

Bec Events is the official travel agency for hotel accommodation, optional tours and transfer for the **27th International Cartographic Conference August 23-28, 2015** | Rio de Janeiro / Brazil. We will do our best in order to provide you a pleasant stay at Rio de Janeiro!

Please find below some suggestions for local and pre & post tours:

OPTIONAL LOCAL TOURS

Sugar Loaf

Ride through Rio's beautiful architectonic monuments, visit the Metropolitan Cathedral and ascend the twin peaks by a series of venturing cable car rides. On the first hill, called "Urca", walk around the flowered passways and enjoy the magnificent views. The goes up to the Sugar Loaf itself. Visitors will admire the unique beauty of Guanabara Bay, Niterói, Copacabana and Santa Cruz Fortress, a landmark of Rio's history and will certainly be amazed by the awesome views.



R\$ 150,00 per person

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Christ the Redeemer

A modern Swiss-made cogwheel rail climbs through Tijuca Rain Forest up to the top of Corcovado mountain (710 m). It takes about 17 min at a maximum speed of 15km/h on the way up, and 22 min at 12km/h, on the way down. The trip ensures breathtaking views of Rio, such as the Rodrigo de Freitas lagoon. At the very top of the mountain, and yet after climbing a steep flight of steps, there stands the statue of Christ, the Redeemer, carved in soapstone mosaic in the finest art nouveau style. Its 38m high and the outstretched arms blessing the city have become Rio's most famous postcard.



R\$ 162,00 per person

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Rio de Janeiro by Night with dinner

A Carioca evening excursion to the locals' favorite kind of restaurant - the "churrascaria". Brazilian barbecue service is a meat eater's delight. Unlimited skewers sliced on your own your choice, accompanied by typical side dishes. After dinner, a rousing Brazilian Show, available all year-round, presenting the gamut of Brazilian rhythms and exotic colorful costumes.



R\$ 262,00 per person

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Petrópolis, The Imperial City

Located about 800 meters above the sea level, Petrópolis is Rio de Janeiro's city most sought as mountain Resort. Emperor Pedro I had purchased some land in the spectacular Serra do Mar for the royal family's summer palace. However, it was his son, Pedro II, who actually built the palace and the quaint town surrounding it. The idea was to maintain a refreshing refuge from Rio's wilting summer heat. The highway linking Rio to Petrópolis is an engineering marvel. Its concrete bridges soar over green valleys and the road curves around mountain walls revealing magnificent views of the horizon. The main sights are The Quitandinha Hotel, Imperial Museum, Sao Pedro de Alcântara Cathedral, Praça da Liberdade (Liberty Square), Palácio de Cristal (Crystal Palace), and Santos Dumont's Home.



R\$ 123,00 per person

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Tropical Islands

A beachcomber's delight! A 90 minutes bus ride to the southern coast of Rio leads to the fishing village of Itacuruçá. Embark a typical schooner for a cruise among the islands of Sepetiba bay, with stops for bathing and sun tanning. A tropical buffet lunch will be served in one of the island. Enjoy the magnificent views or just stroll at the beach. Don't forget to bring your camera, sun block and beach towels.



RATES IN SHARED BUS TOUR AND PRIVATE TOURS PLEASE CONTACT US.

Historical Rio

Walking through the colonial avenues, squares and back streets one learns about the important historical, political and social events that shaped Rio into South America's most exciting city. Focusing on architectural style, fine examples of Baroque constructions would be the São Bento and Santo Antonio Monasteries, which recall the times when Brazil was a colony of Portugal, or others from the 19th century, as the Municipal Theater, the National Fine Arts Museum, the Candelaria Church, Praça XV and Arco do Telles. Rio has a major artistic life, exhibited on major cultural institutions such as "Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil" and the "Casa França-Brasil".



R\$ 106,50 per person

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The Botanical Gardens

The Rio Botanical Garden covers an area of 137 hectares, cultivated with native vegetation. Some of Brazil's existing ecosystems are represented in Rio de Janeiro's Botanical Garden, organized in characteristic settings. Its history begins when the Portuguese Royal Family came to Brazil, in 1808. Prince João VI acquired a piece of land that belonged to Rodrigo de Freitas, and ordered that an acclimatization garden for growing species brought from the East Indies should be immediately built up. It was first called the Royal Orchard, then Royal Botanical Garden. For many years, visits were allowed only when escorted by specialized caretakers. In 1822 though, the Emperor Pedro I has opened the garden's gates to the public.



