth in the eighteenth century from its plantations of sugar-cane and tobacco. Evidence of this golden era is still visible in the grandiose colonial architecture of the Pelourinho quarter, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. African slaves maintained their rich cultural legacy in the Candomblé, represented by Orixas, deities linked with the natural elements. There is an explosion of creativity in literature, the visual arts - vividly coloured, native paintings; the music with the world-renowned drum troupes of Olodum and Timbalada; in Capoeira - a blend of martial arts and dance; and excellent restaurants serving the delicious regional cuisine using ingredients such as palm oil, coconut milk and coriander. People love life; Bahia is home to a wild carnival where colourful floats carry first class musicians through the streets while people dance to strong Axé rhythms.

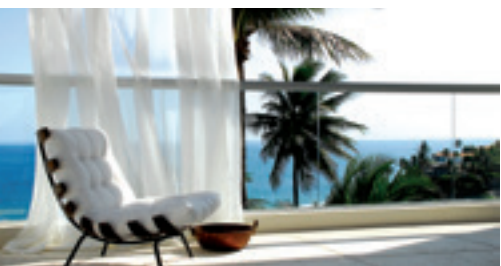


Salvador traditional all-white dress

Historic Tour

The blend of African and Portuguese colonial history is preserved in the churches, architecture and markets. We visit the lighthouse and fort at Barra; the Pelourinho district with colonial buildings, painted in pastel colours, lining the cobbled streets, the Candomblé Orixas Museum and the churches of São Francisco and Bonfim, passing by some arts galleries and the local market.

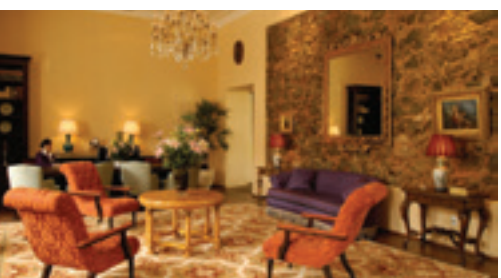
HOTELS IN SALVADOR



Zank



Room at Zank



Convento do Carmo

Zank First

A hip and stylish boutique hotel in the modern bohemian area of Rio Vermelho, consisting of two parts. The Old House has the reception, restaurant and three suites decorated with a mix of baroque, colonial and modern influences and with a lovely view of the ocean. The main building has 17 air-conditioned rooms in cutting edge minimalist style with clean lines and white interiors, all equipped with TV, safe deposit box, minibar and WiFi internet access. There is a sundeck, an infinity plunge pool on the rooftop and a spa.

Casa Amarelindo Tourist

Located in the old Pelourinho area, the hotel has the warm, colourful decoration of Bahia and with 10 comfortable rooms with ceiling fan and air conditioning, bath, CD and DVD player, free WiFi, hair dryer, safe and satellite TV. Breakfast can be taken all day by the pool, the panoramic terrace or the restaurant.



Room at Villa Bahia

Villa Bahia First

Located in the heart of Salvador's historic centre, this restored colonial buildings from the 17th and 18th century, has 17 spacious rooms on three floors with a lift, decorated in charming old colonial style with polished wooden floors. It has a beautiful dining room serving breakfast and Brazilian cuisine, sitting room and a small pool.

Convento do Carmo Deluxe

This former convent, dating back to the 16th century, has 79 rooms equipped with air-conditioning, TV, telephone and minibar. Located in the Pelourinho, old colonial town centre, and with period decoration it has two courtyards with pool, spa with jacuzzi, bar and restaurant.



Villa Bahia

Monte Pascoal Tourist

Located in a modern building close to the lighthouse at Barra, shops and restaurants. All 77 rooms are fully equipped and it has a restaurant serving Brazilian cuisine and a pool.

PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS*	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHTS
<u>ZANK</u>		
All Year*	£260	£64
<u>VILA BAHIA</u>		
All Year*	£340	£91
<u>CASA AMARELINDO</u>		
All Year*	£279	£68
<u>CONVENTO DO CARMO</u>		
All Year*	£393	£106
<u>MONTA PASCOAL</u>		
All Year*	£256	£63

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including breakfast, tax, and transfer from the airport. *Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.



Outdoor Jacuzzi at the Tivoli Eco Resort

PRAIA DO FORTE

web veloso.com/forte

Tivoli EcoResort First

The Setting

Praia do Forte lies 55 kilometres north of Salvador, surrounded by extensive gardens and coconut groves. It has all the clichés required of a tropical paradise: a 12 kilometre long deserted white sandy beach; warm sea of stunning clarity with shallow natural pools and an offshore coral reef; delightful lawns stretching along the coast where you can relax in the shade of swaying coconut palms. There is also a small fishing village with craft shops, art galleries, bars, restaurants and small pousadas, within easy walking distance. What more could one want...?

Accommodation

The carefully designed, two-storey Tivoli EcoResort has 248 rooms built with lots of wood and bamboo giving it a rustic, tropical feel and luxury that blends with the local surroundings. All rooms are air

conditioned with cable TV, minibar and a veranda with hammock overlooking the ocean. There are three swimming pools, restaurants and bars, four tennis courts a children's club, where daily activities are organised by professional carers.

Activities

The wide range of activities include: yoga, sailing, fishing, windsurfing and horse riding. You can walk by the Pojuca River or stroll in the lush Sapiranga forest, where birds, orchids and bromeliads abound. Take a delightful walk to the Garcia D'Avila castle, built in 1552, which dominates a nearby hilltop; or visit the Tamar turtle conservation project.

