

MUSEUM OF THE RED RIVER
10 Day Tour of BRAZIL
May 14-23, 2019



Dear Friends,

Brazil remains one of the world's great travel destinations. Our Spring, 2019 trip there will provide experiences combining culture, history, and natural beauty. We begin in enchanting Rio de Janeiro where *carioca* charm and the spirit of **Carnival** permeate the City. Traveling through mountain rainforest to visit the Corcovado Christ Statue, trekking Sugar Loaf Mountain, and enjoying Ipanema and Copacabana beaches are just a few highlights. A national flight to the three nations border region with Argentina and Paraguay brings us to spectacular Iguassu Falls, the world's most extensive waterfalls, and I would argue most beautiful. Surrounded by exotic wildlife, it is a bucket-list site for those who appreciate nature. We complete the tour in historic Ouro Preto and neighboring towns, where nearly 80% of the world's gold supply went through in the 18th century. Their wealth provided support for the arts, and the region hosts the largest concentration of colonial Baroque art in the world. I should also mention that mines around Ouro Preto provide the world with imperial topaz, making the city a major center for the Brazilian gem trade. Haggling for precious emeralds, aquamarines, tourmalines and even diamonds is a daily occurrence, and you can certainly return home with bargains!

This will truly be a trip of a lifetime. Please consider joining us.

Henry Moy

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DAY 1: Tues., May 14 - Dallas/En Route

Depart from Dallas for your overnight flight to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

DAY 2: Wed., May 15 – Rio de Janeiro

AM: Welcome to Rio! Upon your arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Visit the Tomorrow Museum

En route to the hotel you will visit the Tomorrow Museum, which is a postmodern, organic, and sustainable building, an icon of the cultural identity of Rio de Janeiro today. The main exhibition is mostly digital and it focuses on ideas rather than objects. It provides an environment of explorations and questions about the time of great changes, in addition to exhibits that warn about the dangers of climate change, environmental degradation, and social collapse.



Rio de Janeiro - Rio de Janeiro, the so called Marvelous City, is the capital of Rio de Janeiro State. The second largest city in Brazil, it is nevertheless a beach resort, located by the Atlantic Ocean and by the big Guanabara Bay. Rio is graced by its topography. The city is spread out over a 24 kilometer long strip of land, nestled between mountains and sea. There are 45 kilometers separating downtown Flamengo from far flung Recreio, bordered on one side by the blue ocean, on the other by verdant hills.



DAY 3: Thurs., May 16 - Rio de Janeiro

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AM: Historic Walking Tour of Rio de Janeiro

Your day starts with a visit to the historic center of Rio. Discover the highlights of downtown Rio on foot. Explore the Portuguese colonial heart of the city, Praça XV. Walk down Uruguaiana Street, Carioca Square, and up to the Metropolitan Cathedral. See the beautiful Candelaria Church and the new and renovated Mauá Square, with a wide view of the Olympic Boulevard.

PM: Visit Sugar Loaf

In the afternoon you will proceed to Praia Vermelha, where you will visit Sugar Loaf. Board a cable car for a two-staged ascent up Sugar Loaf Mountain. Your first stop is on a hill called “Morro da Urca” on which several gardens and panoramic viewing platforms are located. When you arrive at the second stop you will enjoy a spectacular view over Rio de Janeiro, its beaches, and Guanabara Bay. At the horizon you can see Corcovado.



DAY 4: Fri., May 17 - Rio de Janeiro/Foz do Iguacu

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AM: Excursion to Corcovado

Your day starts with an excursion to Corcovado. You will be transferred to the rail station to board a cog-train for the ride through Tijuca Forest up Corcovado Mountain. The train ride is a wonderful opportunity for a closer look at the forest’s lush tropical vegetation and to enjoy scenic landscapes of the beaches and city. From the top you will take a panoramic elevator up to the most famous emblem of Brazil and Rio de

Janeiro. On the top of Corcovado is the towering statue of Christ the Redeemer. From this viewing platform you can enjoy one of the most spectacular views in the world. You will return along Rio's celebrated beaches.



PM: Visit the Carnival Experience

At the Carnival Experience you will learn about the history of Carnival and see the large parade floats and the costumes.

Later you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Foz do Iguaçu. Upon your arrival you will be transferred to the hotel.