R\$ 65,00 per person

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PRE & POST TOURS

Buzios



Only 105 miles from Rio De Janeiro, a pleasant 2-hour trip takes you to the Peninsula of Búzios, whose more than 20 magnificent beaches and crystal-clear water contrast with the exuberantly sculptured landscape and exotic vegetation, which a prodigal "Mother Nature" has privileged with a wonderful year-round summer.

Originally settled by European pirates and slave traders, this happy mixture of many bloods prospered and became a picturesque fishing village. Elected as one of the 10 most beautiful areas in the world, famous for its unique combination of rustic charm, architectural harmony, incredible beauty, sophisticated boutiques and restaurants frequented by visitors who come from all over the world to savor its magic.

Package includes:

Accommodation: Pousada La Chimere or similar - 3 days/ 02 nights with breakfast and taxes
Transfers: Rio de Janeiro/ Búzios/ Rio de Janeiro (not private service)

Rates per person, in Double room: R\$ 717,00 Rates are not valid during Holidays Periods

Green Coast



Angra dos Reis is the principal town along the aptly named Costa Verde (Green Coast) that runs two hundred miles south of Rio to the border with the state of Sao Paulo. This lush, mountainous region receives more rain than the Mediterranean region of Búzios north of Rio, and as a result is verdant and tropical.

The beaches are fantastic, not only for their white sand and swaying palm trees, but for their dramatic view of the great bay of Angra which is dotted with hundreds of islands, some inhabited some not.

Package includes:

Accommodation: Hotel Portobello or similar -3 days/ 2 nights, with half board and taxes
Transfers: Rio de Janeiro/ Angra dos Reis/ Rio de Janeiro (not private service)

Rates per person, in Double room: R\$ 1.207,00 Rates are not valid during Holidays

Paraty



A significant advantage to visiting this region is the ability to spend a couple of days at a delightful beach resort and then hop down the coast to spend time in the beautifully-preserved colonial city of Paraty. Once the richest port city in Brazil (the mineral wealth of Ouro Preto passed through here en route to Portugal) this sleepy village has become a Mecca

for artisans and refugees from big cities who enjoy the combination of gracious colonial architecture and a funky bohemian café scene.

Package includes:

Accommodation: Pousada do Sandi or similar - 3 days /2 nights with breakfast and taxes. Transfers: Rio de Janeiro / Paraty / Rio de Janeiro(not private servisse) -Minimum 2 persons

Rates per person, in Double room: R\$ 850,00. Rates are not valid during Holidays Periods

Amazon Rain Forest



The term Rainforest was coined to describe forests that grows in constantly wet conditions. They can occur wherever the annual rainfall is more than 2,000 mm (80 inches) and evenly spread throughout the year. The Amazon Rainforest contains the largest area of tropical forest in the

world, covering 6 million sq. kilometers in 9 different countries (60% in Brazil). At the heart of this region lies the huge Amazon River, the second longest in the world, which has at least 1,000 tributaries and holds more than 20% of the planet's fresh water, being the Rio Negro its larger tributary. The jungle hotels provide comfort and safety for the discovery and exploration of the vast flora and fauna of the region. The Amazonian folklore and cuisine with its regional products also offer special attractions.

Package includes:

Accommodation: Amazon Ecopark or similar- 3 days /2 nights
Transfers in Manaus, full board, and activities at Village and taxes. Air Ticket not included

Rates per person, in Double room: R\$ 1600,00. Rates are not valid during Holidays Periods

Foz do Iguaçu



Iguaçu is an indian name, which means "great waters". The city of Foz do Iguaçu, entry gateway to the State of Paraná, offers the visitors a fantastic spectacle of rare beauty, with the famous Iguaçu Waterfalls located in the National Park of Iguaçu - exactly between the borders of Brazil, Argentine and Paraguay.

The falls are unequally divided between Brazil and Argentina. To see the falls properly you must visit both sides, Brazilian Iguassú Falls National Park for the grand overview and the park in Argentina for a closer look at the falls. The 275 falls are over 3 kilometers (2 miles) wide and 80 meters high (260 feet), which makes them wider than Victoria, higher than Niagara and more beautiful than either.

Package includes:

Accommodation: Hotel Golden Tulip Iguaçu Internacional Foz or similar - 3 days / 2 night with breakfast and taxes. Transfers in Foz do Iguaçu, visit to the Brazilian Falls. Air Ticket NOT included.

Rates per person, in Double room: R\$ 840,00 Rates are not valid during Holidays Period.

Pantanal



The **Pantanal** covers an area of 130,000 km² (51,000 sq. miles). It is a perfect ecological niche for observing and photographing a large number of birds, reptiles and other animals. The Pantanal's main access road, the Transpantaneira, crosses more than 100 wooden bridges and ends 147 km (92 miles) from **Poconé** in Porto Jofre, penetrating deep into the marshland ecosystem.

