**Brazil Travel & Vacation**



-- Rio de Janeiro, Carnival, fascinating nature

***A favourite travel & vacation destination***

Brazil is a famous travel and vacation destination with the world's largest Carnival Festival, beautiful city Rio de Janeiro, the magnificent Iguazu Falls and friendly people.

Brazil is located in Eastern South America, bordering the Atlantic Ocean. Brazil, including Arquipelago de Fernando de Noronha, Atol das Rocas, Ilha da Trindade, Ilhas Martin Vaz, and Penedos de Sao Pedro e Sao Paulo, has total land area about 8,459,417 square kilometres, slightly smaller than the United States.



Based on July 2010 estimate, Brazil has a population of 201,103,330, including white 53.7%, mulatto (mixed white and black) 38.5%, black 6.2%, other (includes Japanese, Arab, Amerindian) 0.9%, unspecified 0.7% (2000 census). Portuguese is the official language in Brazil. But some of Brazil's people also speak Spanish, English, or French.

***A populous nation in South America***

Following three centuries under the rule of Portugal, Brazil became an independent nation in 1822. By far it is the largest and most populous country in South America. Possessing large and well-developed agricultural, mining, manufacturing, and service sectors, Brazil's economy outweighs that of all other South American countries and is expanding its presence in world markets. Brazil is currently the leading economic power in South America.

Brazil has a good working telephone system. In 2009, Brazil has about 76 million Internet users. It uses "real" (BRL) as its currency. Based on 2010 exchange rate, US$1 equal to 1.77 reals (BRL).

Iguazu Falls, Brazil



Rio de Janeiro Beach, Brazil



Rio de Janeiro



Redeemer, Brazil

***Top destinations and attractions***

*Iguazu Falls*

**- A fascinating natural attraction**

Brazil is well-known for its dense Amazon rainforest and fascinating nature. The magnificent and breath-taking Iguazu Falls, one of the Brazil's natural attractions, stand at the border of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay.

*Brasilia*

**- The capital city**

Copacabana Palace Hotel



Rio de Janeiro

Brasilia is the capital of the Federative Republic of Brazil but Rio de Janeiro is Brazil's greatest tourist attraction.

*Rio de Janeiro*

**- A beautiful city & exciting Carnival**

Situated on the Atlantic Ocean's Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro is an exciting and famous city with one of the world's most beautiful settings. A huge status of Christ standing at the 2,400-foot mountain peak is visible from all over the city. Sandy beaches line the blue Atlantic coast. And the beauty of Rio de Janeiro and Guanabara Bay can be viewed from the observation deck on the Corcovado Mountain.

During the week of Ash Wednesday, Carnival, the Brazilian Mardi Gras, turns Rio de Janeiro into the world's largest and most exciting festival.

***Rio de Janeiro luxury hotels & resorts***

Rio de Janeiro offers travellers many luxury beach-front hotels with stunning scenery, nice amenities and services.

As one of the Rio de Janeiro most famous landmarks, Copacabana Palace Hotel is located on famous Copacabana Beach. This luxury hotel offers spectacular ocean views and direct access to the sandy beach.

Sheraton Rio Hotel & Towers



Le Meridien Copacabana Hotel

Rio de Janeiro

Nearby is upscale shopping district and many of the area's famous landmarks such as Sugarloaf and Corcovado's Christ the Redeemer. Copacabana Palace Hotel is located 12 kilometres from Santos Dumont Airport and 32 kilometres from Rio's International Airport. Copacabana Palace has been residence to both royalty and some of the world most famous people.

Ipanema is the most fashionable and safe neighbourhood of Rio de Janeiro. The Caesar Park Ipanema Hotel is located in the heart of Ipanema, close to the best boutiques and upscale restaurants in town and right in front of the world famous Ipanema Beach. Caesar Park Ipanema Hotel is just 20 minutes away from downtown, 10 minutes away from the Sugar Loaf and 20 minutes away from Corcovado Mountain.

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