

**Boa Morte Festival**  
**August 9th -18th, 2007**  
**Salvador da Bahia & Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**  
**Emphasis on Afro/Brazilian Culture**

This is a society of women which had its beginnings in the senzalas (slaves quarters) where slaves would gather to discuss the news about abolition and pray for the slaves killed in the liberation movement.

**Package includes:**

- Roundtrip Airfare New York City Rio de Janeiro / Salvador da Bahia/ NYC
- Four (4) Nights accommodation at the 4\* Mercure Hotel in Salvador da Bahia
- 1/2 day city tour with lunch at UaUa Restaurant Boa Morte Festival
- Lunch at the Fazenda Santa Cruz Dinner and Show at the Solar do Unhao.
- Three (3) Nights accommodation at the 4 star Plaza Copacabana Hotel Rio de Janeiro
- 1/2 day city tour with lunch at the Colombo Restaurant Brazilian BBQ at the Churrascaria Restaurant Carnival Show at the Plataforma Night Club.
- Welcome dinner in Rio.
- Daily Brazilian breakfast at the hotels.
- All hotel taxes and service charges.
- All airport transfers and local transportation for tours.
- Local guide services throughout.
- International departure tax of \$185 (tax subject to fluctuations)

**New York City/SAO PAULO**

**Sao Paulo - August 09 - Thursday**

We depart from JFK to Sao Paulo International Airport. Upon arrival, we connect with our international flight to Sao Paulo International Airport . Enjoy dinner, movie and complimentary cocktails in overnight flight.

**Rio de Janeiro - August 10 - 13**

**August 10 - RIO DE JANEIRO**

Arrive in Rio de Janeiro, the cidade maravilhosa. After clearing customs and immigrations, we are met by our guide and transferred to the 4-star Martinique Hotel , ideally located just 1/2 block from Copacabana Beach. Here, our 3-night stay includes hotel taxes and daily Brazilian breakfast. Enjoy today at leisure in Rio de Janeiro. Stroll the beaches and sunbathe with the Cariocas , shop in fashionable Ipanema, take

optional tours in and around Rio or relax poolside at the hotel. That night we are meet by our guide for a welcome to Rio diner.

### **August 11 - Saturday RIO DE JANEIRO**

This morning, after breakfast, depart for our tour to Corcovado, Santa Teresa & downtown Old Rio. This tour shows us the must see sights and places that make Rio such a fascinating city! First, travel by vans to the base of the imposing Statue of Christ with arms outstretched over Rio on Corcovado Mountain, perhaps the most recognized icon of South America. The views of the ocean, city, and lagoon are spectacular from this vantage point.

Then board on rugged four-wheel drive jeeps and head through the soaring peaks of the Tijuca National Forest . Explore this lush and beautiful jungle (the largest urban rainforest in the world) traveling along switchbacks with magnificent views of the city below. End the drive at the charming Santa Teresa district. This area, once favored by Rio 's wealthy and powerful, fell into neglect as the chic beachfront neighborhoods of Ipanema and Copacabana came into favor after World War II. Today Santa Teresa is enjoying a renaissance era as artists and bohemians who have moved to the area are renovating this funky and colorful part of Rio .Finally, descend by cable car through this delightful neighborhood, over the famous "Arcos da Lapa" to downtown Rio where we get a feel for the dynamic rhythm of this of this bustling metropolis. Enjoy lunch at Colombo restaurant, and then take a short walking tour of the old downtown section of Rio. Overall, a perfect experience of the sights sounds and tastes of Rio Night at leisure.

### **August 12 - Sunday RIO DE JANEIRO**

Balance of day at leisure. On our last day in Rio the morning is at leisure. There is time for strolling the beaches, sunbathing, or last minute shopping in fashionable Ipanema or Copacabana. Rio's famous Ipanema Hippie Fair (open only on Sunday), a major attraction for tourists and locals as well. A wide variety of colorful handmade wares and souvenirs are available, such as paintings, leather goods, and bijouterie and esoteric articles, which makes it difficult for you to choose.

This evening you are met by your guide for a Welcome Dinner at a Carioca's (Rio native) favorite restaurant - the Churrascaria. Truly a meat eater's delight - a Churrascaria is a barbecue restaurant where waiters bring over choice meats on skewers and cut slices of your choice. Beef, pork, and chicken are served. A buffet of vegetables, salads, seafood and even sushi rounds out your meal. After dinner, you are transferred to the Plataforma for a rousing show of the different music, costumes, and dancing from the various districts of Brazil featuring elaborately costumed mulatas, singers, and dancers presenting Brazil's folklore and capturing Carnival rhythms.

