

Explore



Pure Brazil

Brazil | Wildlife | Trip code BR

1416Kg of CO₂e
Average carbon footprint per person



Days **14**

Deposit from
£500

Price from
£4995

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From the samba beats of Rio to the pounding spray of the Iguazu Falls, explore Brazil in-depth. Travel from the coast to the lush Amazon and biodiverse Pantanal, delving into the jungle and ticking off once-in-a-lifetime sights. Whether you're sipping a caipirinha in the capital or spotting a rare species in the jungle, our two-week itinerary showcases Brazil's wild and wonderful contrasts.

Why we love this trip

- **Pantanal** - Explore on foot and canoe, searching for animals including capybara, caiman and armadillo, as well as over 600 bird species
- **Rio de Janeiro** - Witness the effervescent atmosphere of the capital, taking a cable car up Sugarloaf Mountain for panoramic views of the stunning coastline
- **Iguazu Falls** - See the magnificent waterfalls up close and feel the spray from both the Argentinian and Brazilian sides

INCLUDED MEALS	TRIP STAFF	TRANSPORT	ACCOMMODATION	TRIP PACE:	GROUP SIZE:
Breakfast: 13 Lunch: 4 Dinner: 5	Explore Tour Leader Boat Crew Driver(s) Local Guide(s)	Bus Boat Flight Public Bus	8 nights comfortable hotel 5 nights comfortable lodge	Full on	Trip maximum 16 Explore Average 11

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Join trip in Salvador

Our tour starts today in Salvador, the capital of the state of Bahia and one of Brazil's most historic cities. Its roots stem back to 1501, when the navigator Amerigo Vespucci first sailed into its bay. Initially considered to be the nation's capital due to the natural protection of the cliffs rearing from the sea, its bay was one of the finest anchorages on the eastern shores of the New World.

Due to the number of evening flights into Salvador, our Tour Leader plans to do a welcome meeting on the morning of day two, and will leave a message in reception with details on timings and everything else

that you'll need for the day. For those of you who have already arrived, our tour leader will be in reception at 6pm if you'd like to go out for an evening meal.

There are no activities planned today, so you're free to arrive in Salvador at any time. If you'd like an airport transfer today, you'll need to arrive into Salvador-Deputado Luis Eduardo Magalhaes International Airport (SSA), approximately a one hour drive from our hotel.



ACCOMMODATION:
Pousada da Mangueira (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

DAY 2 - Guided tour of the city; free afternoon

This morning, we'll have a guided orientation tour of the city. The Pelourinho area is the most important collection of 17th-18th century architecture in the whole of the Americas - a jumble of centuries old churches, narrow cobbled streets and spacious plazas bordered by decaying mansions. Despite its Portuguese architecture, the spirit, cuisine, culture and people are predominantly African. The area's riches originated from sugar cane and tobacco, with most of the workforce coming from the west coast of Africa. Today, the population is mostly of African descent - this is reflected in the rhythms of the music that pulsates through the streets, as well as in the cuisine and Candomble, a mixture of African and Christian deities and rites.

This afternoon is free for you to explore more solo or relax on the beach. You could also take a guided cycling excursion - these trips take in either the shorelines of the lower city and its landmarks or the Barra district, home to Brazil's largest street festivities during Carnival time, and leading to some of the most beautiful beaches on Salvador's long coastline. The flat areas around the city are perfect for cycling.



ACCOMMODATION:
Pousada da Mangueira (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 3 - Fly to Manaus, gateway to the Amazon

We'll take an indirect flight to Manaus today, a sprawling city in the heart of the Amazon basin on the banks of the Rio Negro. This bustling urban community seems other-worldly in the midst of the vast tracts of jungle. Once rich and fashionable, the capital Amazonas is now quickly expanding as a free trade zone. On arrival, we'll transfer to our accommodation, arriving late in the evening.

Please note, airlines in Brazil change their schedules up until just a couple of weeks before departure, and the changes can be quite significant. While we anticipate that you'll have the early morning free in Salvador, with your flight (via Sao Paolo) arriving to Manaus in the evening, this is subject to change.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Saint Paul (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4 - Journey by bus and boat to reach our Amazon lodge

This morning, we'll drive to the port where we board our boat and cross the Amazon, seeing the 'Meeting of the Waters' phenomenon en route - the point at which the black Rio Negro and the brown Solimoes come together and continue towards the coast under the name of the Amazon. The rivers run separately for several miles, creating an usual two-toned effect as the river runs. We take another short private bus journey, and a final speedboat trip up the Parana do Mamora as we journey through the rainforest to our

remote Amazon lodge. This amazing place is one of the best spots to experience the rainforest - right on the banks of the Rio Juma, and surrounded by lush forest.

