



LATIN AMERICA

Concert Tours



Brazil Tour

Rio de Janeiro
Ouro Preto
Belo Horizonte

Suggested Itinerary
10-Day / 7-Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your concert and rehearsal schedule. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules.

ALL MUSIC ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 USA – Rio de Janeiro

Evening Fly to Rio de Janeiro, the “**Cidade Maravilhosa**” (marvelous city), via major international scheduled airline.

Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 Rio de Janeiro

Morning Arrive at Rio de Janeiro’s Galeão International Airport.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Latin America Concert Tours’ Tour Manager**. Our Tour Managers are selected for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the next week, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Transfer by private air-conditioned motorcoach to Rio de Janeiro, one of the world’s most beautiful cities, where you will start your Brazilian music adventure.

City Sightseeing Tour

Visit Rio’s historic center for a walking tour of the principal landmarks of the city’s history, including the **São Bent Monastery**, **Candelaria Church**, **Praca XV Square**, and **Imperial Palace**. Continue on to the massive cone-shaped **Metropolitan Cathedral**, a curious-looking ultra-modern structure with seating for 20,000 worshippers. Also of note are the **National Museum of Fine Arts** and the flying saucer-like **Museum of Modern Art**.

Afternoon

Continue on to your Three-Star Hotel on or near Rio de Janeiro's famous **Copacabana Beach** where you will check in.

Lunch at a restaurant near your hotel on your own.

Free afternoon to relax, go to the beach for a swim, or explore the city.

Evening

Welcome Dinner at a restaurant.

Day 3

Rio de Janeiro

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Corcovado Mountain & Christ Redeemer Statue



Christ the Redeemer



Corcovado



Sugarloaf Mountain



Cable Car

Arrive at the Cosme Velho train station at the base of the **Corcovado Mountain** where you will board the cog railway train for the ascent to the summit where the impressive 125-foot high **Christ the Redeemer** statue overlooks the city. Completed in 1931, the art deco statue can be seen from most of Rio de Janeiro. The mountain is located behind most of the city and affords magnificent panoramic views of the **Copacabana** and **Ipanema Beaches**, **Sugarloaf Mountain**, Rio's **Historic Center** and **Guanabara Bay**, orienting you to all of the city's major attractions.

Dinner on your own or prearranged.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 1



Day 4

Rio de Janeiro

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Open day to pursue whatever activities you desire. Several hours on the beach playing pick-up soccer, volleyball, or other sports or simply taking in the sun and surf would be a good idea. Maybe try a different beach, like nearby Ipanema, of the "Girl from Ipanema" fame. Don't forget the sunscreen !

Another suggestion would be shopping for typical Brazilian-made goods, such as leather, at the Rio Sul Shopping Center, not too far from Copacabana.



Afternoon

Sugarloaf Mountain excursion

Take the two-stage cable car for the nearly mile-long ascent to the 1,299 foot high summit of the mountain for one of the world's most spectacular views with great vistas of the surrounding bays, beaches, mountains and the city itself. Optional visit to the restaurant and shops at the first cable car stop - the 700-foot high **Morro de Urca**. Don't forget your camera !

Evening

Dinner on your own or prearranged.

Suggestion: Visit the **Samba clubs** in the bohemian **neighborhood of LAPA** ! This great outdoor atmosphere is surrounded by the "ruins" of the old Roman-style aqueduct system.



Day 5

Rio de Janeiro

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Head to the beach, take a dip in the warm ocean waters, join in or watch a game of **futevolei**, a Brazilian invention that mixes beach soccer and volleyball. The beaches are lined with pick-up games, or with people simply juggling a loose ball around in a circle. Don't forget to try the **Globo** cookies that they sell on the beach! Or, just take in the "sights" !

Suggestion: Try the fresh "sucos" (squeezed juice) at every corner! Açaí (a purplish fruit from the Amazon) is a local delicacy that many "cariocas" (Brazilians from Rio) cannot live without !

Afternoon

Free time for lunch on your own and to explore Rio de Janeiro.

Dinner on your own or prearranged.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 2



Day 6

Rio de Janeiro - Ouro Preto

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight to Belo Horizonte, where your private motorcoach will welcome you for your transfer to the city of **Ouro Preto**,



Ouro Preto (translates to “Black Gold”), is a beautiful colonial-era town and former mining center that is famous for its outstanding examples of **Brazilian Baroque** architecture. A **Unesco World Heritage Site**, the city is located in the **Serra do Espinhaco** mountain range in the state of Minas Gerais.

Arrive and Check in at hotel.

Afternoon

Lunch on your own.

Free time to relax and explore the city before tonight’s concert.