Thalasso Spa & Fitness Club

The large Spa area has private gardens and pool offering serene tranquility for beauty treatments, massage and fitness.

Additional Pousadas in Praia Do Forte village: Porto da Lua Pousada, Via dos Corais; Beach Hotels further outside: Vila Gale Mares, Iberostar



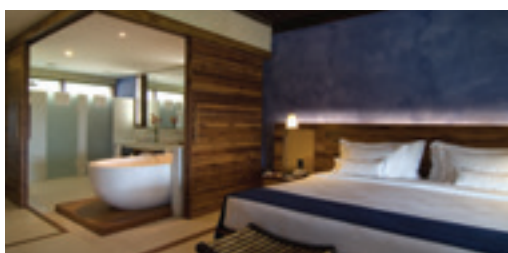
Beach at Tivoli EcoResort



All rooms at ground and first floor with balcony and facing the sea



Room at Tivoli EcoResort



Room at Tivoli EcoResort



Old church in Praia do Forte village

Porto da Lua Tourist

Tropical-style pousada on the edge of the village, with direct access to the beach, and a garden area with palm trees. All 27 rooms have sea view, en-suite facilities, a terrace and hammock. There is a bar and two restaurants, for indoor and beach-front dining.

PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS*	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	ESCAPE	
		7 NIGHTS INCLUDING UK FLIGHTS	EXTRA NIGHTS
Tivoli EcoResort	£618	£2198	£186
Porto da Lua Pousada	£288	£1326	£54

Prices are per person in a Standard room for double occupancy including accommodation, breakfast, (Dinner at Tivoli Resort), taxes and transfers to/from Salvador. *Request Prices for Children, Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter. *ESCAPE price includes return flights from London or Manchester to Salvador on TAP Air Portugal.

BAHIA HEARTLAND

The Diamante Tour

13 night itinerary:

Salvador - 3 *nights* • Chapada (Lençóis) - 4 *nights*

Salvador - 2 *nights* • Morro São Paulo - 4 *nights*

web veloso.com/diamante

Explore pulsating Salvador, with its old colonial and African heritage, hike the rivers and canyons of the remote Chapada Diamantina and unwind on the idyllic beaches of Morro de São Paulo.

São Francisco Church and Pelourinho Square in colonial Salvador da Bahia



Days 1-3 Departure flight for Salvador da Bahia arriving the same day in the evening. Full day tour of this fascinating city with the church of Sao Francisco, extensive colonial architecture and a fascinating blend of African and Portuguese cultures. (B)

Days 4-7 Drive inland through a cattle-rearing plane to Lençóis for four nights. From here we explore the Chapada Diamantina, a remote area of exceptional natural beauty - with tabletop mountains, canyons, waterfalls and vast limestone caves. (B,L)



Views of Pai Inacio in the Chapada Diamantina



Waterfall at Lençóis - hike on Day 6

Our three day walks, led by an expert local guide, include a hike along a dry river bed to a delightful waterfall and a lagoon surrounded by a sheer rock face where we can swim, and a walk to the summit of flat topped Pai Inacio for magnificent views of the countryside, where unique plants and wild orchids grow. The third trip takes us into a huge cave almost a mile long, with an underground lagoon. (B)

Days 8-9 Return to Salvador for two nights, with one day at leisure to explore, enjoy the music or visit art galleries. (B)

Days 10-14 South of Salvador at Valença we board a schooner to sail to the remote tropical island of Morro de São Paulo for four nights to explore and unwind on the beach. Return to Salvador for our overnight flight, arriving home on Day 15. (B)

The Diamante tour departs every week - 15 days **INCLUDING: 13 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, English-speaking guides, excursions, transport and meals as shown. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.**

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR PRICES

Departures every week throughout the year

No. of travellers	Tourist		
	1 Single Traveller	2 Sharing Double	Own Room Option*
Seasons			
Low	£3781	£2538	£3756
High	£3906	£2663	£3881

Low (01Jan-30Jun, 17Aug-16Dec)

High (01Jul-16Aug, 17Dec-30Dec)

Prices per person including all flights on TAP Air Portugal or AIR EUROPA and taxes payable in the UK

Flight departures from London. For most UK regional airports add £80. Upgrade to Business Cabin from £1483

Prices are subject to availability at time of booking.

*Applicable to those who wish to have a room for single occupancy, while travelling together with other passengers.

Tailor-made service: We can prepare a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements



Garimpeiro panning for diamonds



Lençóis' narrow and colourful streets



MORRO DE SÃO PAULO

web veloso.com/morro

Across the bay of Salvador and down the coast, Morro Sao Paulo is an island and village, with an old colonial fort and miles of pristine beaches, a tranquil paradise of swaying palm trees and small farms. There are no paved roads and only a few beach buggies; people wander barefoot on the sandy tracks, walk the coconut groves or trek inland, to the top of the hill and along the coast. The clear, shallow sea waters of the bays are ideal to swim, sunbathe, unwind and snorkel.



Vila Guaiamú First

Set in the cool, quiet shade of rustling coconut palms, this hotel has 22 comfortable air conditioned bungalow/rooms, with TV, minibar and a veranda with hammock. There is a covered terrace with a restaurant and bar, TV lounge and an area for reading and games. Inside the hotel grounds guests can enjoy ecological walks and appreciate the natural beauty of Morro São Paulo.