Our excursions here will be flexible depending on the weather and various other factors, but on arrival we might take the opportunity to go out by canoe or take a night tour to spot caiman along the river.



ACCOMMODATION:
Amazon Eco Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Lodge



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

DAY 5 - In the Amazon; Jungle walk, visit the local community and search for caiman on a night boat trip

There are several activities on offer to help us make the most of our time in the heart of the Amazon. We might visit the local Caboclo community; these forest villagers are descended from the mixing of indigenous populations and white adventurers, such as rubber tappers or prospectors. We can fish for piranha in the river (surprisingly tasty!) or take nature walks into the jungle, accompanied by a local guide.

At night, we'll spot caiman by torchlight, seeing their beady eyes float as red pinpricks in the darkness. Our stay here is dedicated to discovering this incredible region, giving us an appreciation for the precariously balanced ecosystem and the efforts being made to protect it.



ACCOMMODATION:
Amazon Eco Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Lodge



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



DAY 6 - Return to Manaus and fly to Cuiaba

We have a long travel day ahead of us today as we depart the Amazon. The first half will be part of the adventure as we travel by launch along the Rivers Juma and Macarico, to Careiro Village. From there, we return to Manaus by bus, and then boat across the Amazon River. We'll head straight to the airport on arrival, and board our indirect plane to Cuiaba. We'll arrive to Cuiaba late, possibly even in the early hours of tomorrow, and go straight to our hotel ready for our drive into the Pantanal tomorrow.



ACCOMMODATION:
Mato Grosso Palace (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 7 - Drive to the Pantanal Wildlife Reserve

Driving from Cuiaba to the Pantanal Wildlife Reserve along the Transpantaneira road, we have our first encounters with wildlife at the waterholes. We have two full days to explore this paradise for birds and wildlife. There are over 600 bird species including waders, toucan, heron, stork, duck and coot and 350 varieties of fish, including the piranha. Animals include deer, armadillo, tapir, boar, the unusual capivara and thousands of Jacare caiman (alligator). Few visitors discover the remote Pantanal, so there is little infrastructure for tourists.

Our lodge is located by a river and has a pool to relax beside - a wonderful combination of relaxation and a chance to see the most readily accessible and prolific wildlife in Latin America. Lie in your hammock and appreciate the evening birdsong.



ACCOMMODATION:
Pousada Piuval (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Lodge



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

DAY 8 - Explore the Pantanal on foot and by 4x4 or boat

Much like in the Amazon, our time here in the Pantanal is flexible and we have two full days to explore. We might head out on foot, in small boats, on horseback, or by jeep safari to explore the area around our lodge. Boat trips in the Pantanal take place only during the high water period; typically November to April.

Early morning and dusk is the best time for wildlife spotting, and we'll split large groups into two for better viewing opportunities. We'll also have the opportunity to do some piranha fishing in the evening.



ACCOMMODATION:

Pousada Piuval (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Lodge



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

DAY 9 - In Pantanal; jeep safari or boat ride

Today we continue exploring Pantanal Wildlife Reserve on foot, by 4x4 or by boat, with plenty of opportunities to spot the incredible wealth of wildlife on offer. Again, our day will be flexible depending on the season, the weather and the wildlife patterns - no two days in the Pantanal are the same!

For those who'd like to join, there's an optional (not included) full-day excursion to search for the Pantanal's elusive jaguar. In recent years the Pantanal has emerged as one of the best places to spot jaguars in the wild - although daily sightings cannot be guaranteed as these vary according to the

temperature, rainfall and seasonal water changes. The excursion leaves our lodge at around 5.30am, returning at approximately 7pm, giving around 7-8 hours of boat time to spot these beautiful creatures. You'll spend most of the day sailing on the Rio Claro, as jaguars are more easily spotted from the banks with the help of the eagle eyes of the boat captains.



ACCOMMODATION:
Pousada Piuval (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Lodge



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

DAY 10 - Fly to Iguazu Falls, overnight in Foz do Iguacu

This morning, we return to Cuiaba by road for an indirect afternoon flight to Iguazu. The connections can be long and it could take around 10 hours to arrive into Iguazu (although schedules vary), with some flights arriving in the early hours of tomorrow morning. We'll book the best flights available, but schedules can vary quite significantly between departures. In the air, we'll witness the vastness of the Amazonian plains below us, building anticipation for our visit to the falls tomorrow.

