



Brazil

The Afro Brazilian Experience Rio de Janeiro | Salvador

Inspiring Moments

- Get to know the ways that **Brazil's African heritage** has been preserved in cuisine, music, religion and more.
- Discover **two historic cities, Rio de Janeiro and Salvador**, with strong Afro Brazilian communities.
- Explore Rio's **Little Africa** neighborhood and Salvador's **Pelourinho** district, where Afro Brazilian culture blossomed and continues to flourish.
- Admire colorful Carnival costumes and floats at a **samba school** and try a few steps of Brazil's world-famous dance.
- Embrace Afro Brazilian flavors during **a cooking lesson with a local chef.**
- Delight in performances of **capoeira** and Afro Brazilian **folk dances.**
- Get an up-close look at the imposing **Christ the Redeemer** statue atop Corcovado Mountain.
- Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**



Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city
- Day 2** Arrive in Rio de Janeiro and transfer to hotel
- Day 3** Rio de Janeiro
- Day 4** Rio de Janeiro
- Day 5** Rio de Janeiro
- Day 6** Fly to Salvador | Salvador
- Day 7** Salvador
- Day 8** Salvador
- Day 9** Salvador
- Day 10** Fly to São Paulo and depart for gateway city
- Day 11** Arrive in gateway city

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.
Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at the first-class Grand Mercure Rio de Janeiro Copacabana.
- **4 nights** in Salvador at the first-class Fera Palace Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- All transfers during the Land Program: flights and deluxe motor coaches.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Top: Corcovado Mountain, Rio de Janeiro



A World of Discovery

AHI Connects | Bahia Cuisine. Roll up your sleeves and join a chef to learn how to make moqueca, a delicious seafood stew.

Urca Hill & Sugarloaf Mountain. Drive through Rio's leafy Urca neighborhood and board a cable car bound for the top of Urca Hill, which overlooks Guanabara Bay. Continue to the top of iconic Sugarloaf Mountain for a dazzling 360-degree view.

Little Africa. Explore Rio's African heritage in Pequena África, or Little Africa. Visit Valongo Wharf, where a quarter of all enslaved Africans brought to the Americas landed. See the Pedra do Sal, the Salt Stone, the birthplace of samba, and visit the Museum of Afro Brazilian History and Culture.

The Magic of Carnaval. Learn how Rio prepares for Carnaval at a samba school. See colorful floats, try on splashy costumes and learn some samba moves!

Corcovado Mountain & the Rio Botanical Garden. Travel to the top of Corcovado Mountain to see Rio's Christ the Redeemer statue. Tour the exquisite Botanical Garden of Rio de Janeiro, home to 6,500 plant species and 140 bird species.

Santa Teresa. Visit the artsy Santa Teresa district and explore this lively historic district. Start at the Parque Glória Maria, a cultural center with a stunning view of Rio.

Pelourinho. Get to know Pelourinho, the heart of the historic center of Salvador. It holds the grim distinction of having had the first slave market in the Americas, but a rich culture developed at this crossroads of indigenous, African and European influences.

Percussion Workshop. Drummers from Bahia are famous for creating African-influenced rhythms. Learn the local techniques on different types of drums.

Casa de Iemanjá & Rio Vermelho Street Food Experience. Learn about Candomblé, an Afro Brazilian religion, during a visit to a temple. Continue to Rio Vermelho, Salvador's lively bohemian neighborhood and entertainment district, for an evening outing and a sampling of local cuisine.

Terreiro, the Heart of the Candomblé Community, & São Joaquim Market. Learn more about Candomblé at a house of worship. Then, walk through the lively São

contd.



Capoeira instruments

Joaquim Market, where vendors sell fruit, vegetables, crafts, and religious items.

Bahia Folk Dancing. Watch a performance of the acclaimed Balé Folclórico de Bahia. Watch dances inspired by Candomblé; capoeira, the Brazilian martial art; and working in sugarcane fields.

Capoeira. Marvel at a demonstration of Brazil's unique martial art.

Rosary of the Blacks Church & the Terça da Benção. Glimpse a traditional service at the historic Rosary of the Blacks Church. Continue to the Tuesday of Blessing street festival, which originated as a weekly Carnaval rehearsal for a percussion group.

Enrichment

- The African Diaspora in Brazil
- A Comparison of Slavery in Brazil and the United States

UNESCO

1. Rio de Janeiro: Carioca Landscapes between the Mountains and the Sea
2. Valongo Wharf Archaeological Site, Rio de Janeiro
3. Historic Centre of Salvador de Bahia
4. Mata Atlantica Biosphere Reserve, includes states of Rio de Janeiro and Bahia

Accommodations

Grand Mercure Rio de Janeiro Copacabana | Rio de Janeiro


Fera Palace Hotel | Salvador




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Pelourinho, Salvador

AHI Travel Expertise

Our dedicated team helps travelers explore the world safely and securely.

Travel Consultants | Assist with the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators | Help with everything from flights to special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

Let us arrange your flights!

 **AHI FlexAir** | Our personalized air program features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

2027 Departures & Pricing

April 26 – May 6, 2027

Full Price	\$5,745
Special Savings	\$750
Special Savings Price*	\$4,995

The Special Savings consist of \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

*Special Savings Price is valid if booked by the expiration date on the website and paid in full at booking.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy, includes applicable program taxes and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,095 (limited availability).

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Excursions on this program require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths, uneven surfaces and hills.
- getting on/off motor coaches, funiculars and cable cars
- endurance to participate in full days of activity