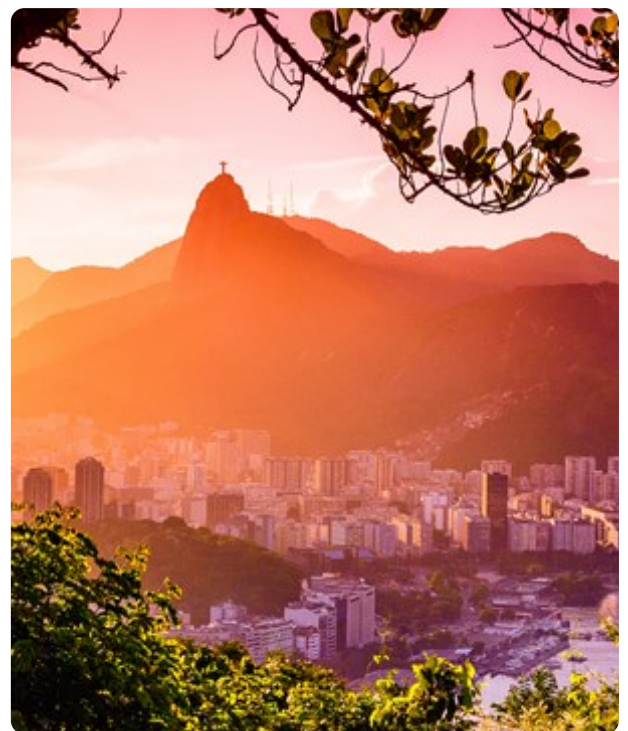




## RIO DE JANEIRO

The colourful, charismatic party capital of Latin America is one of the most vibrant places on earth. The city is watched over by Christ the Redeemer that sits on top of the city's landmark Corcovado Mountain. This historic city is known world over for its magnificent New Year firework display on Copacabana beach, its explosive carnival, its colourful people and its outstanding natural landscape. If you love dancing, shopping, golf, dining on exquisite cuisine or the thrill of fabulous water sports you will not be disappointed by Rio de Janeiro.



## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



### POST

There are many post offices around the city in Rio de Janeiro. The name of the national post agency is Correios which means 'post office'. To locate a post office more easily, remember the blue and yellow colours of the post office sign.

Post Office:

Av. Nossa Senhora de Copacabana 540,  
Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro  
Also open Saturdays

### PHARMACY

Rio de Janeiro has a number of pharmacies around the city. Large pharmacy chains to look for are Drogaria Pacheco, Droga Raia and Drogaria Pop.

Drogaria Pacheco in Copacabana:

Av. Nossa Senhora de Copacabana 534, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 3208 4600

[www.drogariaspacheco.com.br/](http://www.drogariaspacheco.com.br/)  
[www.drogaia.com.br/](http://www.drogaia.com.br/) / [www.drogariapop.com.br/](http://www.drogariapop.com.br/)

Drogaria Pacheco in Copacabana is open around-the-clock

### FERRIES

Ferries run frequently between the mainland and some of the islands. They allow you to take bicycles on board if you wish to explore when you disembark.

[www.grupoccr.com.br/barcas](http://www.grupoccr.com.br/barcas)

### TELEPHONE

Country code: + 55

Area code: 21

### ELECTRICITY

110V or 120V, AC, 60 Hz, European plugs with two circular pins or Japanese-style plugs with two perpendicular flat blades. Some hotels have 220V outlets.

### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALEÃO

Most flights arrive into Rio de Janeiro via International Airport Galeão. The airport is located on Governador Island, the largest one in Guanabara Bay, and is located around twenty kilometres from the city centre. The airport is served by a good road network, including the Linha Vermelha and Linha Amarela freeways and Avenida Brasil.

International Airport Galeão has a range of facilities including ATM's, bank, restaurants, telephones, parking and car hire offices.

There are four bus lines (2018, 2101, 2145 and 2918) that run to and from the city centre and Rio's other airport, Santos Dumont Airport. The buses run every ten minutes and journey times can vary depending on the time of day, but allow at least 40 minutes.

