

# **Rio Tour: Sugarloaf, Christ Statue, Santa Teresa**



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# Tour Summary

The geography of this sprawling city is unique. It is set between the South Atlantic and huge domes of granite, which afford breathtaking views of the ocean, Guanabara Bay, chic neighborhoods and shantytowns, and those oh-so-inviting beaches. The twin domes of Sugarloaf Mountain, accessed by cable car, provide 360-degree views of the city from two levels. The tour then visits Christ the Redeemer: perched atop Corcovado Mountain, the statue watches over the city. Below Christ's outstretched arms you will have views of the entire city, including Sugarloaf. Finish your trip at the lesser-known hilltop community of Santa Teresa, reached by Rio's last surviving streetcar. This is a favorite weekend hangout for locals, who come for the food and the

samba. After lunch, enjoy the cool breezes and magnificent views as you sip your coffee and once again reach for your camera.

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# Introduction





Rio. The name alone evokes images of the twin granite cones of Sugarloaf Mountain, and of majestic Christ the Redeemer, watching over all. In this tour we will take you to these 2 must-see attractions, and also reveal some lesser-known gems.



We'll begin with a visit to the palatial  
Museum of Earth Sciences,



then stroll along a nature walk above the ocean,





and visit the little-known Red Beach for a chilled coconut and a bit of relaxation.



By cable car we'll scale Sugarloaf Mountain, featured in the James Bond movie "Moonraker." The 360-degree views of the city are unsurpassed.



No visit to Rio would be complete without a trip to the statue of Christ the Redeemer, our next stop. Enjoy a ride up Corcovado Mountain to the landmark, in a one-of-a-kind cogwheel train.



As you stand below Christ's outstretched arms...



...you'll have magnificent views of Sugarloaf and virtually all of Rio.



Finally, we'll visit the funky artists' enclave of Santa Teresa, ascending by the last remaining streetcar line in the city.



Often overlooked by visitors to Rio, this hillside neighborhood boasts antique shops, historic mansions, cozy cafes, and live samba music.



Sample some native cuisine with friendly locals, then stroll to a park...





...with unparalleled views. Look down over the tiled rooftops as ocean breezes sweep up from the bay below. Welcome to my city, the “Marvelous City” of Rio.

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