



# 3-day Rio Itinerary



Rio



# Rio : A Paradise of Nature and Culture

Welcome to Rio , Brazil's magnificent coastal city where dramatic mountains meet golden beaches. This comprehensive 3-day guide will immerse you in the city's natural wonders, rich culture, and vibrant atmosphere, perfect for first-time visitors.

## Historical Overview

Rio , once the capital of Brazil, has a fascinating history dating back to its discovery by Portuguese explorers in 1502. The city has evolved from a colonial port to a modern metropolis, while preserving its unique charm and cultural heritage.

## Iconic Landmarks

- Christ the Redeemer: The world-famous Art Deco statue atop Corcovado Mountain, offering breathtaking city views.
- Sugarloaf Mountain: An iconic peak accessible by cable car, providing panoramic views of the bay and city.
- Escadaria Selarón: The colorful mosaic staircase that has become a symbol of Rio's artistic spirit.

## Cultural Treasures

- Municipal Theater: A stunning example of Belle Époque architecture and Rio's premier performing arts venue.
- Real Gabinete Português de Leitura: One of the most beautiful libraries in the world, showcasing Portuguese-Brazilian heritage.
- Museum of Tomorrow: A futuristic science museum exploring sustainability and human potential.

## Charming Neighborhoods

- Santa Teresa: A bohemian hilltop district known for its artists, restaurants, and historic tram.
- Copacabana: The famous beach neighborhood with its distinctive black and white promenade.
- Ipanema: An upscale area known for its trendy shops, restaurants, and beautiful beach.

## **Rio Lifestyle**

- **Beach Culture:** Experience the vibrant beach life at Copacabana, Ipanema, and Praia Vermelha.
- **Cuisine:** Savor Brazilian flavors at historic establishments like Confeitaria Colombo.
- **Nature:** Explore urban forests at Tijuca National Park and Jardim Botânico.

## **Green Spaces**

- **Jardim Botânico:** A peaceful botanical garden featuring diverse Brazilian flora.
- **Parque Lage:** A historic park with a mansion set against the backdrop of Christ the Redeemer.

## **Practical Travel Tips**

- **Transportation:** Use the metro system and official taxis; ride-sharing apps are also popular.
- **Best Times to Visit:** September to March for beach weather; February-March for Carnival.
- **Language:** Basic Portuguese phrases are helpful; English is common in tourist areas.
- **Safety:** Stay aware of your surroundings and avoid displaying valuable items.

## **3-Day Itinerary Highlights**

Day 1: Escadaria Selarón, Municipal Theater, Confeitaria Colombo, Real Gabinete Português de Leitura

Day 2: Jardim Botânico, Parque Lage, Copacabana Beach, Forte de Copacabana

Day 3: Christ the Redeemer, Mirante Dona Marta, Sugarloaf Mountain, Praia Vermelha

This guide presents a curated selection of over 20 locations, allowing you to customize your Rio experience. Each stop showcases the city's unique blend of natural beauty and cultural richness.

Rio is more than just a destination; it's a celebration of life where nature's grandeur

meets human creativity. As you explore the city between mountains and sea, experience local culture, and soak in the natural beauty, you'll understand why Rio is called the Marvelous City.

Let this enchanting metropolis captivate your senses and create unforgettable memories during your journey. Enjoy your adventure in Rio !



# Itinerary Preview

3 days

## **DAY** 01

Escadaria Selarón  
Municipal Theater of Rio de Janeiro  
Confeitaria Colombo  
Royal Portuguese Reading Room

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## **DAY** 02

Jardim Botânico  
Parque Lage  
Copacabana Beach  
Copacabana Fort

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## **DAY** 03

Christ the Redeemer  
Mirante Dona Marta  
Sugarloaf Mountain  
Red Beach





# **Daily Events**



## Day 1

09:00

### **Escadaria Selarón**

R. Manuel Carneiro - Santa Teresa, Rio de Janeiro - RJ,  
20241-120, Brazil

11:00

11:45

### **Municipal Theater of Rio de Janeiro**

Praça Floriano, S/N - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20031-050,  
Brazil