For regular taxis there are two companies at the airport, Aerotaxi: +55 21 3398 3163 and Aerocoop: +55 21 3398 3691. There are also VIP taxis available.

International Airport Galeão, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 3398 5050

[www.aerportogaleao.net](http://www.aerportogaleao.net)

### METRO AND BUS

Getting around Rio de Janeiro is relatively straightforward. The city is divided into four zones: the South (Zona Sul), Centre (Centro), North (Zona Norte) and the West (Zona Oeste).

You can get around with metro and bus, ônibus, that are both very inexpensive ways to travel and you can also purchase a combination ticket. You can buy tickets and cards at all stations. Be careful of pickpockets during rush-hour!

[www.metrorio.com.br](http://www.metrorio.com.br) / [www.rioonibus.com](http://www.rioonibus.com)

## SANTOS DUMONT AIRPORT

Santos Dumont Airport is located eight kilometres downtown from Rio de Janeiro. Santos Dumont Airport has a range of facilities, including ATM's, telephones and car hire offices.

There are two bus lines that operate from the airport. Number 2145 runs to Rio de Janeiro International Airport and 2018 runs to Rio de Janeiro International Airport and Alvorada.

There are also taxis and rental cars available.

Santos Dumont Airport, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 3814 7070

[www.aerportosantosdumont.net](http://www.aerportosantosdumont.net)

## TAXI

Taxis can be seen everywhere and they are fairly priced, although always use those associated with an accredited company with an identification sticker in the window. Be sure it has a meter before you begin your journey, some drivers might quote you excessive rates at night-time. Taxis are usually found in the designated ranks outside the airport terminal and hotels, and are generally yellow or white coloured. If you feel unsure ask the hotel or restaurant to call you a taxi, that way you can be absolutely sure it is safe.

Nettaxi  
+55 21 9136 9784

Aerocoop  
+55 21 3078 5050

Aerotaxi  
+55 21 2467 7408

Central Táxi  
+55 21 2195 1000

## CAFES



In true Rio de Janeiro spirit, the city's cafés are often elaborate venues with a wide range of beverages and pastries or light snacks on offer for you to enjoy.

### CAFECITO

At Cafecito you can have a good cup of coffee, or more, in a relaxed atmosphere. At this café you can have high quality coffee made by skilled baristas.

Rua Paschoal Carlos Magno, 121, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 2221 9439

[www.cafecito.com.br](http://www.cafecito.com.br)

### TALHO CAPIXABA

This café/deli serves bread, sandwiches and much more. Talho Capixaba is a good place to visit for all occasions and is popular among its guests.

Avenida Ataulfo de Paiva, 1022, Rio de Janeiro

+55 22 2512 8760

[www.talhocapixaba.com.br](http://www.talhocapixaba.com.br)

### CONFETARIA COLOMBO

Full of Belle Époque charm this lavish Art Nouveau café is located in the heart of old Rio de Janeiro. It serves a range of cakes, pastries, light snacks and a selection of teas. Be sure to take the 5pm High Tea. There is another branch of this popular cafe on the harbour side.

Rua Gonçalves Dias 32, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 2505 1500

[www.confetariacolombo.com.br](http://www.confetariacolombo.com.br)

### DA CASA DA TATA

The elegant café Da Casa da Tata is known for its large selection of lavish cakes, breads, desserts and light Carioca style lunches. Try the local beef stew dish called feijoada.

Rua Professor Manoel Ferreira, 89 Gavea, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 2511 0947

[www.dacasadatata.com.br](http://www.dacasadatata.com.br)

Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea

### CAFÉ HUM

The Café Hum is a charming coffee shop that serves rich Brazilian blends as well as cappuccino and espresso, accompanied by delicious homemade cakes, sandwiches, waffles and pastries.

