



BRAZIL TOURS: SALVADOR DA BAHIA SAMPLER

"Brazil was born in Salvador and christened a Portuguese colony in 1549. It served as Brazil's capital for over 200 years. The first settlers, made up of soldiers of fortune and exiles in royal disfavor, found no great Indian civilizations such as the Maya and the Incas, hence they also found no workers for building. Labor was imported and Bahia became the slave center trade center of the east coast. More than half the present population is of African descent, originally brought here to work the gold mines and sugar fields, and centuries later, the city still looks and feels more Afro-European than Latin, with modern trappings, of course".

Recommend Magazine

4 day/3 Night Package featuring Brazil's third largest city, and first capital of colonial Brazil

From \$719.00 Per Person in Double Accommodations

Includes Land Arrangements only. Please ask for our Airline Specials, too!

Program is Locally Hosted with assistance of professional English Speaking Guide for all transfers and tours.

Day 1 HOME CITY - SALVADOR DA BAHIA

Meet and Greet upon arrival to the Airport, and Transfer to **Hotel Vila Gale**. Balance of day free to enjoy the beach, relax poolside, shop or or explore on your own.

Day 2 SALVADOR DA BAHIA - CITY TOUR

Breakfast at leisure. Then depart for comprehensive City Tour of marvelous Salvador da Bahia founded by the Portuguese in 1549. The city's full name is *São Salvador da Baía de Todos os Santos*, or in English, "*Holy Savior of All Saints' Bay*". By 1583, there were 1,600 people residing in the city, and it quickly grew into one of the largest cities in the New World, surpassing any colonial American city at the time of the American Revolution in 1776. Tour nearby neighborhoods, Rio Vermelho, Barra, Vitoria and drive its coastal roads admiring its beautiful beaches. Then enjoy exciting walking tour through its extraordinary historical center, the "*Pelourinho*", the largest example of Baroque architecture in the America's, declared a UNESCO Cultural Heritage site. Visit the renowned golden *Church of San Francisco*, pass by historical buildings and museums, until reaching the infamous "*Largo de Pelourinho*", where African slaves were once publicly punished during colonial times. Enter historic church, *Igreja da Nossa Senhora do Rosario dos Pretos*, built by the slaves for themselves to hear the rich history of the city. Tour continues to the *Palacio Rio Branco* to admire panoramic views of the *Cidade Baixa* and the *Baia de Todos Santos*. Descend the hillside on the *Elevator Lacerda* connecting the "Upper Town" and the "Lower Town" since 1873, and enter local hand craft market, *Mercado Modelo*, old slave trade market to shop for souvenirs, local handicraft, and enjoy capoeira presentations. Then continue to Ribeira area for delicious lunch, and enjoy beautiful beach views, tanned sunbathers, and fun people watching. Following lunch, continue to *Church of Bomfim*, its rich tradition of Afro-Brazilian



culture and mix of Catholicism, Candomble and other African derived religions, before returning to hotel. B, L

Day 3 SALVADOR DA BAHIA

Breakfast at leisure. Day free to enjoy the beach, relax poolside, shop, stroll and explore the city streets on your own. Or perhaps enjoy an optional evening tour. B

Day 4 SALVADOR DA BAHIA - HOME CITY

Breakfast at leisure. Then at scheduled hour, Transfer to Airport for flight homeward or to next destination. B

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Package Includes:

- Meet and Greet upon arrival to the Airport, and Transfer to your hotel
- Three (3) Nights Hotel Accommodations including Tax
- Breakfast Daily (3)
- Lunch (1)
- Comprehensive City Tour
- Departure Transfer to Airport
- Assistance of professional English Speaking Guide for all transfers and tours

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