Package includes:

Accommodation: Araras Lodge – 4 days / 3 nights.
Transfers to the Lodge, full board, and activities at the Lodge and taxes.
Air Ticket not included.

Rates per person, in Double room: R\$ 2.650,00. Rates are not valid during Holidays Periods

Salvador



The city of Salvador is the capital of the state of Bahia and was also Brazil's capital until 1763. It is divided into two parts. The "Lower City" is at sea level and contains the old port and the commercial district where visitors will find a complete and varied assortment of Brazilian arts and crafts at the Modelo Market.

A common sight at the Modelo Market is the "baiana", usually an older woman, dressed in the traditional white, pleated dresses of colonial Bahia. They sell coconut sweets and spicy "vatapás", "acarajés" and "xinxins" from a tray that she carries to the market on her head. The "Lower City" is also the best place to witness a demonstration of "capoeira", a martial art developed by African slaves in Brazil, originally as a form of combat and later as a type of dance and folklore tradition. Practitioners compete to the rhythm of the "berimbaus", local percussion instruments, made with a wire cord stretched tight across a wooden bow. Stone steps, alleyways or the famous Lacerda Elevator can reach the "Upper City". This part of the city contains the old government buildings, the residential districts, museums, churches and much of the newer architecture.

Package includes:

Accommodation: Bahia Othon Hotel - 3 days / 2 nights with breakfast and taxes.

Transfers in Salvador and city tour. Air Ticket not included

Rates per person, in Double room: R\$ 750,00. Rates are not valid during Holidays Periods

Fernando de Noronha



Visit an earthly paradise in Fernando de Noronha's archipelago. Its breathtaking scenery composed of islands, beaches, crystal clear waters and its exceptional fauna and flora can be seen while diving or through our many optional trips on and around the island. Make your trip exciting and totally unforgettable.

Package includes:

Accommodation: Pousada Beco de Noronha - 4 days/ 3 nights with breakfast and taxes,

Transfers in Fernando de Noronha and city tour, boat tour to Dolphins Bay. Air ticket not included. Government taxes are not included.

Rates per person, in Double room: R\$ 1.450,00 (island government taxes are not included). Rates are not valid during Holidays Periods.

Natal



Natal is known as "City of the Sun" or "Bride of the Sun", where the sun stands high in the sky for almost 10 hours a day. It is also known as "City of the Dunes", with a Park of Dunes measuring 8 kilometers of extension and 1,8 kilometer of width. Natal has an average temperature of 27°C and stands 31 meters above the sea level.

Its sea is of calm, blue and crystal clear waters. Its coast comprises beaches with dunes, cliffs, coconut trees, hills, reefs and some natural swimming pools, river baths besides a structure of regional seafood cuisine. open sea waters with colder temperatures and ideal waves for surfing. The sight of dunes, coconut trees, hills and reefs are also simply marvelous and not to be missed. The famous Beach of Genipabu, another paradise of the Brazilian northeast, offers special adventures such as buggy rides over the fixed dunes, reaching up to 30 meters in height, and the amazing opportunity to visit its movable dunes that for the action of the winds are never in the same place.

Package includes:

Accommodation: Rifólis Hotel or Similar - 3 days / 2 nights with breakfast and taxes.

Transfers in Natal and city tour. Air Ticket not included

Rates per person, in Double room: R\$ 650,00. Rates are not valid during Holidays Periods

INFORMATION ABOUT RIO

Cashing money with Credit or Bank card

Visa card holders may withdraw cash from the Banco do Brasil and Banco Itaú. Card holders with a PIN number may obtain cash from the 24 hours machines; those without will have to await verification, available from 10 am to 4 pm.

Rio de Janeiro International Airport Exchange Department ("Seção de Câmbio") 3rd floor.

Tel.: (+55 21) 3398-3652

Hours for exchange: For US\$ and Euros from 8 am to 10 pm, daily; for another money exchange: Monday to Fridays, from 10 am to 6 pm.

Shopping

Credit Card and Check

American Express, VISA, Diner's Club and Master Card are accepted at the majority of shop, although is always a good idea to confirm this before buying. Occasionally a small discount is offered on cash sales. Personal Check drawn on overseas banks are not accepted.

Generally speaking, travellers' Check are welcome. Visitors are encouraged to ckeck the daily dollar rate at their hotels before going on a spree.

Exchange and Refunds

Check with the salesperson as to the store's policy on exchanges and refunds. In most shops, it may be possible to exchange goods, but refunds are rarely if ever made.