Rua Visconde de Pirajá, 580, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 2239 2849

[www.cafehum.com.br](http://www.cafehum.com.br)



## DO & SEE



Rio de Janeiro's attractions are diverse, from festivals and landmarks to forests and nature trails. As a throbbing metropolis, Rio de Janeiro is legendary. Not only does the city host its fabulously outrageous carnival every year, the biggest, liveliest and most colourful party in the world to which everyone is invited, but it also sees its people break out into dance to the sounds of the samba at every opportunity.

### MIRANTE DONA MARTA

From this popular lookout you will see Rio de Janeiro from a whole new perspective. The scenery is beautiful and you can look over Sugar Loaf Mountain and Corcovado. If you are going to Corcovado this place is convenient to visit at the same time.

Mirante Dona Marta, Rio de Janeiro

### SAMBA SCHOOLS

When visiting the country of Samba, why not put your dancing shoes on and try a few moves yourself? The samba schools are especially popular during Sambadrome and the carnival in Rio de Janeiro. The Samba School have different costumes depending on the school. Watch the samba schools in the carnival or buy a costume and join a Samba School yourself.

One of the most famous samba schools are Mangueira.

Rua Visconde de Niterói, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2567 3419

[www.mangueira.com.br](http://www.mangueira.com.br)

### NEW YEAR'S EVE IN RIO DE JANEIRO

To celebrate New Year's Eve in Rio de Janeiro is a true classic. One of the main sites for this annual event is Copacabana beach where there are many festivities. Make sure you see the world famous fireworks display at midnight. So put your dancing shoes on and join in on the New Year's party in Rio de Janeiro.

Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

### SITIO ROBERTO BURLE MARX

A bit outside Rio de Janeiro you can find these landscaped gardens. Sitio Roberto Burle Marx is the home of the landscape designer Roberto Burle Marx's famous 100-acres of plants and art.

Estrada Roberto Burle Marx, Rio de Janeiro

### ESCADARIA SELARÓN

The world famous steps in Rio de Janeiro are called Escadaria Selarón. The steps are truly a work of art and are made by the artist Selarón who covered the steps with colourful tiles. By its visitors Escadaria Selarón is claimed to be a must see in Rio de Janeiro.

Rua Manuel Carneiro 24, Santa Teresa, Rio de Janeiro

### TEATRO MUNICIPAL

If you pay a visit to Teatro Municipal you will find yourself in an extravagant theatre with cosy lights and exclusive interiors. This a good place to take the opportunity to attend a performance and show. If you are not visiting for a performance or show, the guided tours are highly recommended by its visitors.

Praca Marechal Floriano S/N, Centro, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2332 9191

[www.theatromunicipal.rj.gov.br](http://www.theatromunicipal.rj.gov.br)

Mon-Fri 10am-6pm. Sat, Sun and Public Holiday  
10am-4pm

### FAVELAS

The shanty towns in Brazil are called favelas. The favelas are old places along the hillsides where former slaves used to live. Today the favelas have become popular tourist destinations and the most famous favela in Rio de Janeiro is called Rocinha. There are many different guided tours to the favelas and they will show you a whole different side of Rio de Janeiro.

Rocinha, Rio de Janeiro

## THE BEACHES OF RIO DE JANEIRO

The city is famous for its fabulous beaches. Copacabana is perhaps Rio de Janeiro's best known beach because it hosts Rio de Janeiro's New Year celebrations that are seen from all around the world. Other beaches close to the centre of the city include Ipanema and Leblon where there are restaurants galore and the beaches of Barra da Tijuca, Prainha and Grumari that are all great for surfing and windsurfing enthusiasts.

Nearby Búzios, a former fishing village, has many beaches where surfing, volley ball, scuba diving and windsurfing are popular, such as the beaches of Geribá, Enseada de Manguinhos, Armação, Praia dos Ossos, Azeda and Ferradura. Along the coast you find Arraial do Cabo known for its fabulous diving. The water off the beaches of Dos Anjos, where one of the first settlements was established in the 1500's, is crystal clear and the rock formations teem with tropical fish. If you sit on the shoreline you can look out over the Massambaba spit and the Araruama Lake.