Foz do Iguaçu is located in the extreme west of the State of Parana, on the border of Brazil with Paraguay and Argentina. The word Iguaçu means “large water,” in Tupi-Guarani etymology. It is a perfect name for Iguassu’s waterfalls, one of the planet’s natural wonders, with 275 waterfalls and an average height of 60 meters.

DAY 5: Sat., May 18 - Iguassu Falls

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AM: This morning you will visit the Brazilian side of the Falls. The highlight is the point at which you cross the walkways leading to the edge of the Falls. With airborne water droplets creating colorful rainbows, the humidity here is such that it is impossible to stay dry.



PM: In the afternoon you will visit the Argentinian side of the Falls. You will travel by jungle train and arrive at a breathtaking canyon called “Garganta del Diabolo” (Canyon of the devil).

Dinner: Enjoy a barbecue dinner and show at a local restaurant.

DAY 6: Sun., May 19 – Foz do Iguacu /Belo Horizonte/Ouro Preto B

After breakfast at the hotel you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Belo Horizonte.

Upon your arrival in Belo Horizonte you will depart immediately for Ouro Preto.

DAY 7: Mon., May 20 – Ouro Preto/Mariana/Congonhas/Ouro Preto B

Full Day Excursion to Mariana and Congonhas

This morning you will travel to Mariana, the jewel of the colonial period, and enjoy a city tour. This enchanted city, founded in 1696, was, for a short time the capital of the State of Minas Gerais. It was originally called Royal Village of Our Lady of Carmel. In 1745 it received its present name, which was in honor of Queen Maria Ana. As you stroll down its picturesque streets you will see houses that date from the beginning of the 18th century, with their balconies of wood, iron, and even soapstone. In Minas Gerais Plaza, the churches of St. Francis of Assisi with its richly sculptured door, Our Lady of Carmel, the City Hall, and the Pillory can be found.

Next, you will travel to Congonhas, which contains important works from the Golden Age of Brazil. The main points of interest are Aleijadinho's sculptural masterpieces of the twelve Prophets, carved in soapstone and his sculptural representation of the Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross), done in polychromatic woodwork. The set of life-sized sculptures is Brazil's greatest artistic treasure. The settlement of Congonhas began with the search for gold at the beginning of the 18th century. Return to Ouro Preto.



DAY 8: Tues., May 21 – Ouro Preto B

Walking Tour of Ouro Preto

The best place to see the old Brazilian "Gold Towns" is Ouro Preto, which means black gold. The town was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. In Ouro Preto you will find the country's best preserved collection of Baroque architecture. Ouro Preto was the center of the late 17th century gold rush. First known as Vila Rica, it was just a mountain village when crowds of adventurers from the Atlantic coast came in search of slaves and gold. Near Vila Rica they found a strange black stone and sent samples to Portugal. In fact, they had discovered gold (the black coloration was from iron oxide in the soil).



DAY 9: Wed., May 22 – Ouro Preto/Belo Horizonte/Rio de Janeiro B

After breakfast at the hotel you will be transferred to Belo Horizonte airport for your flight to Rio de Janeiro where you will connect with your return flight home. You will have some time for last minute shopping and lunch on your own before you return to the airport.

DAY 10: Thurs., May 23 - Dallas

Your tour ends, and you return home with memories of interesting places and joyful times shared with a group of wonderful people.

B = Breakfast; D = Dinner

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COST P/PERSON from Dallas: \$3999.00 double occupancy
\$ 699.00 single room supplement
The price includes all taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges.

COST INCLUDES

Air: Round-trip airfare from Dallas, economy class

Domestic flights: Rio de Janeiro / Foz do Iguacu; Foz do Iguacu / Belo Horizonte; Belo Horizonte / Rio de Janeiro

Hotels: 7 nights in first class hotels

Meals: Breakfast daily and 1 dinner

Sightseeing: Extensive as per itinerary * All sightseeing in private deluxe motor coaches and includes entrance fees

Miscellaneous: Hotel taxes and service charges * Baggage handling and portorage at the hotels.

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICE: Tour price is based upon current tariff and exchange rates and is subject to change. It is based upon a minimum of 15 fully paid passengers. In the event this minimum is not met a surcharge will be levied. You will have an option to withdraw from this tour 45 days before the tour departure without any penalty in lieu of paying a surcharge.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS:

A deposit (by check) of \$1000 p/person is required at time of registration, along with a signed registration form. **You will be billed for the balance, which is due on or before February 1, 2019 by check. All registrations received after February 1, 2019 must be accompanied by full payment.**

CANCELLATION TERMS:

Cancellations received:

Prior to Feb.1, 2019: \$500 p/person
From Feb. 1-Feb. 28, 2019: \$1000 p/person
From March 1, 2019 onward: No refund

All cancellations must be received in writing.

