# Florianopolis: Brazil's Paradise Island

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# Tour Summary

When most people think of a Brazilian vacation, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo are the two best-known destinations. But there is a holiday gem that has yet to be discovered by tourists outside of South America: Florianopolis. With over 100 white sandy beaches - large and small - this island is renowned for sunshine, water sports, delicious seafood, sizzling nightlife, and warm hospitality. The island is small, with one central town and tiny villages throughout the countryside and along the ocean shores. It is easy to travel around this paradise by car or public transportation.

# Island in the Sun

This small island has a big heart and the Centro town is the pulse of Florianopolis.

Pedestrian streets make it enjoyable to stroll around the island's main city.

The secluded fishing village of Naufragados Beach is only accessible by a one hour hike, or by fishermen's boats.
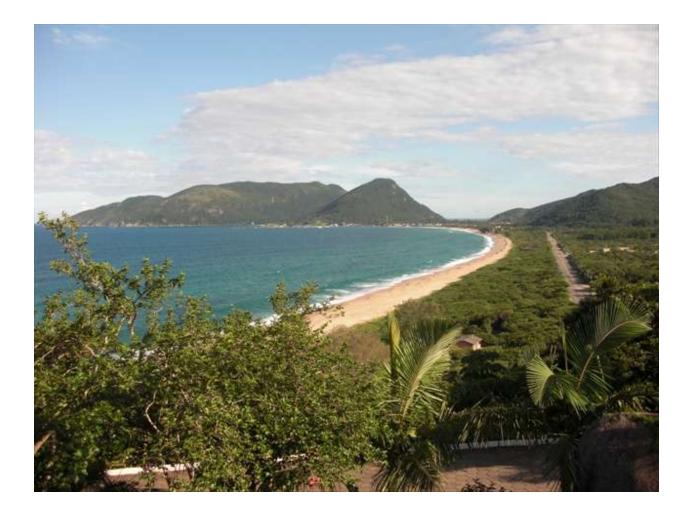
Arriving by water taxi at the isolated Azorean community of Costa da Lagoa is enchanting.

Lagoons, lakes, waterways, canals, and rivers make water taxis a very common mode of transport.

Immense sand dunes at Joaquina allow sandboarding to be a unique experience - without any cold or snow!

Florianopolis is best known for expansive beaches, that stretch for kilometers as far as the eye can see.

Fishermen's boats at Armacao Beach are always ready to head out to sea for the next catch.

The church at Ribeirao shows the classic Azorean style found in many historic island structures.

Seafood restaurants on the beaches are commonplace, and this authentic Portuguese diner and bar is at Pantano do Sul.

Sailing on a freshwater lagoon is a peaceful time away from the ocean's waves.

Campeche Beach is renowned for hosting international surfing championships.