More outstanding beaches can be found around the Angra dos Reis bay. The area is famous for its forest areas known as the Atlantic Forest. Here you can take nature trails through the undergrowth. It also has more than 360 islands including the beautiful Gipóia Island where Piedade and Jurubaíba beaches can be found and the Ilha Grande, the largest islands, that has the beautiful Lopes Mendes and Cachadaço beaches.

Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

## THE MARINE STATE PARK OF AVENTUREIRO

Along with the State Park of Ilha Grande and the Biological Reservation of South Beach, the Marine State Park of Aventureiro is among the most important environmental initiatives in Brazil. They are located on the Ilha Grande, Rio de Janeiro's largest island, in the Angra Dos Reis Bay. They offer nearly 200 square kilometres of natural forest and waterways, beaches, nature trails for those who love to trek and clear waters for water sport enthusiasts, particularly surfers, divers and sailors.

Ilha Grande, Angra dos Reis Bay, Rio de Janeiro

[www.ilhagrande.com.ar](http://www.ilhagrande.com.ar)

## NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The National Historical Museum houses permanent and temporary exhibitions. It is one of the most important museums because it shows the social and economic history of Brazil. This is a gem for all you history lovers!

Praça Marechal Âncora, Centro, Rio de Janeiro

[www.museuhistoriconacional.com.br](http://www.museuhistoriconacional.com.br)

Tue-Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat, Sun and Holidays: 2pm-6 pm. Closed on Mon

## HANG GLIDING OVER RIO DE JANEIRO

If you are feeling brave and are looking for one of the most thrilling experiences and amazing views of Rio de Janeiro you should try Hang Gliding. There are different companies offering Hang Gliding in Rio de Janeiro and one of them is Easy Fly Rio. Easy Fly Rio takes off from Pedra Bonita and flies over numerous attractions and sights.

Pepino Beach, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 9966 9346

[www.easyflyrio.com.br](http://www.easyflyrio.com.br)

## RIO DE JANEIRO CARNIVAL

Held seven weeks before Easter, the Rio de Janeiro Carnival (Carnival) is a five-day extravaganza of colour and music. If your visit coincides with the festivities be sure to take part. Everyone dances in the street, including many with fabulously coloured costumes and feathered headdresses. All move to the sounds of the samba that is constant throughout the five days. See the parades and demonstrations and listen to live bands too. The Tourist Office always has a programme of events.

Sambodromo, Marquês de Sapucaí, Rio de Janeiro  
Sambodromo and venues throughout Rio de Janeiro

## RIO JAZZ FESTIVAL

If you like music, you should look out for Rio Jazz Festival. The sultry music will be heard seeping out of almost every one of the city's bars and clubs as they host special events to mark the fabulous Rio Jazz Festival. Jazz acts from around the world come to Rio to take part each year. The Tourist Office always has a programme of festival events and dates vary annually for this event.

Rio de Janeiro  
Venues throughout Rio de Janeiro

## CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Standing on the top of Corcovado Mountain and looking out over the city with outstretched arms, the statue of Jesus was named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World in 2007. Its left arm points to the northern areas of Rio de Janeiro, while its right arm points to the south. If you venture up through the Tijuca Rain Forest to the top of the mountain for a closer look you will be rewarded by fabulous views of Sugar Loaf Mountain, Copacabana, Ipanema, the Maracanã Stadium and the Serra do Órgãos mountain range.

Cristo Redentor, Rio de Janeiro

## SUGAR LOAF

The small, pert granite mountain known as Sugarloaf rises from the ground in an egg-like fashion and is the iconic symbol of the Rio de Janeiro skyline. A visit to experience the top with its 360-degree view of the city is an absolute must. There is a two-stage cable car called Corcovado Train that runs up the mountain and makes the ascent and descent effortless.

