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MARIA FUMACA BRAZIL TRAIN TOUR



Brazil by Rail Aboard the Maria Fumaça

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

This Brazil train tour will stir the blood of every railway enthusiast. Aboard the Maria Fumaça, this trip takes you from the port city of Vitoria into the region of the gold rush to Ouro Preto, to the metropolis of Rio de Janeiro.

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per person

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- All trains and transfers
- All tours and entrance fees
- 7 nights hotel accommodations
- All breakfasts
- English-speaking guides

HIGHLIGHTS

- Train ride on meter gauge of Vitória to Belo Horizonte
- Mariana steam engine ride
- Steam Engine Tiradentes to São João del Rey
- Steam engine railway museum
- Rio de Janeiro city tour

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Days 1-2

ARRIVE IN VITORIA, BRAZIL

Fly into São Paulo or Rio to start your Brazil train tour. Then transfer to Vitória, the sister city of Rio de Janeiro. Enjoy an afternoon city tour of Vitoria. Check into the hotel and relax.



Day 3

METER GAUGE RAIL VITORIA - OURO PRETO

Today is one of the highlights of the entire tour. You will be going on an 11 hour and 582 km long railway trip on meter gauge from Vitória to Santa Barbara through the unique landscape of Minas Gerais. The longest and heaviest trains in whole South America operate here. From Santa Barbara onward you will travel by bus to Ouro Preto, a colonial town which was declared 'Cultural Monument of Mankind' by the UNESCO.



Day 4

OURO PRETO WALKING TOUR & MARIANA STEAM RAILWAY

Sightseeing in the morning. You walk along small cobbled streets where you can admire the neat gables, magnificent baroque buildings and with gold decorated churches. Ouro Preto (Black Gold), is considered a masterpiece of Baroque architecture in whole Brazil. In the afternoon you will go on a train ride with the historic narrow gauge steam railway from Ouro Preto to Mariana in the mountains of Minas Gerais. Return to Ouro Preto.



Day 5

MARIA FUMAÇA TRAIN FROM TIRADENTES TO SAO JOAO DEL REI

In the morning you will drive to Tiradentes, a jewel of Baroque architecture. From the station you will continue with Maria Fumaça, an old steam locomotive on 76 cm track width, to São João del Rey, 13 km away, a special experience. In São João del Rey visit the station and the railway museum with the largest collection of steam engines throughout Brazil.



Day 6

SÃO JOÃO DEL REI - PETRÓPOLIS - RIO DE JANEIRO

Full-day bus trip from São João del Rei to Rio de Janeiro, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, the "Cidade Maravilhosa." En route, stop in Petrópolis, the town where Dom Pedro kept his summer palace during the imperial era. Once in Rio de Janeiro, check into your beachfront hotel on Copacabana Beach.



Day 7

RIO DE JANEIRO & SUGARLOAF CABLE CAR

Today you will visit the old city of Rio, as well as one of the two famous local mountains of the city, the Sugarloaf. With the cable car you will reach the summit (396m) of Rio's landmark from where you can enjoy a gorgeous view on Guanabara Bay. Ride to the center, where you will get on The Bonde, a very old tram, to the artist's quarter Santa Teresa. For all transfers between today's visiting points you will use the Metro of Rio de Janeiro. The afternoon is free. Enjoy free hours at the Copacabana.



Day 8

CORCOVADO MOUNTAIN & DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO

Tour through the lush rain forest of Tijuca National Park with the cog railroad onto the second famous mountain in Rio de Janeiro, the Corcovado (710 m above the city). The 38-meter high statue of Christ the Redeemer stands at the top, and offers breathtaking views over the southern districts. Afterwards, drive to Ipanema and stroll along this posh beachfront neighborhood. In the afternoon, depart from the Rio de Janeiro airport for your flight home or to your next destination.