

SALVADOR



Salvador, Bahia, Brazil – 4 days.



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THE EXPERIENCE

Bahia's capital city, Salvador, is the third largest in Brazil, with a population approaching 3 million. Situated 1,000 miles north of Rio de Janeiro and 13 degrees south of the Equator, Salvador is nestled on the eastern shore of the magnificent Baía de Todos os Santos (All Saints Bay), the largest tropical bay in the world, a safe harbor dotted with 50 tropical islands.

Salvador is the most African city in the Western Hemisphere, the birthplace of a nation and home to the world's largest carnival. A town of revelry, a destination favored by Brazilians, a place of truly vibrant culture and an endemic, contagious joie de vivre. Here, a party is always bubbling under, and time is always found for the art of conversation.

Contrasts abound in Salvador: The Upper City, where the iconic colonial Pelourinho Quarter is located, towers above the bustling banking and shipping sector; meanwhile, there are the sprawling Lower City suburbs stretching deep into the bay, as well as the Atlantic ocean suburbs. The modern rubs shoulders with the colonial past; religious beliefs mingle, as do European and African bloodlines.

MUSEUMS

Novelist Jorge Amado, artist Carybé and photographer Pierre Verger formed a formidable triumvirate of outstanding talent and artistic output in Bahia from the 1950's until their passing. All were great friends, and each in his own genre and style documented daily life in Salvador and Bahia, focusing on the wide palette of cultural traditions and ethnic characteristics that form the mosaic that is Bahia, its markets, street scenes and religiosity. In respect of their importance, each has been honored with a permanent exhibition center celebrating their respective life's works.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DURATION: 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Day 1 – Salvador

Arrival at Salvador Airport. Transfer and check-in at the hotel.

Meals: (No meals).

Day 2 – Salvador (City tour and museums)

After breakfast, a visit to the Pelourinho Square, the heart of the old town, surrounded by houses painted in pastel shades. A walking tour to visit the São Francisco Church, the country's most important colonial church, with its exuberant gold-leafed Baroque interior. We continue through the Terreiro de Jesus Square to the Municipal Square for wonderful views of the immense bay and bustling city below. We will take the Elevator down to the financial district and visit the Mercado Modelo, a thriving market of local artifacts and souvenirs. Then we will pause for lunch.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Salvador can be visited all year round. The months leading up to Carnaval will be the most culturally active in Salvador as people prepare for the event. Avoid July through September because of the rain. The best months for visiting are October through March.



GETTING THERE

Daily flights to Salvador airport (SSA).



After lunch, transfer to Rio Vermelho. On the way we will make a quick stop at Casa de Yemanjá. We should arrive at Casa do Rio Vermelho by 2:30 pm. The building that used to be Jorge Amado's home, where he received many of the world's literary luminaries as his guests, now holds an emotive museum of his life and work. Later, transfer to Porto do Barra Beach to visit Espaço Carybé de Artes at the 17th century São Diogo Forte. Enjoy the interactive audio-visual exhibition of the works of Carybé, a master sculptor and painter who used a wide range of materials and techniques. At 4:15 pm, take a short walk to Santa Maria and visit Espaço Pierre Verger da Fotografia. He was a French ethnologist deeply inspired and trusted by Candomblé religious leaders. He had unparalleled access to sacred rituals. Verger also documented daily life in Salvador. This cultural space also exhibits works by other leading local photographers. Return to the hotel at 5 pm.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch.

Day 3 – Salvador (Praia do Forte, Garcia D'Ávila Castle and TAMAR Project)

After breakfast, the scenic Coconut Highway leads to Praia do Forte, a fishing village 80 km north of Salvador, home to some of the best beaches in Bahia. As we travel north, the appearance of the distinctive white sands of the sparse restinga vegetation signals that we are approaching Praia do Forte.

First, we visit the ruins of the imposing Garcia D'Ávila Castle (1556), once the home of the largest landowner in the New World and set on the lands of what was the first farm in Brazil. From here, we have a panoramic view of the northern coastline. Lunch will be at the village of Praia do Forte.

After lunch, we visit the headquarters of the TAMAR Project, the national sea turtle preservation project and one of Brazil's most successful ecological programs. The visitors' center provides a unique up-close view of these majestic animals. Then, time to relax on the beach or browse in the many local handicraft stores before returning to Salvador.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch.

Day 4 – Salvador

After breakfast, enjoy some free time to relax or get to know the city a little more. At the appropriate time, check-out and transfer to the airport.

Meals: Breakfast.

THE HOTEL

SALVADOR	ZANK HOTEL
DAYS 1 TO 4	CATEGORY: STANDARD
	<p>Elegant, sophisticated and in harmony with the Brazilian way of life, the Zank Boutique offers personalized and exclusive service. Its indoor design reflects the Brazilian atmosphere, with furniture and objects made by national designers.</p>

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THE REGION

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AURORAECO DIFFERENTIALS

- + Exclusive, personalized and flexible trip;
- + Trained and experienced hosts and local guides;
- + Constant research into the destination in order to always offer the best options according to each traveler's profile;
- + 24-hour access to a telephone during the trip.



GENERAL INFORMATION

INCLUDED

- 3-night lodging in a standard room at Zank Hotel in Salvador, breakfast included.
- Auroraeco host service during the trip.
- All transfer services described above.
- All activities described above with all the necessary support and admission fees.
- Lunch on days 2 and 3.

NOT INCLUDED

- Air ticket.
- Unmentioned lunches and dinners
- Beverages.
- Personal expenses.
- Tips.
- Anything else not listed under "included".

PAYMENT METHODS AND CANCELATION

CREDIT CARD (tax of 2,5%) OR WIRE TRANSFER

In order to secure a reservation, passengers must pay 30% of the total price of the trip via deposit up to 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made under 90 days before the departure date will result in the payment of the full cost of the trip upon purchase. The following credit cards are accepted: Visa and MasterCard.

Note that:

- Payments with credit cards are processed in Brazilian Reais with a tax of 2,5% percent.
- Payments via wire transfer are converted from Brazilian Reais to US Dollars at the exchange rate of the day of the transaction.

CANCELATION POLICY

- 10% fine on the amount paid if the cancellation occurs at least 30 days before the beginning of the trip.
- 20% fine on the amount paid if the cancellation occurs during the following period: 30 to 21 days before the beginning of the trip.
- If the cancellation occurs less 20 or less days before the beginning of the trip, there may be a fine greater than 20%, calculated upon proof of Auroraeco incurred expenses.

IMPORTANT

- Our prices are subject to change according to availability and time of year. They are not valid for national holidays, Carnaval and New Year.
- The itinerary may vary according to the need for operational changes, which can be caused by factors such as climate and availability.
- There will not be a refund or discount due to overnight reductions, once the check-in is made.
- Upon confirmation of the trip, a Medical Form and a Responsibility Term will be sent to all travelers, and should be filled in, signed and sent back to Auroraeco at least 30 days prior to the start of the trip. If there are less than 30 days between the dates of purchase and departure, please send the above mentioned documents as soon as possible.