Sugarloaf Mountain, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2461 2700  
Near Copacabana Beach

## DINING



Rio de Janeiro is a multi-cultural city which is reflected in its varied choice of restaurants. Whether you plan to eat traditional dishes like Brazil's national dish and drink Feijoada and Caipirinha, or prefer Mexican, Oriental, French, Italian or Middle Eastern cuisine you will find a restaurant to suit your palate and budget.

### ZOT GASTROBAR

There are many people who consider this restaurant the best one in Rio de Janeiro. Zot Gastrobar serves contemporary food in a relaxed atmosphere. This restaurant has an excellent wine list and it will probably not disappoint you.

R. Bolivar, 21 Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 3489 4363  
[www.zotgb.com.br](http://www.zotgb.com.br)

### LAGOON

Lagoon is a large complex full of restaurants, events and a cinema. On the second floor there are six different restaurants to choose from, one for each taste. The six restaurants are: Guiseppe Grill, Gula Gula, Pax Delícia, Quadrifoglio, San Remo and Empório Gourmet Show.

Av. Borges de Medeiros 1424, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2529 5300  
[www.lagoon.com.br](http://www.lagoon.com.br)

### RISO

This modern restaurant has a wide range of food in its menu and live music while eating. This is a place you should come to for a meal in a modern interior with a superb ambiance.

Rua Anibal de Mendonca, 175, Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2147 8259  
[www.riso.art.br](http://www.riso.art.br)

### PORCÃO

A fabulously elegant, upmarket restaurant that cooks meat and fish on rotisserie style barbecues to perfection. There is a sushi bar too, plus a buffet serving a large range of salads and cold dishes. The restaurant's menu offers a tempting selection of desserts and cocktails.

Infante Dom Henrique, S/N Aterro do Flamengo, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 3521 2900  
[www.porca.com.br](http://www.porca.com.br)

### CAIS DO ORIENTE

Dining at the Cais do Oriente will be a memorable experience. Not only is its Oriental and European menu inspired and the dishes artistically presented but the ambience of this stylish restaurant is quite unique. Housed in a restored 19th century warehouse beautifully decorated and furnished with antiques it oozes charm.

Rua Visconde de Itaboraí 8, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2233 2531  
[www.caisgourmet.com.br](http://www.caisgourmet.com.br)

### OLYMPE

All the French food lovers should pay a visit to the French restaurant Olympe. This restaurant is truly amazing according to its customers and it has a good ambience and beautifully presented dishes. It could be a good idea to make reservations before visiting.

Rua Custodio Serrao 62, Lagoa, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2539 4542  
[www.olympe.com.br](http://www.olympe.com.br)

### BRASEIRO DA GAVEA

This restaurant is located in a busy area and is claimed to be one of the best grilled food restaurants in Rio de Janeiro.



Praça Santos Dumont, 116 Gávea, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2239 7494  
[www.brasedodagavea.com.br](http://www.brasedodagavea.com.br)

## ZAZA BISTRO TROPICAL

At Zaza Bistro Tropical you will find yourself in an iconic corner of Ipanema where the restaurant has been located since 1999. You should come here if you like healthy food since they especially opt for organic foods.

Rua Joana Angelica, 40, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2247 9101  
[www.zazabistro.com.br](http://www.zazabistro.com.br)

## HACHIKO CONTEMPORÂNEO

This restaurant combines modern cuisine with ancient oriental food. Hachiko Contemporâneo serves true contemporary Japanese food with the essential elements of cooking: tradition, wisdom, harmony and balance.

Travessa do Paco 10 Centro, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2533 6366  
[www.hachiko.com.br](http://www.hachiko.com.br)

## ORO

The restaurant is inspired by all the different flavours of Brazilian food. If you want to you can try their different tasting menus. The tasting menus will take you on a culinary journey through Brazil and all the different gastronomic sources from around the country.

Rua Frei Leandro, 20 - Jd. Botânico, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 7864 9622  
[www.oroestaurante.com](http://www.oroestaurante.com)

## AMIR

The great thing about eating at Amir is that you can indulge yourself in a fabulous Arab and Lebanese inspired buffet. If you have the appetite you can return to the buffet time and time again for more. The restaurant is decorated in rich autumn colours and with a welcoming feel.

