

## **“Niemeyer Path”**

Rio de Janeiro, Curitiba, Foz do Iguaçu, Brasília, Sao Paulo

### **Day 1**

Rio de Janeiro

Reception at the airport. Transfer to Portinari Hotel Design. Welcome drink. You will be shown to your suite, where on your request a porter will help you unpack your luggage.

A short rest before a panoramic ride in “Zona Sul”, the Carioca fashion and design centre.

Stroll along “Ipanema” and “Leblon” beaches to see the sunset. Stop to drink the typical and refreshing coconut milk. A visit to “Toca de Vinicius” before dinner at the world famous “Porcao” Steak House, where we will taste the best meat in the State.

Return to hotel.

### **Day 2**

Rio de Janeiro

In the morning a newspaper from your country will be taken to your suite. After breakfast we will visit the bohemian neighbourhood of “Santa Tereza”, a place chosen by local artists for their ateliers.

We will start our tour on an authentic tram, from “Largo da Carioca”, going past “Arcos de Lapa”, “Largo de Curvelo”, “Chácara de Céu” and Ruins Park. Visit to “Laurinda Santos Lobo” Culture House, several ateliers and “Largo dos Guimaraes”. Short stop for tapas and aperitif at “Bar do Arnaudo”. Lunch at “Confeitaria Colombo”.

Afterwards, stroll by “Rio Antigo” (Antique River) and visit to the “Samba-Stadium”, projected by Niemeyer.

Return to the hotel and free time for personal activities.

Dinner at the famous restaurant “Claude Troisgros”.

Return to hotel.

### **Day 3**

Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast we will cross the Niteroi River bridge to get to the famous \*Sister City, where we will visit the Contemporary Arts Museum, built by Niemeyer in 1991. We will follow the “Niemeyer Path”, a set of works by the renowned architect. Lunch at “Mario’s de Niterói” Steak House and visit to the Itaipu Archaeological Museum, built on the historical remnants of the ancient “Recolhimento de Santa Tereza” and situated on the littoral of the Niteroi municipality, next to the beach of the same name. It is a huge building made of stone concrete and mortar (made from ground shells, sand, mud and whale oil). The pieces on show in the museum are the result of archaeological researches carried out in prehistoric places of the region, such as “Sambaqui de Cambinhas” and “Sambaqui do Forte”.

We will continue along the Niteroi shore before returning to the hotel in Rio de Janeiro.

Free evening.

### **Day 4**

Rio de Janeiro – Curitiba

Breakfast and at the stated time, transfer to the airport where we will take off for Curitiba.

Reception at Curitiba airport and transfer to the selected hotel.

Dinner at “Caffe Maria” restaurant.  
Return to hotel.

### **Day 5**

Curitiba

After breakfast, a whole day tour will take us to the beautiful city parks, the gastronomic neighbourhood of “Santa Felicidade” and the Niemeyer Museum. Lunch at Boulevard Restaurant and stroll along the “Flowers Street”.

Return to hotel. Free evening.

### **Day 6**

Curitiba

After breakfast, train excursion to the \***“Hills by the Sea”** and visit to the historic city of Morretes. Lunch at a regional restaurant where we will taste the famous “Barreado”, a typical dish eaten for Carnival, consisting of meat. Visit to the Cachaca winery and return to Curitiba along the beautiful **“Ruta Graciosa” (Gracious Road)**.

Free evening.

### **Day 7**

Curitiba – Foz do Iguaçu

Breakfast and at the stated time transfer to the airport, where we will take the flight to Foz do Iguaçu. Arrival and transfer to the selected hotel.

Visit to the “Brazilian Falls” and **go on the “Macuco Safari”** before returning to the hotel for dinner.

### **Day 8**

Foz do Iguaçu

Breakfast and bus drive to visit the “Argentinian Falls”, “Itaipu Dam” and Birds Park.

Return to hotel.

### **Day 9**

Foz do Iguaçu – Brasilia

Breakfast and at the stated time transfer to the airport to embark for Brasilia. Arrival and transfer to the selected hotel.

Dinner at the Spanish restaurant “La Torreta”, considered one of the best restaurants in the country. Return to hotel.

### **Day 10**

Brasilia

Breakfast and full day city tour visiting: SQS residential area, “Dom Bosco” Sanctuary, TV Tower, Military neighbourhood, JK Memorial, Cathedral, Ministeries Promenade, Itamaraty Palace, Three Powers Square, Democracy and Liberty Pantheon, Lúcio Costa Cultural Area, Jaburu Palace, Alvorada Palace, JK Bridge and Embassies neighbourhood (lunch included)

Return to hotel.

### **Day 11**

Brasilia – Sao Paulo

Breakfast and at the stated time and transfer to the airport to take the flight to Sao Paulo. Arrival and transfer to “L’hotel” hotel.

Sao Paulo, the world's third biggest city, has been a witness of the country prosperity. Founded in 1554, it was the landmark for the Brazilian expansion carried out by the Bandeirantes.

In the evening, visit to "Terraco Italia", one of the highest buildings in the city. At the top of the building there's a sophisticated restaurant that offers live shows and piano bar, from which we will have a magnificent sweeping view of the city.

Dinner at an excellent restaurant (Sao Paulo has been chosen the Brazilian Capital of gastronomy).

Later on, the tour will take us to the cinemas area, nightclubs and bars. We will also visit the Liberdade and Ibirapuera neighbourhood and Paulista Av.

Return to hotel.

## **Day 12**

Sao Paulo

After breakfast, visit to: "Patio do Colegio" (the place where the city of Sao Paulo was founded), "Sacred Art Museum" (one of the most important Catholic hoards in the country which houses more than one thousand baroque pieces, a diversity of statues of saints and oratories), "State Art Gallery" (one of the main Brazilian museums with nearly five thousand pieces on show which include paintings, bronze pieces, design and tapestry).

Before lunch, a tour will take us to the first neighbourhood erected for the Paulista Society and to one of the most beautiful churches in the city.

In the afternoon, visit to the "Oscar Americano Foundation", where we will see different works of art that include silver, clothing, paintings and sculptures dating back to the Imperial times, which are on show in the Oscar Americano Mansion. In one of the rooms we will have tea in the Imperial style.

At "Casa da Fazenda", the first estate where tea was grown in the country (now a cultural centre), we will see an old "senzala" and "orchid garden".

Return to hotel.

## **Day 13**

Sao Paulo

Breakfast and at stated time transfer to the airport for departure.

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