Dinner on your own or prearranged.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 3



Day 7

Ouro Preto

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

City Sightseeing Tour



View some of Ouro Preto's most significant examples of 18th-century **Brazilian Baroque** architecture as exemplified by three prominent churches in the city: the **Church of Our Lady of Pilar** (1730s), the **Nossa Senhora do Carmo**, and one of the masterpieces of of this architectural style - the **Church of St. Francis of Assisi** - which was designed by "**Aleijadinho**" (formal name António Francisco Lisboa), an Ouro Preto native who was widely considered one of the best architects of his time in all the Americas.

One of the city's more interesting sights is the **Museu da Inconfidencia** (Museum of Betrayal). The building itself, a former town hall and prison, is an engaging example of Brazilian Baroque architecture. The museum depicts the **1789 Mines Conspiracy** that was part of the colonial Brazilian independence movement.

- Afternoon Take a trolley ride with your guide several hundred meters into the **Minas do Ouro** (Gold Mine) to view the ore veins and see how gold was separated from the ore. The mines were the lifeblood of the local economy.
- Evening Dinner on your own or prearranged.

Day 8 Ouro Preto – Belo Horizonte

- Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer to the city of **Belo Horizonte**, the third-largest metropolitan area in the country, with a population of almost 5.4 million in the official Metropolitan Area. The city hosts several modern Brazilian architectural icons, like the noteworthy **Pampulha Complex**. Check in at hotel.

- Afternoon Lunch on your own.

Walk the **Pampulha district** with your guide, where you will find several of the city's cultural landmarks. These include one of the largest soccer stadiums in the world, the **Mineirao Stadium**, and the **Sao Francisco de Assis Church**, widely known as Igreja da Pampulha, designed by Brazilian Modernist architect **Oscar Niemayer**. The **Mesbla** is another notable Pampulha building.

Evening CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 4



Evening Dinner on own.

Suggestion: Enjoy dinner in the famous **Savassi region**, known for its fine restaurants and as a center of cultural events, as well as the best of the city's nightlife.

Day 9 Belo Horizonte – Flights

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out from hotel.

Afternoon **Farewell Lunch** at a restaurant. Toast the conclusion of a great trip!

Transfer by your private motorcoach to Belo Horizonte International Airport for your return flight home.

Evening Relax and sleep during your overnight flight. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 10 USA

Morning Arrive back in the U.S. this morning.

Your South American Music Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

Inter City Transportation:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA - Brazil round-trip.
- Rio de Janeiro - Ouro Preto - Belo Horizonte transfers by private air-conditioned motorcoach.

Rio de Janeiro:

- Four nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Rio de Janeiro with daily breakfast.
- Welcome Dinner in Rio de Janeiro at a restaurant serving traditional local dishes.
- Airport / Hotel transfer in Rio by private air-conditioned motorcoach.
- City Sightseeing Tour with Bilingual Guide in Rio de Janeiro.
- Corcovado Mountain & Christ the Redeemer Statue excursion including cog railway, entrance fees and round-trip transfers.
- Sugarloaf Mountain excursion including cable car fees and round-trip transfers.

Ouro Preto:

- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel with daily breakfast.
- City Sightseeing Tour with a Bilingual Guide (including Museum of Betrayal & Minas do Ouro).

Belo Horizonte:

- One night at a Three-Star Hotel with daily breakfast.
- City Sightseeing Tour with a Bilingual Guide.

- Farewell Lunch at a restaurant serving traditional local dishes.
- Hotel / Airport transfer by private air-conditioned motorcoach.

Other:

- 24/7 Latin America Concert Tours' Tour Manager available for the duration of the trip.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from the Latin America Concert Tours operations office.

Summary of Included Meals:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 1 Dinner

PERFORMANCE COMPONENT:

- **Organization of 4 Concerts.**
- **Pre-Concert Sound Check and/or Rehearsal.**
- **Water at concerts.**
- **Hotel – Concert Venue round-trip transfers by private motorcoach.**
- **Concert Publicity utilizing our "Larger Audiences" Promotion Program.**

FREE Ensemble Director Tour Included:

- One **FREE Ensemble Director's** trip is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Tour leader would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Not Included:

- Drinks at Dinners
- Tips for Tour Manager, Tour Guides, and Bus Drivers
- Passports and visas for non-US passport holders (if necessary).
- Personal expenses, such as phone calls and personal laundry.
- Increases in air taxes / fees / fuel surcharge beyond those stated below.
- Anything not noted in the above list of inclusions

Brazilian Visa:

- Brazil requires that U.S. passport holders acquire a Brazilian visa at a cost of **US\$ 160** per person (as of September 2016).