ITACARÉ, ILHEUS **web** veloso.com/txai

Txai Resort

Deluxe



This luxurious resort is dedicated to comfort and tranquility in a pristine setting of landscaped gardens and lush lawns set among coconut groves along the beach. Lying two hours north of Ilhéus, on the Cacao Coast, the accommodation consists of 10 rooms and 30 spacious bungalows built from local natural materials, mounted on stilts with thatched roofs, wooden balconies and sea views. There is a swimming pool and a restaurant built in traditional Bahian style with a fine view out to sea, serving local cuisine with specialties such as 'moqueca'.

Activities - You can enjoy tennis, surfing, cycling, horse riding and trekking in the Atlantic coastal forest,

kayaking on its rivers and swimming in its freshwater pools. Alternatively visit the small nearby town of Itacaré, an old colonial town whose prosperity was derived from cacao plantations. The coastline here has cliffs and retains large areas of Atlantic forest because cacao requires shade to grow.

Spa - The spa is situated in a serene hilltop retreat with its own pool and panoramic vistas over the beach, coconut groves and sea. It's an ideal setting with Oriental silence to restore your vitality and sense of inner peace through yoga, Japanese baths, massage and other revitalising treatments.



PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS*	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHTS
VILA GUAIAMU		
All Year*	£456	£99
TXAI		
All Year*	£932	£275

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including accommodation, breakfast, tax, and transfers to/from Salvador or Ilheus. *Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.



RECIFE - PORTO DE GALINHAS

web veloso.com/recife

Just an hour south of Recife, Porto de Galinhas is the embodiment of Brazilian beach culture; the laid-back town has a host of small bars and restaurants playing live music and a long beach protected by a reef. Traditional fishing craft known as jangadas can be hired for snorkelling trips to see colourful fish and sea horses.

Nannai *First*

Nine kilometres outside Porto de Galinhas, the rustic, Polynesian-style thatched bungalows of this lovely resort combine style and simplicity. The wonderful beach is sheltered by a reef which creates natural pools of crystal-clear water, while the exotic garden contains thousands of coconut palms. Each air conditioned bungalow has a private pool or jacuzzi, a veranda with an ocean view, a minibar, a safe deposit box, and cable TV. The Nannai has all the services you would expect of an international first class hotel: a restaurant serving fine cuisine, a coffee shop, bars, a games room, tennis court, water sports, a fitness centre, a sauna and a range of activities and excursions. There is also a special area for children.

Armação *Tourist*

Within easy walking distance of Porto de Galinhas, the Armação stands on the beach amidst palm trees and gardens. Its 134 air conditioned rooms all have TV, minibar, safe deposit box and telephone. The decor is bright and modern and there are 3 swimming pools, a beach bar, a restaurant, a bar, a coffee shop and a games room. The various activities on offer include football, volleyball, gymnastics and tennis; massage is also available.

RECIFE - OLINDA

Set on a hill seven kilometres north of Recife, the graceful city of Olinda was once the capital of Pernambuco state. Its wealthy residents embellished it with many ornate churches and colonial mansions. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and every year hosts a boisterous street carnival with colourful costumes that demonstrate great creativity. We suggest you stay at either Pousada do Amparo or Pousada Quatro Cantos.



PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS*	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHT
<i><u>RECIFE - Namai</u></i>		
All year	£746	£211
<i><u>RECIFE - Armação</u></i>		
Jan - Jun	£383	£87
July	£449	£112
Aug - 20 Dec	£375	£87
<i><u>OLINDA - Pousada Amparo</u></i>		
All Year	£227	£53
<i><u>OLINDA - Pousada Quatro Cantos</u></i>		
All Year	£344	£92
<i><u>FERNANDO DE NORONHA - Pousada Maravilha</u></i>		
Jan -Feb ; Aug - 20 Dec	£971	£294
Mar -Jul	£840	£250
<i><u>FERNANDO DE NORONHA - Pousada do Frances</u></i>		
All Year	£672	£194
<i><u>PRAIA DA PIPA-Ponta do Madeiro</u></i>		
All Year	£468	£78
<i><u>PRAIA DA PIPA-Toca da Caruja</u></i>		
All Year	£409	£93

Prices are per person in a Standard Room for double occupancy including accommodation and Breakfast, tax, service charge and transfers from/to Recife or Natal. *Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.





Views of the beach from Hotel Ponta do Madeiro

Ponta do Madeiro Hotel Tourist Superior

Located in a privileged cliff-top position with an unforgettable view along the coast, this is indeed an engaging place. All rooms have private facilities with solar heated water, air conditioning, TV, minibar, telephone, king size bed and a veranda with a hammock. The restaurant serves both regional and international cuisine. There's a swimming pool and a long staircase leads down to Madeiro Beach, where the hotel has its own beach kiosk.



NATAL - PRAIA DA PIPA

web veloso.com/pipa

South of the city of Natal, the coast at Praia da Pipa consists of high cliffs and sheltered coves with beautiful beaches, attracting dolphins and marine turtles, set against a backdrop of lush Atlantic coastal forest. Relax at the cosy cliff top hotels with swimming pools and activities such as snorkelling and trips by beach buggy on the sand dunes. The village has numerous hip bars, good restaurants and arty boutiques that create a special, laid-back atmosphere.