## **Salvador de Bahia: August 13 -19**

### **August 13 - Monday SALVADOR DA BAHIA**

This morning, after breakfast and check-out, you are met by your guide and transferred to the airport in time for your domestic TAM Airlines flight to Salvador. On arrival, you are met by your guide and transferred to the 3-star MERCURE HOTEL, located in front of Rio Vermelho Beach. Here, your four (4) night stay includes hotel taxes and daily Brazilian breakfast.

Welcome to Salvador da Bahia, the cultural heartland of Brazil! Your guide assists you with check-in, gives you a briefing on the hotel and neighborhood and advises you of the meeting time for tomorrow's tour. Evening at leisure.

### **August 14 - Tuesday SALVADOR DA BAHIA**

This morning, after breakfast, we trace the African roots of Salvador on an African-oriented historical city tour which combines the newer, modern section and the older Historical Center of Salvador, the Pelourinho area, so called after the pillory which stood in the main square, in front of the central slave market.

We visit the Afro-Brazilian Museum that traces the West African origins of the city. See the superb wooden, sculpted panels of the orixas by Salvador's most celebrated artist, Carybe. We visit the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, the famous Black church, built with meager resources over a period of almost 100 years. We have lunch at Ua Ua Restaurant and then shop the Mercado Modelo handicraft market the best place in Salvador for souvenirs and shopping. Time to bargain! Night at leisure.

### **August 15 - Wednesday**

#### **Boa Morte Festival Sisterhood of Good Death SALVADOR DA BAHIA**

After an early breakfast, we depart for Cachoeira and the Boa Morte Festival. One of the oldest examples of the phenomenon of syncretism, the blending of Catholicism and Candomble, is the Irmandade da Boa Morte (Sisterhood of the Good Death) in Cachoeira. This is a society of women which had its beginnings in the senzalas (slaves quarters) where slaves would gather to discuss the news about abolition and pray for the slaves killed in the liberation movement. Once freed, ex-slaves would often form religious associations, sisterhoods and brotherhoods, often using the Catholic Church as a vehicle. However, these associations were really cultural centers whose aims were to

free other slaves from captivity and to preserve the traditions handed down verbally from generation to generation. This was the case of the Sisterhood of the Good Death. Their aim was to help newly freed slaves to survive in a world where there was no longer a master with his whips and chains.

Reminiscent of secret female societies in Africa, the Sisterhood of the Good Death worships the Iyas, the female spirits of the dead. A "good death" (or Boa Morte) was seen as being a proper passage from the material to the spiritual world, no longer a slave. The Boa Morte festival takes place in Cachoeira every August and is deeply syncretised with the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. It is perhaps the most important festival in the African Heritage calendar in Bahia and is a living document of African culture and Diaspora to the New World.

The ceremony consists of a Mass followed by procession through the streets of the town with the upright figure of N. Sra. das Glorias (Assumption). The Sisters are dressed in their full gala clothes of black, white and red. This is the highlight of the Enjoy all of the festivities throughout the day with lunch at Fazenda Santa Cruz and then return to the hotel in Salvador. Night at leisure.

#### **Thursday August 16 SALVADOR DA BAHIA**

Day at leisure to enjoy this amazing city.

This evening you are met by your guide for an event that takes place in the 18th century colonial complex of Solar do Unhao which had its own sugar refinery, church, manor house, and slave quarters. The show is presented in the old stockrooms and is a showcase of the different African traditions still so much alive in Bahia. See the sacred dances of the Candomble, the Maculele, a stick and sword dance from the cane fields; the dance of the Caboclo, an Amerindian hunting dance; Capoeira, martial arts/ dance of Angolan origin and the Samba de Roda, a spinning, swirling version of this exuberant national dance. Dinner takes place at the venue with a wide selection of typical and international dishes.

A spectacular way to say good-bye to Salvador!

#### **August 17 - Friday - SALVADOR DA BAHIA**

On our last day in Salvador the morning is at leisure. There is time for strolling the beaches, sunbathing, or last minute shopping in the Pelourinho. Late morning/early afternoon, after check-out, you are met by your guide and transferred to the airport in time for your TAM Airlines domestic flight departing to Sao Paulo International Airport to your international flight departing to New York. Enjoy dinner, movie and

complimentary cocktails in overnight flight. Itinerary subject to change. Arrive in John F. Kennedy International Airport early morning, clear customs and immigration.

### **August 18 - Saturday**

Welcome home!

### **All rates are per person and include all of the above:**

Double occupancy: \$2379 per person (includes int'l departure tax of \$185 (taxes subject to change)  
Single Supplement: Add \$300 per person.

### **Not Included:**

Cost of passport and required Brazilian visa (approximately \$110)  
Items of a personal nature, including drinks at meals and evening excursions.  
Tip to guides/ drivers.  
Deposit: \$300 per person (nonrefundable) due 10/15/06\*  
Final payment due: May 20, 2007  
Optional Insurance of \$150 per person

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