



LATIN AMERICA

Concert Tours



Brazil Tour

Rio de Janeiro
Juiz de Fora
Petrópolis

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 Rio’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

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.



Dinner on your own or prearranged.

Day 5 Rio de Janeiro – Petrópolis – Juiz de Fora

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer to **Petrópolis**, Imperial-Era Summer Capital, on your private motorcoach.

Journey through spectacular mountainous scenery to Petrópolis, the summer capital of Brazil's emperors during the 19th-century royal era before the monarchy was replaced by republican government in 1889.

Afternoon

Lunch on your own.

City Sightseeing Tour



Visit the neo-classical style **Imperial Palace** with its lavish gardens and fine collection of royal artifacts, highlighted by Emperor **Dom Pedro I**'s royal crown with 639 diamonds and 77 pearls set in four pounds of gold ! View the neo-gothic **São Pedro de Alcântara Cathedral** where Dom Pedro I and other royal family members are buried. Along **Avenida Koeller** and **Avenida Ipiranga** are located several elegant 19th-century mansions built by Rio's elite families that are well worth the visit.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 2



After your concert transfer to the City of **Juiz de Fora**, about two hours north of Petrópolis, in the state of Minas Gerais.

Arrive and Check in to your hotel.

Day 6

Juiz de Fora

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Juiz de Fora is an important commercial center for the surrounding region and is the center of an unofficial metropolitan area of more than 1 million inhabitants.

The large influx of immigrants - especially from Italy, Germany, Syria and Lebanon - throughout its history has given the city a cosmopolitan spirit and diverse cuisine. Walking down **Avenida Rio Branco** (a broad and straight avenue several kilometers long) one can find typical German, Italian, Arabic, Portuguese and Indian restaurants, as well as traditional Brazilian and vegetarian cuisine.

The city hosts a yearly classical music festival, the "**Festival Internacional de Música Brasileira Colonial e Música Antiga**" (International Festival of Brazilian Colonial Music and Early Music). It is also home to the "**Meninos Cantores da Academia**" boys choir, the second-oldest such choir in Brazil.

Afternoon

Lunch on your own. Free time to explore the city.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 3



Day 7

Juiz de Fora – Rio de Janeiro

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer to Rio De Janeiro by your private motorcoach.

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

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. 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 !

Evening **CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 4**



Return to your hotel in Rio.

Day 8 **Rio de Janeiro**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel

Afternoon Free last day in Rio! Go to the beach, explore the city, shop souvenirs to take back home.

Evening Enjoy your last night in Rio! Visit the restaurants and clubs lining **Rua General San Martín**. Hotspots line this street, a block from the beach in **Leblon**, a trendy neighborhood next to **Ipanema** !

Day 9 **Rio de Janeiro – 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 Galeão 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:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA - Rio de Janeiro round-trip.
- Five nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Rio de Janeiro with daily breakfast.
- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Juiz De Fora with daily breakfast.
- Airport / Hotel round-trip transfers by private air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Transfers Rio de Janeiro – Petrópolis – Juiz de Fora - Rio de Janeiro by private air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Lunch in Rio de Janeiro at restaurants serving traditional local dishes.
- City Sightseeing Tour with Bilingual Guide in Rio de Janeiro.
- Corcovado Mountain & Christ the Redeemer Statue excursion including cog railway and entrance fees.
- Sugarloaf Mountain excursion including cable car fees.
- Petrópolis City Tour.
- 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).