Delicious cuisine of the Northeast

Toca da Coruja First

The 23 rooms and bungalows of this pleasant boutique hotel near the centre of Praia da Pipa are set in a tranquil tropical garden; they are all air conditioned with a fan, minibar, safe deposit box and veranda with hammocks. Facilities include a fusion restaurant, two swimming pools, a gym and a games area. The hotel is within an easy walk of the beach, bars and restaurants. Beach buggies can be hired to explore the Pipa.



FERNANDO DE NORONHA ISLAND

web veloso.com/noronha

This remote archipelago of tiny volcanic islands 350 kilometres out into the Atlantic is a Marine National Park. The crystalline waters contain an abundance of tropical fish, and many endemic and migratory bird species are found here. Numerous empty beaches and isolated bays are perfect for walking; it's not hard to enjoy the tranquility of this pristine natural environment.

Additional Pousadas: Ze Maria, Teju Acu, Solar dos Ventos

Pousada do Frances Tourist

This charming pousada is located just ten minutes walk from the centre of Villa de Rémédios, the island capital, where you will find a selection of local restaurants and the beach of Cachorro. Each of the nine air conditioned rooms has private facilities (hot water shower), a small private terrace with a hammock, and is equipped with television and a DVD player. A private motorboat is available for hire so you can visit the most beautiful spots on the island that are difficult to get to on foot.



Walk along secluded and unspoiled beaches

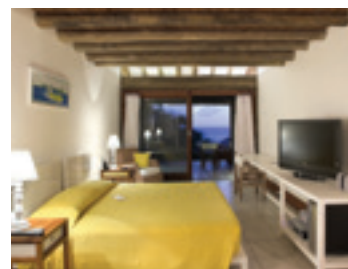
Pousada Maravilha Deluxe

This boutique pousada has eight well-designed bungalows and bedrooms, which all face the sea to guarantee privacy and tranquility. Diving, surfing and windsailing can all be arranged on the spot, and a sauna and massages are also available. The restaurant and bar are perfect places to relax and admire the unparalleled beauty of Fernando de Noronha.



Praia do Sancho

Hire a Beach Buggy to explore Fernando de Noronha



TRAINS OF BRAZIL

Wonders of the South & Luxury Serra Verde Train

3 night itinerary:

Curitiba - 2 nights

Florianópolis - 1 night

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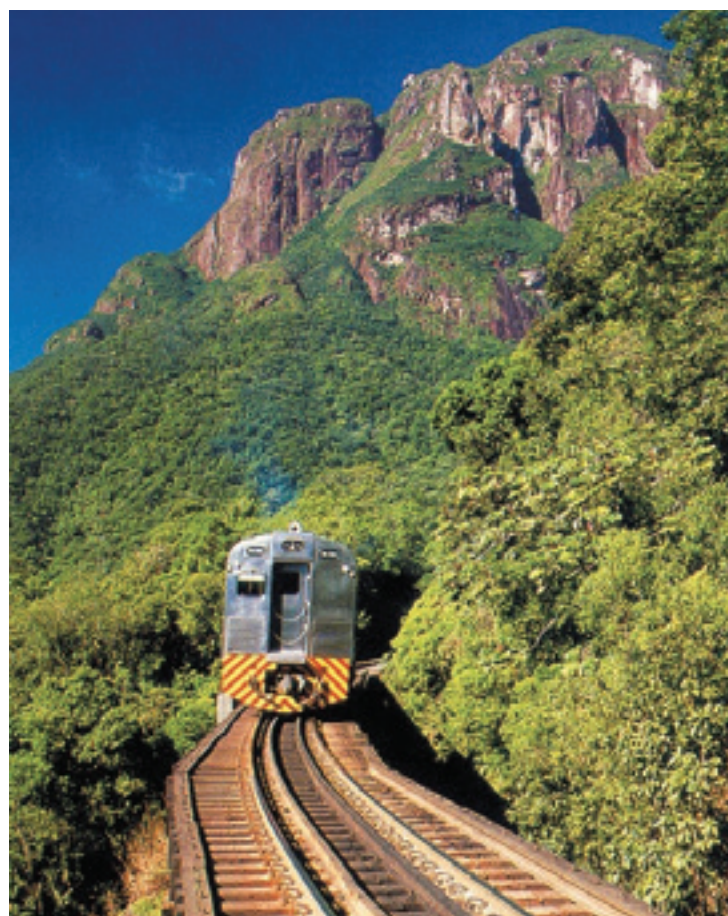
Day 1 On arrival in **Curitiba**, transfer to your hotel for two nights. Afternoon tour of the city with open spaces and modern architecture and including the botanic gardens, museum of Niemeyer and the Opera de Arame. (B)

Day 2 Full day tour by train to the Serra Verde, Mountain Range of Paraná in the luxury Litorina train to the coastal towns of Morretes and Antonina. On arrival in Morretes we have a tour of the city and the narrow streets of Antonina, with its rich cultural and religious traditions. Scenic return to Curitiba by coach. (B,L)

Day 3 Guided transport to the city of **Blumenau**, founded in 1850 by German settlers and surrounded by hills and forests. We visit the city with its typical German architecture and traditional preserved. In the afternoon continue to Florianópolis and overnight. (B)

Day 4 Short tour of **Florianópolis** centre and transfer to the airport. (B)

Please enquire to stay on to unwind for a few days on one of the beautiful Santa Catarina beaches. Please see Ponta dos Ganchos Resort on the facing page 67.