Rua Ronald de Carvalho, 55, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2275 5596  
[www.amirrestaurante.com.br](http://www.amirrestaurante.com.br)  
Daily for lunch and dinner  
Copacabana

## FELLINI

This is one of Rio de Janeiro's most popular value restaurants. The Fellini is lively and welcoming and here you can choose from a buffet of international dishes including sushi and an oyster bar. You only pay for the portion you select.

Rua General Urquiza, 104, Leblon, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2511 3600  
[www.fellini.com.br](http://www.fellini.com.br)

## FAZENDOLA

With its wooden furniture and home made dishes the Fazendola is styled to capture a traditional Brazilian country eatery. The restaurant serves traditional Brazilian dishes made from fresh ingredients as well as all you can eat Japanese food and all you can eat pizza.

Rua Jangadeiros 14B, Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2247 9600  
[www.fazendola.com.br](http://www.fazendola.com.br)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Almost all areas of Rio de Janeiro have a lively nightlife scene with the samba being the music of choice. If you add great restaurants and sunsets into the equation, such as those at Arraial do Cabo, then you have the ingredients for a perfect evening.

### LAPA 40 GRAUS

This nightclub is ideally located in the city centre. Here you can show off your moves and dance all night. Check website for upcoming events.

Rua do Riachuelo, 97, Lapa, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 3970 1338

[www.lapa40graus.com.br](http://www.lapa40graus.com.br)

### BLA BLA CHAMPANHERIA

Highly praised, the Bla Bla Champanheria offers a great bar hangout with yummy drinks and wonderful Japanese food. This bar is great for first dates or for hanging out with friends.

Av Erico Verissimo 843, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2495 0040

### CLUBE DOS DEMOCRATICOS

Clube dos Democraticos is a great place to go to dance Forró. Here you can have great beer and a good time, Brazilian style.

Rua do Riachuelo, 91, Lapa, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2252 4611

[www.clubedosedemocraticos.com.br](http://www.clubedosedemocraticos.com.br)

### RIO SCENARIUM

The Rio Scenarium is a nightclub highly appreciated by its guests. Here you can both chill out and party all night long in a vintage atmosphere.

Rua do Lavradio, 20, Centro Antigo, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 3147 9000

[www.rioscenarium.com.br](http://www.rioscenarium.com.br)

### JAZZ IN CHAMPANHERIA

Jazz In Champanheria offers live jazz, a great menu and tasty drinks. It is highly recommended by its guests. For those who dare, there is karaoke on Wednesdays.

Rua Sacadura Cabral, 63, Praça Mauá, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2253 7916

[www.jazzinchampanheria.com.br](http://www.jazzinchampanheria.com.br)

### ZERO ZERO

Pay a visit to the lively, dimly lit and contemporary-styled nightclub in the Gavea district of Rio de Janeiro. Zero Zero is often known as 00 and has music, dancing, cocktails, drinks as well as light meals.

Avenue Padre Leonel Franca, 240 Gavea, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2540 8041

[www.00site.com.br](http://www.00site.com.br)

### PALAPHITA KITCH

Palaphita Kitch is usually buzzing and is a popular place with the locals as well as visitors. You can enjoy drinks and dancing in the outdoor seating areas with a fabulous view of the bay.

Av. Epitácio Pessoa, Logoa, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2227 0837

[www.palaphitakitch.com.br](http://www.palaphitakitch.com.br)

### ALTO LAPA

If you want to experience nightlife in Rio you can visit Alto Lapa. You are most probably guaranteed a fun night out here, with a lot of dancing and drinks.

Travessa Do Mosqueira, 13, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2507 0392

## BIER EN CULTUUR

This is a good place for all beer lovers. At Bier en Cultuur you can find beer from all over the world, including small Brazilian breweries.

Rua Maria Quitéria, 77, Loja 222, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 3553 5716

## CASA ROSA

Housed in a pink-washed traditional building, the Casa Rosa offers dancing, snooker, light meals, drinks and the chance to chill with friends.

Casa Rosa Centro Cultural Rua Alice, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 3079 0550  
[www.casarosa.com.br](http://www.casarosa.com.br)

## SHOPPING



Shopping in Rio de Janeiro will be an experience. For top-notch clothes and accessories head for the Rua Visconde de Pirajá that runs parallel to the beach in Ipanema. Another good street for shopping, especially for crafts, is the Feira de São Cristóvão in the north of the city.

A few of the greater shopping malls are The Fashion Mall in the Estrada da Gávea and São Conrado that has nearly 150 upmarket shops plus restaurants and cinemas while the Barra Shopping complex in Avenue das Americas, Barra da Tijuca is one of the city's largest.

For enthusiasts of markets, and especially those that specialise in antiques, head for the Rua do Lavradio which is close to the Praça Tiradentes. Every first Saturday of the month it hosts the Feira do Rio Antigo that is a huge, bustling antique market where everything from books to lamps can be found. Make a day of it as there are plenty of restaurants to grab a bite to eat and live bands playing the samba if you fancy a dance. Another market that should capture your attention is the Feira Hippie in Praça General Osório, Ipanema. Here you will find handicrafts, art, unusual clothes and leather goods.

A little out of town is the charming Búzios, a former fishing village that is known for its great speciality shops along the Rua das Pedras. Shop here for exquisite designer goods, sweets and jewellery.

### BARRA SHOPPING

Barra Shopping complex in Avenue das Americas, Barra da Tijuca is one of the city's largest. Here you can find shops such as Adidas, Calvin Klein and Häagen-Dazs.

Avenida das Américas, 4666 - Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 3089 1051  
[www.barrashopping.com.br](http://www.barrashopping.com.br)

### ANTIQUES

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Rua das Pedras, Rio de Janeiro

### SHOPPING STREETS

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Rua Visconde de Pirajá, Rio de Janeiro

### THE FASHION MALL

A good shopping centre to visit if you want the full shopping experience is The Fashion Mall in the Estrada da Gávea and São Conrado. It has nearly 150 upmarket shops plus restaurants and cinemas.



Estrada da Gávea, 89, São Conrado, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2111 4444  
[www.fashionmall.com.br](http://www.fashionmall.com.br)

## DOLCE & GABBANA

Dolce & Gabbana is one of the most famous Italian brands. Their collections and designs are stylish and elegant but always with the latest trends in mind. In this shop you can find their latest collections for women.

Av. Afranio De Mello Franco, N. 290, Leblon, Rio de Janeiro  
[www.dolcegabbana.com](http://www.dolcegabbana.com)

## ZARA

This world famous brand can almost be found in every big or mid-size town, and in Rio de Janeiro you find two shops. Here you find the latest fashion for men, women and children, everything from street wear to the more up-dressed look.

Rio Sul, Lauro Sodre, 116, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 2125439915  
[www.zara.com](http://www.zara.com)

## SHOPPING VILLAGE MALL

The Shopping Village Mall can be found right on Avenida das Americas. Here you can enjoy shopping in a tranquil and pleasant atmosphere. Seize the opportunity to enjoy a nice meal after your shopping spree.

Avenida das Americas, 3.900, Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro  
[www.shoppingvillagemall.com.br](http://www.shoppingvillagemall.com.br)

## SHOPPING LEBLON

In Leblon, Rio de Janeiro, you can find the shopping centre Shopping Leblon. Brands here include Diesel, Dolce & Gabbana, Chanel and Kate Spade.

Avenida Afranio de Mello Franco 290, Rio de Janeiro  
+55 21 2430 5122  
[www.shoppingleblon.com.br](http://www.shoppingleblon.com.br)

## SHOPPING NOVA AMERICA

Shopping Nova America is ideally located in the northern part of the city centre. Shops here include Havianas, Marisa and Zinzane. After your shopping spree you can visit the onsite cinema.

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