Electricity

The voltage is 110 volts in Rio de Janeiro, 60 cycles. In most hotels bathrooms there is a 220 volts outlet.

Subway System

Rio de Janeiro's subway is safe, efficient and easy to use. Tickets are for one, two or ten rides.

General Osório (Ipanema)/ Cantagalo (Copacabana)/ Siqueira Campos (Copacabana)/ Cardeal Arco Verde (Copacabana)/ Botafogo/ Flamengo/ Largo do Machado/ Catete/ Glória/ Cinelândia/ Carioca/ Uruguaiana/ Pres. Vargas/ Central/ Praça Onze/ Estácio/ Afonso Pena/ São Francisco Xavier/ Saens Peña

<http://www.metrorio.com.br>

Telecommunications

Brazil is connected to all appropriate international telephone and satellite communications system, providing trouble-free connections to virtually anywhere in the world. Most hotels provide guest room international Direct Dial (IDD) services; some hotels have in-room internet hook-up and fax machines. Other offer this service throught their Concierge or Business Center.

Outside hotels, long-distance calls can be made from IDD payphones or cardphones in various locations.

Telemar also provides service at certain hours of the day at their Copacabana and Ipanema offices.

The push-button call-home sustem, providing immediate connection to the operator of the country required is also available. For information about dial access and IDD phone locations, contact the hotels operator. Not all local calls from private phone are free. However, shops, restaurants and bars without payphones will usually permit free use of their phones.

Hours of Business

Office hours are usually from 9am to 6pm. Stores normally open at 9am and close at 7pm. Lunch is usually taken from 12pm to 2pm. Most offices are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Guarantees and Receipts

When buying expensive photographic, electronic or electrical goods, always ensure that the guarantee card is filled in, stamped and returned to you. Check the manual accompanying the item in question to ascertain that the guarantee will be honored outside Brazil. In all transactions involving larger sums of money, ask for the official, detailed bill of sale; in all transactions, keep the customer copy of the credit card bill. Tax Free Shopping in Brazil is restricted to the airports.

Banks

Banks are open weekdays from 10am to 4pm; they are closed on weekends and public holidays. Before departure from home, visitors are encouraged to check the acceptability of their credit and/ or cash cards with their local bank. Automated teller machines (ATMs) can be found almost everywhere; some machines provide 24-hours cash withdrawal (R\$) facilities for major credit cards.

Car Rentals

The major car rental companies have branches in Rio de Janeiro. Reservations should be made at the point of origin. Should the visitor require a rented car for a day or two during his stay, the Concierge of the hotel will be able to make the necessary arrangements.

Currency

The Brazilian currency is the Real (R\$); there are 100 centavos in one Real. Coins issued by the government are either bronze-coloured for 1 centavo, silver for 5, 10, 25 and 50 centavos and a nickel and bronze coin for R\$ 1,00.

R\$ 1, R\$ 2, R\$ 5, R\$ 10, R\$ 20, R\$ 50, R\$ 100 are the denominations of the notes. The value of the real against the US dollar varies according to the daily rate. Banks and exchange bureaux charge a commission on exchange transaction, which the visitor should check beforehand. As elsewhere, the rates of exchange for checks and travellers' checks are marginally different, and coins are not exchangeable. Money changers are obliged by law to display net rates of exchange. Receipt notes must be issued by law; it is advisable to keep these until after departure.

Medical Services

Most hotels have immediate access to on-call 24-hour medical assistance. There are also many government and private hospitals with 24-hours emergency and out-patient departments. Many of Rio de Janeiro's doctors and dentists were trained or have undergone postgraduate training

overseas. All hotels have list of recommended medical services.

Postal Services

The Brazilian postal services meet all international standards, and there are many post offices around the city. They are closed on Sundays and public holidays. Most hotels offer postal facilities for guests' letters and packages and a packing service.

Safety and Security

As in any city in the world of the size of Rio de Janeiro, the key to an uneventful stay is to protect yourself from pickpockets as little cash and as few valuables as possible. The Rio de Janeiro military police and the municipal guard corps have stations and reporting centres. In case of need, do contact the hotel Front Desk for guidance and assistance.

Water

Rio de Janeiro's water supply conforms to international standards; due to the pronounced taste of chlorine in the water it is advisable to drink bottles mineral water.

Dress

Informality is the keynote in Rio de Janeiro in terms of dress. The use of jackets and ties for men is restricted almost exclusively to offices. A lightweight wrap or jacket is often needed as the major hotels, restaurants and bar, as well as the subway and most taxis are air-conditioned.