Serra Verde train to Morretes



German heritage in Blumenau

OTHER TRAINS

- *Minas to Vitoria Train*
- *Mountain Train*
- *Pantanal Train*
- *Wine Train*



Santa Catarina island



Luxury Train

PRICES

ALL YEAR* 4 Days • 3 Nights

Wonders of the south

& Luxury Serra Verde Train

2 SHARING DOUBLE ROOM £978

Prices per person including all transport and transfers, accommodation and breakfast, full day train journey in Serra Verde and guided excursions as shown on the itinerary. *Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.



IGUASSU

Magnificent Waterfalls 2 night itinerary:

Foz do Iguassu - 2 nights

web veloso.com/iguassu

Days 1-3 Arrival at Iguassu airport and transfer to your hotel staying for 2 nights. Full day tour, the Brazilian side offers the panoramic view with a long walkway by the river and highest waterfalls. On the Argentinian side you are on top of the falls with trails to explore the stunning natural beauty and lush tropical setting. Following day transfer to the airport.

Bourbon *First*

The Bourbon has a spacious area, excellent facilities, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a health club and two restaurants. It is located on the road between the town and the Iguassu Falls and the best hotel outside the National Park area. There are 300 rooms all with air-conditioning, cable TV and bathroom.



Cataratas Hotel right by the waterfalls

Standard room at the Cataratas Hotel



Recanto Park *Tourist*

Located outside the town of Iguassu and well outside the National Park area, this hotel is excellent value, with 295 fully equipped modern rooms with wooden floors, a restaurant, bar and spacious leisure area with a large swimming pool.

Cataratas *Deluxe*

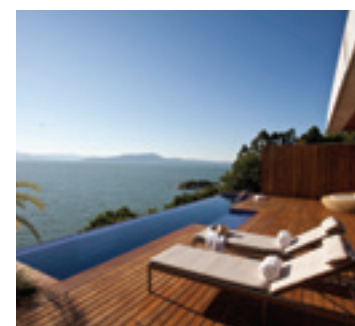
Hotel Belmond das Cataratas is the only hotel right by the waterfalls within the National Park. It is beautifully decorated, character furnishings, polished wooden floors, the rooms are stylish and it has a large swimming pool, two restaurants, bar, shops, tennis courts and a spa.

PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS* 3 Days • 2 Nights

<u>Belmond Cataratas</u>	£633
<u>Bourbon</u>	£488
<u>Recanto Park</u>	£369

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including accommodation, breakfast, tax, National Park fee, transfers to/from the airport at Iguassu and Full day guided excursion to the Brazilian and Argentinian side of the falls. Internal Flights are not included. *Prices for flights, Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter, holidays and child fares available on request.



PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS*	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHTS
<u>Ponta dos Ganchos</u> All year	£826	£237

Prices are per person in a Standard room for Double occupancy including accommodation, breakfast, tax, and transfers to/from Florianópolis Airport. *Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.

FLORIANOPOLIS *Ponta dos Ganchos Resort* *Deluxe*

web veloso.com/floripa

One of The Leading Hotels of the World, this exclusive resort is located one hour's drive from Florianópolis, on a small promontory covered by Atlantic Rainforest. Its small secluded beach and three small islands form a natural pool, ideal for swimming. It offers the personalised warmth of a private house with the sophisticated decor and facilities of a luxury resort. The 25 secluded bungalows, built in wood and stone, have both air conditioning and heating, plus a fireplace, with a king size bed and a veranda facing the sea, some with private plunge pools. There is a Spa and a covered, heated swimming pool, games room, cinema, tennis court and helipad. The hotel also has two bars and an excellent beachfront restaurant and grill, serving delicious fresh seafood dishes, and exclusive private dining on the island. Activities include walking the forest trails, sea kayaking, sailing and excursions on the hotel's schooner.





THE PANTANAL BIRDWATCHING SANCTUARY

web veloso.com/pantanal

The seasonal floodplain of the Pantanal is a paradise for birdwatchers and nature lovers. Each year the landscape of lowland savannah and dense forest is transformed as the water level rises to create vast areas of shallow lagoon where fauna congregates. These open expanses offer fantastic opportunities to watch magnificent array of wildlife that includes caiman, capybara, giant anteaters, macaws, toucans, ibis and storks. The lodges below provide transport, accommodation and excursion guides.



Cormorants on a Pantanal lagoon



Tuiuiu

Rio Mutum

Situated in the northern region of the Pantanal, Pousada Rio Mutum is an ideal area to see tuiuiu (a type of stork), ibis, cormorant and various birds of prey, as well as caiman, tapir, monkey, deer and capybara - or perhaps the more elusive jaguar, giant anteater and otter.

The pousada has 16 air conditioned rooms with private facilities, including full board with an excellent choice of regional dishes and daily guided excursions. (B,L,D)

There's a swimming pool and a full programme of daily excursions accompanied by an English-speaking naturalist guide to observe the Pantanal's prolific birdlife, animals and vegetation.

Room at Rio Mutum



High water in the Pantanal



THE NATURAL WORLD

Brazil's Natural World focuses on wildlife and the environment, contrasting the prolific birdlife of the Pantanal wetlands, the exuberant vegetation of the Amazon rainforest and the vestiges of the Atlantic coastal forest. In the modern, cosmopolitan cities of Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, colonial and African heritage come together to create the country's unique identity.