13:45

14:30

### **Confeitaria Colombo**

R. Gonçalves Dias, 32 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20050-030,  
Brazil

16:30

17:15

### **Royal Portuguese Reading Room**

R. Luís de Camões, 30 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20051-020,  
Brazil

19:15

# Map for Day 1





## Day 2

09:00

### **Jardim Botânico**

Jardim Botânico, Rio de Janeiro - State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

11:00

11:45

### **Parque Lage**

R. Jardim Botânico, 414 - Jardim Botânico, Rio de Janeiro - RJ,  
22461-000, Brazil

13:45

14:30

### **Copacabana Beach**

Copacabana Beach - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro - State of Rio  
de Janeiro, Brazil

16:30

17:00

### **Copacabana Fort**

Praça Cel. Eugênio Franco, 1 - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro - RJ,  
22070-020, Brazil

19:00

Map for Day 2



## Day 3

09:30

### **Christ the Redeemer**

Parque Nacional da Tijuca - Alto da Boa Vista, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22261, Brazil

11:30

12:30

### **Mirante Dona Marta**

Estr. Mirante Dona Marta, S/N - Cosme Velho, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22241, Brazil

14:30

15:15

### **Sugarloaf Mountain**

Sugarloaf Mountain - Urca, Rio de Janeiro - State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

17:15

18:15

### **Red Beach**

Red Beach, State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

20:15

# Map for Day 3





# Spots





## Quinta da Boa Vista

Parque Quinta da Boa Vista - São Cristóvão, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20940-040, Brazil

### Summary:

Municipal park featuring a zoo & an archaeological museum housed in former royal palaces.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday: 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday: 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday: 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 5:00 AM - 7:00 PM



## Praça Mauá

Praça Mauá, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil



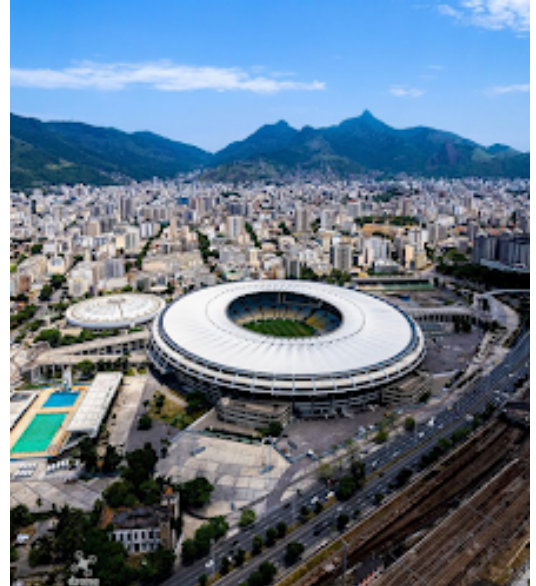
## Maracanã

R. Prof. Eurico Rabelo - Maracanã, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20271-150, Brazil

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### Summary:

Legendary home of Brazilian soccer hosting Olympic games, plus the opening & closing ceremonies.



## Cais do Valongo

Av. Barão de Tefé - Saúde, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20220-460, Brazil

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### Summary:

Remains of a 19th-century dock where enslaved Africans first arrived in Brazil & the Americas.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours  
Tuesday: Open 24 hours  
Wednesday: Open 24 hours  
Thursday: Open 24 hours  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: Open 24 hours  
Sunday: Open 24 hours





## Museu do Amanhã

Praça Mauá, 1 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20081-240, Brazil

### Summary:

Waterfront applied science museum exploring humanity's future challenges & opportunities.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



## Arcos da Lapa | Aqueduto da Carioca

Lapa, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20031-040, Brazil

### Summary:

18th-century aqueduct with 2 rows of arches, now serving as a bridge for a tram.



