

RIO, The Olympic City



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Tour Summary

Rio de Janeiro has undergone a monumental transformation to get ready for the 31st Olympiad. This virtual tour shows how the new, modern highway, a new light rail train system, and the many tunnels carved through and across numerous mountains to extend the much needed Metro have modernized the city, making it so much easier to visit the many new tourist attractions. We've included the best tips on where to stay and how to get to the Olympic venues, along with spectacular and recent photos of the ten most popular tourist spots, the "must go' places" when you are not cheering for your country's athletes!

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ARRIVAL AT RIO'S AIRPORT





Congratulations! You have arrived at Tom Jobim International airport in Rio de Janeiro, the tourist capital of South America and the proud Host City of the 31st edition of the Olympic Games



How do I get into town? Choose either the Executive or Normal taxi. This nice lady will sell you a ticket for the Executive car. You will be in

Centro, the local term for Rio's downtown, in 30 minutes or in Copacabana and Ipanema in 40 minutes.



Another option is the Real bus. It departs from the first floor of the building.

In case you are going from the airport directly to the Olympic Park, get on the Transcarioca BRT Bus.

From the Park to the Deodoro Venue, site of the Equestrian and BMX events, take the Transolimpica BRT Bus Line.



Rio's transport system has been completely modernized to coincide with the arrival of thousands of tourists...



... and has also become a city of statues, like Tom Jobim, figures from the past and present.



See the girls from Ipanema made famous by the Brazil's famous Bossa Nova composer.



No major tourist city could be without an exciting nightlife district, like Lapa.



Climb to the top of Corcovado mountain, next to the statue of Christ, for a spectacular view of the city.



It is time for you to experience some of the Olympic style excitement at Sao Conrado.



Check out where some of the most exciting Olympic events will be held.



Visit another site with a statue of another famous artist, also on top of a high hill...



Find out how to get to Angra, a tropical paradise only two hours drive from the city.

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