Day 1 Morning departure on the flight to Rio de Janeiro, arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel for 3 nights and brief guided introductory orientation walk of the area surrounding the hotel. (B)

Day 2 Full day tour of Rio including the statue of Christ the Redeemer high on Corcovado mountain, the Imperial Palace, the Cathedral and the bustling old colonial centre. (B,L)

Day 3 Full day tour to the Botanical Gardens and the Atlantic coastal forest at Tijuca, with a cable car trip up Sugar Loaf to see the sunset over the city. (B,L)

Days 4-6 Fly to Cuiaba in the Pantanal and transfer to the Rio Mutum Lodge for 3 nights (Please refer to page 68 below). Enjoy the pool in the midday heat and daily guided excursions to explore the rich ecosystem created by seasonal

flooding and birdwatching. (B,L,D)

Days 7-10 Return to the airport and fly to Manaus for 1 night by the Amazon. Morning tour to explore the city, the Opera House, the waterfront and the market. Journey along small rivers to Turtle Lodge, remote in the rainforest (see page 70). Daily guided excursions include forest walks under the dense canopy, a visit to a local family and excursions by canoe through the maze of islands and waterways. (B,L,D)

Day 11 Return to Manaus for a flight on to Salvador da Bahia, then transfer to a hotel in the colourful colonial district of Pelourinho, now a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. The unique fusion of Portuguese and African influences is visible at every turn (B).

Days 12-14 Morning tour of Salvador

then transfer to Praia do Forte on the coast whose empty beaches are lined with coconut groves. The nearby small fishing village has a turtle conservation project and Restinga Nature Reserve. Stay for three nights at Pousada in the Village (B) (Tourist) or Tivoli Ecoresort (B,D) (First - page 61) **Day 15** Transfer to the airport and overnight flight home, arriving **Day 16**.

CAIMAN TOUR - INDIVIDUAL PRICES

Departures every day throughout the year

2 Sharing	Tourist	First
Seasons		
Low	£3896	£4732
High	£4088	£4898

Low (01 Jan - 30 June, 17 Aug - 16 Dec)

High (01 July - 16 Aug, 17 Dec - 30 Dec)

Prices per person including flights on TAP Air Portugal from London Heathrow and most UK Airports, all taxes payable in the UK, accommodation, meals as shown, transfers, transport and guided excursions as described on the itinerary. Prices not valid for Christmas, New Year, Easter, Carnival and Public holidays, please enquire.

Prices are subject to availability at time of booking.

Tailor-made service: We can prepare a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements.

The Caiman Tour

14 night itinerary:

Rio de Janeiro - 3 nights

Pantanal - 3 nights • Manaus - 1 night

Amazon - 3 nights • Salvador - 1 night

Praia do Forte - 3 nights

web veloso.com/caiman

Hyacinth Macaw in the Pantanal, Days 4-6



Baia Grande

The Fazenda Baía Grande is a cattle and ecological tourism estate, owned and managed by a family that has lived in the Pantanal for 150 years, always linked to the land, the preservation of the environment and the local culture. The lodge is small, for a maximum of 15 guests and has a cosy and genuinely friendly atmosphere; Each room has a bathroom with a shower, hot water, air conditioning, and all the windows are protected with mosquito nets to ensure you have a comfortable sleep. All meals are included catering to all tastes including vegetarians. The main activities included are bird watching, horse riding, wildlife observation, nighttime caiman spotting, piranha fishing and hiking. After the excursions you can rest in a hammock or enjoy the swimming pool. This is a lodge to enjoy the nature, read a good book and to rest. (B,L,D)



Fazenda Baia Grande



Wildlife at close range

PRICES for 4 days • 3 nights

NO OF TRAVELLERS ALL YEAR*	2 SHARING	EXTRA NIGHT
Fazenda Baia Grande	£563	£133
Pousada Rio Mutum	£562	£185

Prices are per person including transfers to / from Campo Grande or Cuiaba Airport, English speaking guides, activities, excursions with Naturalist Guide, full board and accommodation with private facilities. *Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.



Juma Lodge - aerial view

Juma Lodge

Located in a remote and relatively untouched region three hours southeast of Manaus by boat (25 minutes by float plane), this small and comfortable lodge is built from local materials from the forest. The 16 bungalows - each with a private bathroom and fan - are supported on stilts and connected by walkways; all have lovely views of the forest or Juma Lake. Excursions by boat and on foot are organised in small groups and there are many activities to choose from. The lodge supports various conservation projects.



Local guide and motorised canoe for excursions

AMAZON LODGES

web veloso.com/amazonbrazil

Venture deep into pristine rainforest on Lake Juma. The journey is a sightseeing tour in itself: first you cross the wide Amazon by launch, passing the Meeting of the Waters where the silt-laden Rio Solimoes meets the dark, clear waters of the Rio Negro to form the Amazon. Then, after a short trip by road, you board a motorised canoe for the trip along the Rio Araca, getting ever further away from civilisation, to reach a secluded area where the seasonal rise and fall of the waters creates narrow, twisting creeks and a maze of small islands covered in virgin rainforest.



Amazon wildlife



Caiman spotting by night with a specialist guide

Turtle Lodge

Located three hours from Manaus, on the shore of a small river and sufficiently far to be in an area of pristine, virgin rainforest. The lodge, built in local wooden style with thatched roofs, consists of one main building with sitting room and a dining area on the first floor with open sides for a panoramic view of the forest and river. There are five bungalows with two rooms each, all with private facilities, netting and a veranda overlooking the river. Includes daily guided excursions in the rainforest, local families and caiman spotting at night.