NOTE: Comprehensive insurance is available to cover trip cancellation and interruption, baggage protection, medical, accidental death & dismemberment and emergency evacuation and repatriation. A descriptive booklet will be mailed to you upon receipt of your deposit.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Economy class via any regular IATA carrier. Any cancellation, itinerary change or failure to use confirmed air space may be subject to penalties levied by the airlines at the time of ticketing. **Air tickets, once issued, are non-refundable. This is in addition to above "Cancellation Terms."**

PASSPORT/VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required for all tour members, as is a Brazilian visa for US citizens, who must obtain visas from their nearest consulate before traveling. If you are not a U.S. citizen call the Consulate of EVERY country you will enter (even in-transit when changing planes) to check on visa requirements. **ALL passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the tour.**

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE: Passport, visa, and insurance. All items of a personal nature, beverages and meals not included in the tour. Gratuities to local guides, bus drivers, and hotel and restaurant staff. Optional tours and excess baggage charges. Transfers are not included if you arrange your own air. There is no refund for unused land arrangements or any cost incurred through absence or deviation from the stated itinerary for any reason, including illness.

RESPONSIBILITY: FAR HORIZONS, a division of Tzell Travel, NJ, and/or their agents, give notice that all tickets issued by them and all arrangements for transport or for hotel accommodations made by them, are made by them as agents for the passenger upon the express condition that they shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect of any vehicle conveying the passenger or through the act of default or any company or persons engaged in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith, or of any hotel, or employee. FH and/or their agents can accept no responsibility for losses or accidental expenses due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults or overbookings by hotels, sickness, weather, strike, war, acts of terrorism or other causes. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger. Baggage is at "owner's risk" throughout the tour unless insured. FH reserves the right to withdraw the tour, or any part of it, to make such alterations in the itinerary as they deem necessary or desirable. FH has no special knowledge or information regarding any supplier insolvency, unsafe conditions, terrorist or social unrest, health hazards or weather hazards, other than what has appeared in the public media. For information about possible dangers at your destination please call the Travel Advisory Section of the State Dept. at (202) 647-5225. For medical information contact the CDC at (877) 394-8747. You hereby release FH from any claims arising from any causes not within our control. By using your tickets, you acknowledge that you have read the foregoing and agree to it.

Further, tour participants hold harmless and release the Museum of the Red River, Idabel Museum Society, Inc., Herron Foundation, Inc., the City of Idabel, as well as any staff members, other employees and agents of these organizations from any and all claims and actions resulting from any loss or injury incurred while participating in this program. Participants also agree to reimburse any of the above-mentioned parties for any fees, fines, legal and any other cost incurred by them which arise from any action or cause of action, claim or demand initiated on behalf of the participant.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: Any airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not aboard their aircraft. The airline tickets when issued shall constitute the sole contract between airline and the purchaser of these tickets/and or passenger.

Airline carriers reserve the right to change equipment and schedules without prior notice or passenger approval. We must agree to this upon acceptance of group contracts. We have the option of cancelling the contract without penalty, however, we would need to protect the group on alternate flights. This is not always possible as changes can occur up to the day of departure.

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RESERVATION REQUEST

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Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$1000 p/person for the above tour of Brazil.

I am providing the information required by the Homeland Security rules including my exact name as it appears on my PASSPORT and my date of birth.

Name: (1) _____
 Surname **First Name** **Middle Name**

Date of Birth: (1) _____

Name: (2) _____
 Surname **First Name** **Middle Name**

Date of Birth: (2) _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Tel: _____ Fax: _____

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Do you have any food allergies/dietary restrictions? _____

Do you have any health limitations/restrictions? _____

____ I would like to occupy a single room at an additional \$699.

____ I plan to share a twin-bedded room with _____

____ I would like Far Horizons to select a roommate (if available) to share a twin-bedded room with me. If not available, I understand that I will be charged the single supplement.

Your reservation will be considered official only after your full payment has been received. Should you cancel after your reservation has been received, the cancellation penalties in the "Tour Conditions" apply. I/We have read and agree to the terms and conditions, which apply to this tour, especially noting the cancellation and responsibility clauses.

Signature: _____

Date: _____