

Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for Your Group














Soccer in Rio de Janeiro

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM NORTH AMERICA
- DAY 2 ARRIVE IN RIO DE JANEIRO (4 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 RIO DE JANEIRO & FRIENDLY MATCH
- DAY 4 RIO DE JANEIRO & FRIENDLY MATCH
- DAY 5 RIO DE JANEIRO & BEACH SOCCER GAME
- DAY 6 RIO DE JANEIRO - BUZIOS (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 7 BUZIOS & FRIENDLY MATCH
- DAY 8 BUZIOS
- DAY 9 BUZIOS - DEPARTURE FROM RIO DE JANEIRO

ITINERARY

Football in Rio is the lifeline of all Cariocas, whose physical creativity is a marvel to behold. Beaches, street corners and every alley have an intense game of soccer going on any time of the day or night. The artistic brilliance of beach kids dribbling and dancing with the ball can be witnessed on any beach. Every local kid's dream is to become a Pele of sorts. Our tour is designed to immerse the group into football, Rio style, share in a love and passion for the beautiful game.

 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Festival/Performance/Workshop	Tour Services
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Match/Training Session	    



DAY 1



Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from North America.

Our bilingual Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.

DAY 2



Our private coach and driver will transfer us to our Rio De Janeiro area hotel. We will have use of the coach for all transfers, sightseeing and soccer content as required.



Our accommodation for the next four nights will be in the Rio De Janeiro area. Breakfast and dinner will be included.



We begin with a welcome meeting and orientation. Afterwards, enjoy free time to unpack and explore the area around the hotel before meeting together for dinner.



This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.



After dinner will be free to enjoy social activities around the hotel area.



DAY 3



This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.



Discover the city of Rio de Janeiro. We enjoy a tour through the historical center of the city. We will traverse through historic neighborhoods and see compelling architecture, lush green mountains, white sandy beaches, and the statue of Christ crowning Mount Corcovado that overlooks the city.



ATTEND A PROFESSIONAL MATCH

See a professional game in Brazil's Rio de Janeiro state league Division 1 at the famous Maracanã Stadium, where the recent World Cup Final took place.



FRIENDLY MATCH

We will play a Friendly Match against a local club or school team. The team will meet and compete against athletes of similar ages and skill levels, and have the opportunity to make friends for life. (The teams you will play will be selected after time of booking and will be based on the specific skill level and requirements of your team. We have contacts at every level and take great pride in finding the perfect fit for each friendly match).







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DAY 4

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Ride a Cogwheel train to ascend 2,330ft to the statue of Christ at the top of Corcovado Hill. The journey crosses the world's largest urban forest, the Tijuca Forest. From the base of the 125ft-tall statue of Christ the Redeemer, enjoy the magnificent view of the entire city of Rio spread out below.
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-  This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 5





-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Take a short walk to one of the most famous beaches in the world, the Copacabana. Life is vibrant here, filled with hotels, restaurants, bars and stores thousands of people make their way to and from the beach, either just strolling along or exercising along the Avenida Atlantica on rollerskates, jogging or on bicycle. You will meet a blend of people, different languages, different social backgrounds, sellers, entertainers, businessmen, sun worshippers.
-  **BEACH SOCCER**
Enjoy a game of beach soccer on Copacabana Beach.
-  Travel by cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain (Pão de Açúcar). The ascent is in two parts: the first trip is from the ground station in Urca to the 721ft Morro da Urca (Urca Hill), affording marvelous views of Corcovado Mountain, the Niteroi Bridge, and Guanabara Bay. Walk to the other side of the hill to take the next cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf itself. From here, there are spectacular views of Copacabana and other beaches.
-  This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.
-  **RIO SCENARIUM SAMBA CLUB**
After dinner enjoy Rio Scenarium Samba Club, in Lapa District! Fantastic famous Brazilian Samba Club. Enjoy the live music and learn the traditional dance!