PRICES

NO OF TRAVELLERS	1	2
ALL YEAR*	SINGLE	SHARING
JUMA LODGE		
4 Days • 3 nights	£680	£502
5 Days • 4 nights	£846	£650
TURTLE LODGE		
4 Days • 3 nights	£517	£358
5 Days • 4 nights	£620	£436

Prices per person including transfers to/from Manaus and daily excursions with specialist English-speaking guide, full board, accommodation with private facilities. Drinks are extra.



Turtle Lodge

RAINFOREST EXPEDITION



Amazon Lodge



Mocinho, our expert guide in the rainforest



Pristine rainforest



Local people making a canoe from a tree trunk

Day 1 Depart early afternoon from Manaus for the transfer by land and motorised canoe to a remote **Amazon lodge**, set in a maze of creeks in the vast rainforest. Relax in silence that is broken only by the sounds of wildlife hidden in the surrounding forest and swim in a jungle river. Dinner and overnight. (D)

Days 2-5 Experience the forest at close quarters with a skilled guide and support staff who organise all transport and meals. Set out by canoe to a rustic base camp in the **Amazon rainforest** where we sleep in hammocks covered by mosquito nets. In this stress-free environment there are no timetables and the outside world fades into insignificance. From this base we take several walks in the gloom of the forest under the dense canopy, where trees fight for survival and a glimpse of sunlight. During our stay we learn about

all aspects of the rich ecosystem, and the interdependent relationships of its flora and fauna. We visit a local family as they go about their daily activities, and learn how they survive by cultivating small plots of bananas, manioc, sugar cane and tropical fruits. We **paddle canoes** through flooded forest creeks, weaving between the tree trunks to experience the timeless. (B,L,D)

Days 5-6 Return to the lodge for a night before heading back to Manaus. (B)

PRICES for 6 days • 5 nights

NO OF TRAVELLERS	1	2
SEASONS	SINGLE	SHARING
All year	£1071	£824

Prices per person including transfers to/from Manaus, all transport, daily excursions with English-speaking guide, full board, accommodation at the Amazon Lodge and sleeping in a hammock.



In the time when the big trees were kings

Amazon Ecopark Lodge

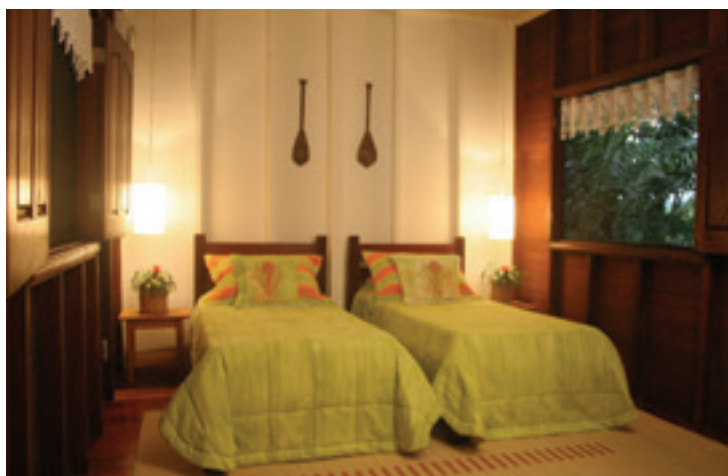
This comfortable lodge is located in a preserved area of forest only 30 minutes by boat from Manaus. It thus provides an ideal introduction to the Amazon, while ensuring that most creature comforts are still on hand. However its proximity to the city means that the rainforest is disturbed by human activity and the glow of city lights in the background is always visible.

There is a panoramic open-air restaurant, built in local style from local materials, where you can enjoy delicious regional cuisine as well as

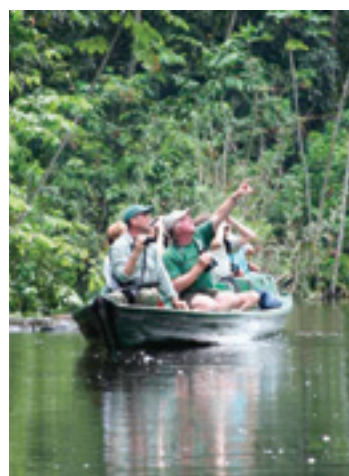
international dishes; there is also a bar and a sitting area. Accommodation consists of 20 spacious bungalows each with three comfortable rooms - all with private facilities (hot water shower), screened windows, air conditioning and fan. As well as taking excursions into the rainforest, you can enjoy swimming and sunbathing at the private river beach. There is also a natural freshwater pool, several kilometres of hiking trails, many orchids, a bird sanctuary, a monkey reserve on an island, and the nearby Tortoise Lake.



Aerial view of the Eco park Lodge



Room at Amazon Ecopark Lodge



Day excursions exploring the Amazon

PRICES for Ecopark & Village

NO OF TRAVELLERS	1	2
ALL YEAR*	SINGLE	SHARING
AMAZON ECOPARK LODGE		
3 days • 2 nights	£624	£515
4 days • 3 nights	£789	£624
AMAZON VILLAGE		
2 days • 1 night	£314	£277
3 days • 2 nights	£470	£402
4 days • 3 nights	£569	£474

*Prices per person including shared transfers to/from Manaus, accommodation in a standard room, full board (all meals, drinks are extra), all transport and daily excursions with English-speaking guide. *Prices for Triple room, Single Room, Christmas, Carnival, New Year, Easter and child fares available on request.*

M/Y Tucano



This river trip explores some of the least touched rainforest in the Amazon region, entering a seldom visited area to seek out the wildlife that few visitors ever see.