## Ipanema Beach

Ipanema Beach, State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### Summary:

Long, popular stretch of beach known for sunbathing, along with soccer & volleyball.



## Museu Histórico Nacional

Praça Mal. Âncora, s/n - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20021-200, Brazil

### Summary:

National history museum housed in a former military fort, with many artifacts on display.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(21) 3299-0324



## Sugarloaf Mountain

Sugarloaf Mountain - Urca, Rio de Janeiro - State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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### Summary:

This 396m-tall peak on a peninsula jutting out into the ocean features a cableway & sweeping views.



## Tijuca National Park

Estr. da Cascatinha, 850 - Alto da Boa Vista, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20531-590, Brazil

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### Summary:

Urban rainforest with hiking, waterfalls, birdwatching & vista points of Rio's iconic sights.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



## Red Beach

Red Beach, State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### **Summary:**

Small beach protected by a headland, with coarse, reddish-colored sand and usually calm water.



## Santa Teresa

Santa Teresa, Rio de Janeiro - State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



## Copacabana Beach

Copacabana Beach - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro - State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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### Summary:

Iconic, 2.2-mile beach features a wide, sandy expanse, bustling promenade, food kiosks & hotels.



## Jardim Botânico

Jardim Botânico, Rio de Janeiro - State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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## Copacabana Fort

Praça Cel. Eugênio Franco, 1 - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22070-020, Brazil



## Mirante Dona Marta

Estr. Mirante Dona Marta, S/N - Cosme Velho, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22241, Brazil

### Summary:

Cliffside lookout point offering expansive, panoramic views of Rio & the Christ the Redeemer statue.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



## Parque Lage

R. Jardim Botânico, 414 - Jardim Botânico, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22461-000, Brazil

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### Summary:

Park with wooded trails, Christ the Redeemer statue views & a cafe & art school in an old mansion.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

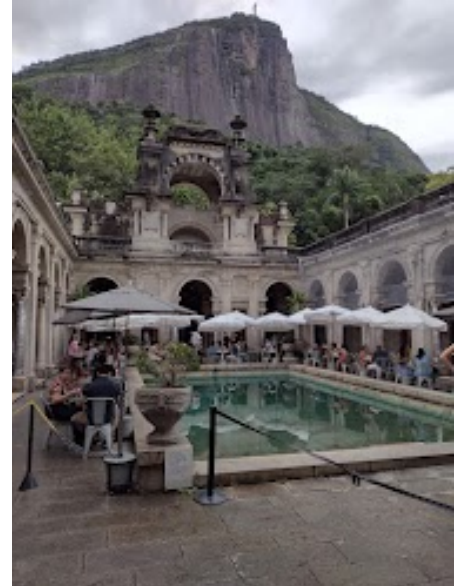
Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Phone:

(21) 2216-8505



## Municipal Theater of Rio de Janeiro

Praça Floriano, S/N - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20031-050, Brazil

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### Summary:

Storyed, Parisian-style theater from 1909 offering ballet & classical-music performances plus tours.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

### Phone:

(21) 2332-9134



## Confeitaria Colombo

R. Gonçalves Dias, 32 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20050-030, Brazil

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### Summary:

A century-old café with huge built-in mirrors & classic pastry-store snacks & sweets.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: Closed



## Royal Portuguese Reading Room

R. Luís de Camões, 30 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20051-020, Brazil

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### Summary:

Neo-Manueline-style library with ornate decor & a vast collection of volumes by Portuguese authors.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

### Phone:

(21) 2221-3138





## Christ the Redeemer

Parque Nacional da Tijuca - Alto da Boa Vista, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22261, Brazil

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### Summary:

Giant, 30-m-tall mountaintop statue of Jesus Christ, accessed by train & offering city views.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM



## Escadaria Selarón

R. Manuel Carneiro - Santa Teresa, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20241-120, Brazil

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### Summary:

Landmark public stairway adorned by artist Jorge Selarón with colorful & hand-painted tiles.

### Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours

