



Brasil, Rio and the Nordeste : Salvador de Baya, Olinda, Récif, Natal



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Brazil, a land of contrasts where mysticism meets extreme materialism, and the spectacle of the carnival plays out beside scenes of cruel poverty. Nothing can prepare visitors for the culture shock of this country/continent.

The cidade maravilhosa or « marvellous city » of Rio de Janeiro well merits its name. The city is all beaches, surprising contrasts, stunning bays and positive spirit.

Despite severe inequality and major security issues, Rio is nonetheless a splendid and explosive city complete with an array of stunning sandy beaches: Copacabana, Ipanema and Guanabara.

Salvador de Bahia, the cradle of Brazilian history. With a typically Portuguese town centre and an strongly Afro-Brazilian population, Salvador de Bahia is a truly hybrid city. Capoeira, local cuisine, the Bahianais, colonial splendour... many elements come together to make the charm and character so unique to the town.

Founded in 1535 by the Portuguese Duarte Coelho, Olinda, one of the Brazil's oldest cities, is a town of great natural beauty. Every year the carnival lights up the town, breathing a fresh burst of life into its streets.

As the capital of the state of Pernambuco, Recife is also the economic and tourist center of the region. The city's carnival, like that of Olinda's, is famous especially for its convivial and festive atmosphere.

At the tip nearest Africa lies the city that was nicknamed « the city of sun ». As the state capital of « Rio Grande do Norte », the city of Natal is especially known for its dreamy beaches, its buggy drives on sand dunes and its ancient buildings, like the Fortress of the Three Wise Men dating back to 1598.

The Northeast, may be a poor and arid region, but it nevertheless harbours some truly splendid landscapes. The beaches of the Northeast are some of the wildest and most beautiful in the country. The stunning beauty of the landscapes here is gradually starting to draw more tourism to the region.