Built in the style of a nineteenth century riverboat, the M/Y Tucano is an expedition boat which has nine air conditioned outside cabins spread over three decks with a mixture of lower and upper berths; all cabins have private facilities with hot water showers, wooden panelling and large windows. The top

5 days • 4 nights or 7 days • 6 nights

deck is partly open, with a shaded area at the stern, while the middle deck has a spacious forward-facing saloon with a wide balcony. The Tucano accommodate 18 passengers plus a crew of seven that includes a naturalist guide to accompany all excursions in electric powered canoes.

Voyage to the Heart of the Amazon

Day 1 Morning departure from Manaus up the Rio Negro river to explore the world's largest river island system, the Anavilhanas Archipelago, a myriad of islands and channels covered in forest, with some isolated settlers and home to pink river dolphin and exotic birds. (L,D)

Day 2 Early morning trip to seek howler monkeys and toucans, followed by a forest walk. Cruise on with time for an afternoon swim. (B,L,D)

Day 3 Travel during the day with stops for excursions ashore. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Sail along the heavily forested riverbank, scouting for wildlife. Visit a settler's home and continue to the pristine river, Rio Jauaperi, an area of virgin rainforest known locally as varzea. Night excursion to see wildlife. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Rejoin the Rio Negro, sailing downstream, with excursions on foot and by boat, plus another night excursion to seek out nocturnal wildlife. We travel through the night to the confluence of the Rio Negro with the Solimoes. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Explore Lago Janauari Ecological Park, a good area to observe wildlife. Travel to the Meeting of the Waters where the silt-laden waters of the Solimoes run alongside the clear, dark waters of the Rio Negro for several kilometres due to their different densities. In the evening return to Manaus and overnight onboard. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Morning disembarkation and departure. (B)

web veloso.com/tucano



M/Y Tucano Yellow cabin. Green cabins have upper and lower berths.

PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS	4 NIGHTS	6 NIGHTS
Yellow Cabin	£1516	£2684
Green Cabin	£1270	£2407

Prices per person including private transfers to/from Manaus airport or hotel, accommodation in your chosen cabin for Double occupancy, full board (all meals, drinks are extra), all transport and daily excursions with English-speaking guide.

BRAZIL IN-DEPTH

Fascinating destinations seldom visited, enable you to explore and discover a unique natural beauty appealing to a variety of interests. Please refer to on our website page addresses shown below or contact us.

<i>Trancoso</i>	veloso.com/trancoso
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seclusion • Privacy • Independence • Staff for house chores • Gardens • Swimming pool • Beach close by • Choice of number of bedrooms • Houses in Bahia, Rio also possible 	<p>Houses to rent located by the beach and, mostly, set within a coconut grove and tropical gardens. Staff will clean and cook so you concentrate on enjoying holiday. Choose larger or smaller houses with swimming pool, bedrooms with ensuite facilities and living rooms with TV, internet, music. Ideal for families, groups of friends and celebrations, seeking privacy.</p>



<i>Maranhão</i>	veloso.com/maranhao
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand dunes and freshwater lakes • Historic state capital, São Luis • Mangroves • Birdwatching • Beach and swimming • Walking and trekking • Local cuisine, people and culture • Impressive landscape 	<p>The remote Lençóis do Maranhão is a unique 80 by 20 kilometre expanse of sand dunes, freshwater lagoons, rivers, mangroves and isolated communities. The painstakingly restored architecture of state capital of São Luis, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, reflects the influence of both the French and the Portuguese during its long history.</p>



<i>Chapada dos Veadeiros</i>	veloso.com/veadeiros
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat-topped mountains • Close to nature, rich vegetation • Waterfalls and swimming • Sparsely populated landscape • Rolling hills and vast skies • UNESCO World Heritage site • National Park • Canyons and deep gorges • Walking and trekking 	<p>The <i>cerrado</i> is the name given to the unique tropical savannah that covers the elevated central plains of Brazil. This sublime landscape under vast, open skies is an extraordinary mosaic of different types of vegetation: majestic grassland dotted with trees, dense low-growing brush and thick evergreen forest.</p>



<i>Jericoacoara</i>	veloso.com/jeri
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand dunes and coconut palms • Remote fishing village • Modern hotel facilities • Contrasts and contradictions • Unhurried lifestyle • Unpaved streets • Sun, sea and beach • Traditional music and dance • Fishing boats 	<p>In Jericoacoara village on the remote Northeast coast, five hours from Fortaleza, modern and traditional lifestyles clash to the ever-present, insistent beat of Forró dance music. A national park preserves the unique habitat of towering, windswept sand dunes, groves of waving coconut palms and traditional fishing boats.</p>



<i>Historic Cities of Minas Gerais</i>	veloso.com/minas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O Aleijadinho's sculptures • Portuguese colonial architecture • Sumptuous Baroque churches • The historic Gold Route • Museums and handicrafts • Cobble streets • Characterful hotels and pousadas • Walking and horse riding • Excellent cuisine 	<p>Explore the picturesque colonial cities in the hills of the inland state of Minas Gerais, where gold mining in financed sumptuous Baroque churches and mansions decorated with exquisite sculpture. Stay in charming pousadas and explore by car, on foot, or even on horseback, and learn about the rich history of this fascinating region.</p>