DAY 6

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  **TRAINING SESSION**
We will participate in a Training Session at a local field. The training session will be led by your own coaching staff and are designed to prepare the team for upcoming friendly matches. (Training sessions may be in the morning, afternoon or evening and will be determined by the final hotel location, field availability, and the schedule of activities for the day).
-  This afternoon we transfer to Buzios. A beautiful peninsula with seven different beaches, made popular by the actress Bridgette Bardot.
-  Our accommodation for the next three nights will be in the Buzios area. Breakfast and dinner will be included.
-  After we check-in and unpack, relax on one of the many beautiful beaches.
-  This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.







DAY 7




-  This morning we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
-  Surfing on Geriba Beach. Spend the morning learning to surf on one of Brazilian's famous surfing beaches.
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-  This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant. After dinner enjoy free time for sightseeing or shopping in downtown Buzios.



DAY 8

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Enjoy sailing in Buzios. An unforgettable experience on the crystal blue waters off Buzios in a large sail boat along the shore line
-  Free time to explore and do some last minute shopping in downtown Buzios
-  This evening we will enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 9

-  This morning we will have breakfast at the hotel.
-  Enjoy Geriba Beach. Get your last rays of Brazilian sunshine and surf.
-  Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.



What is Included:

- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges (which will not change after time of enrollment for any participant)
- Accommodation in three star hotels in twin or triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- Full breakfast daily at the hotel
- Lunch or dinner daily (determined by the final sporting arrangements)
- A full-time, bi-lingual, WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- The expertise and perspective of local guides during your tour (if required)
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers, friendly games and sightseeing (where and when required)
- All admissions, activities and excursions as per the itinerary
- All sporting arrangements, including matches, training sessions or clinics (as per the itinerary)
- One pro soccer ticket (subject to schedule and availability)
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation
- USTOA Extensive Consumer Protection up to \$1,000,000 in coverage for advance deposits through our USTOA membership
- Industry leading Professional Liability Insurance of \$50,000,000 in coverage, which extends to certain individuals acting on behalf of Excel Sports
- One free place in a single place throughout the tour

This Does Not Include:

- Any items not mentioned above or in the detailed itinerary
- Single rooms for adults (will be available at a supplement of \$50 per night)
- Third daily meal or personal beverages with meals
- Laundry services on tour
- Public transport pass in capital or major cities
- Visas (required)
- Tips and gratuities for the guide and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Any costs for the hire of, or transport of, equipment or gear
- Travel insurance - We offer and always recommend our Trip Mate travel insurance policy to all participants. This comprehensive policy includes health, property and cancellation coverage at a cost of \$149

Manchester United GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE DRAWING

Win a four-day trip for two and attend the final Manchester United home game at Old Trafford Stadium



The Winner Will Receive:

- Two round trip flights to Manchester
- Two nights at the 3-Star Willowbank Hotel in Manchester
- Two tickets to see Manchester United's final season home game at Old Trafford



"The Manchester trip was an awesome experience that I will never forget. It's been a dream of mine to see a Premier League game so this trip helped that wish come true for me. The atmosphere at the game was awesome and I got to see some great goals from Manchester United. I was also impressed with how accommodating Excel International Sports was while arranging extra days and flights for the trip. Overall, I am so grateful that I got this opportunity to go to Manchester and fulfill one of my dreams!"
Mike Smith, Grand Prize Raffle Winner

THE ULTIMATE FUNDRAISER

WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs is pleased to offer your individual participants or your team with the ultimate fundraiser. Your participants will be able to sell raffle tickets to people in their community or to other friends and family members. The money they raise will be theirs to apply towards the cost of their sports tour.

We will provide a PDF of the raffle tickets. The participants will print the tickets at home, and then they will proceed to sell the tickets for \$10 each. WorldStrides Excel Sports Programs will provide the grand prize and hold a drawing on the 1st of March each year in order to choose a winner.

"This raffle fundraiser is sending me to Spain to play soccer. When my parents told me I had to pay for the trip myself I was determined I could do it and with the help of this raffle I was able to pay for the entire trip. Thank you so much!"
Sydney Larkin, St. Mary's College Women's Soccer (MD)