Set amidst the lush landscapes of the Parque Nacional do Iguazu Reserve, the falls are one of nature's true masterpieces, a spectacular cascade of some 275 interconnecting falls that hurtle over high cliffs into a marvellous curved amphitheatre - a breathtaking sight that extends 3 kilometres/1.8 miles across the Rio Iguazu.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Rafain Centro (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 11 - Visit the Brazilian side of the falls

Today, we'll visit the falls on the Brazilian side. The noise is tremendous and huge clouds of mist are churned up by the cascade. The surrounding spray-soaked forest is alive with brightly plumaged toucans, parrots, hummingbirds and colourful butterflies. From here, it might be possible to arrange a visit to the Argentinian side of the falls to get a close up of the fitfully churning 'Devil's Throat' by navigating a series of catwalks.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Rafain Centro (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 12 - Fly to Rio de Janeiro; Free afternoon

Leaving the Iguazu area, we fly to Rio de Janeiro. There are very few direct flight options but we'll take one where possible. The spectacular setting of Rio is hard to beat. With 193 kilometres/120 miles of marvellous beaches and a mountain backdrop it really is a tropical paradise. Flight time permitting, this afternoon is free to relax - you could visit the Botanical Gardens, see the historic centre and look up at the enormous stained-glass windows of the Metropolitan Cathedral or sip a caipirinha overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. This evening, you could top off your Brazilian adventure with an optional samba show or sample the sounds and rhythms of the city in the nightlife district of Lapa.





ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Copa Sul (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 13 - Visit to Santa Teresa and Sugar Loaf Mountain

We have a busy day ahead today. In the morning, you have the option to visit the towering summit of Corcovado topped by the immense statue of Christ the Redeemer before our city tour.

In the afternoon, our local guide will take us to the bohemian neighbourhood of Santa Teresa, with its winding streets, street cars and colourful mansion houses. We'll take a walking tour of the neighbourhood, which is home to many of Rio's artists, musicians and poets, and is undoubtedly the most picturesque area in the city. Uncovering many of the area's highlights, we'll walk through the colourful, tile-lined stairway that leads to the studio of Jorge Selaron, as well as the cultural centre of Parque das Ruínas, which overlooks the bay. Please note, on festivals or special holidays, the queues for the tramway to Santa Teresa can be enormous, and cause delays to our program. In this case, our tour leader might decide to take us into the heart of the historical centre instead.

After our visit, we'll take a cable car up to the huge Sugar Loaf Mountain from where the late afternoon views of Rio are breathtaking.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Copa Sul (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 14 - Tour ends Rio de Janeiro

The trip ends after breakfast at our hotel in Rio.

There are no activities planned today, so you're free to depart from Rio at any time. If your flight is departing later in the day, luggage storage facilities are available at our hotel. If you'd like an airport transfer today, you'll need to depart from Rio de Janeiro International Airport (GIG), which is approximately a one hour drive from our hotel.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

Is this the tour for you?

- We've graded this tour as moderate and we'll be moving at a reasonable pace to fit in the highlights. Expect a busy itinerary balanced with down time to relax or explore solo.
- Brazil is a huge country and we will take several internal flights to cover it all. Although we book the best options possible, flight routings in Brazil are surprisingly poor and as such direct flights are infrequent. You'll mainly be travelling indirect, and on occasion arriving or departing in the middle of the night. There is no getting around the fact that several days of this trip are dedicated to long flying days, with a lot of waiting around at airports. If you can cope with this, and pack a good book and some patience, you'll leave Brazil having seen vast amounts of this incredible country.
- Brazil has distinctly different climates in the north and the south. Pack for all weathers - including rain and humidity.
- The Pantanal is home to some of South America's greatest wildlife and we're sure to spot some beautiful animals as we explore, however, such is the nature of nature, we can't guarantee seeing specific species.
- As in any major city, it's a good idea to keep your belongings secure as we travel through the vibrant streets of Salvador and Rio, and remain aware of your surroundings.

Trip information

Climate and country information

Brazil

Climate

Due to its enormous size, Brazil has many different climatic zones which vary year round. There is no 'best time' to visit Brazil, but at different times of year your experience will vary. Temperatures rarely dip below 20° C, with Iguazu, Rio and Salvador dropping down there during the winter months of June to August. Evenings around the coast are cooler during this period but the sea is still warm and fresh, and the air is less humid. In Paraty, Belem, the Pantanal and the Amazon temperatures tend to hover around 30° C year round. January to March is mid-summer across Brazil, but warm days on the coast are matched by the rainy season in the Amazon and the Pantanal. Parts of the Pantanal become flooded and it can be a very lively time to visit. The main characteristics of this season are the beautiful water landscapes and the prevalence of many water birds. Conversely, the dry season (July to October) in the Pantanal is a better time to observe larger wildlife such as the coati or giant anteater. In the vast central area of the Amazon, the climate is tropical, with warm to hot temperatures year round, and a rainy season as detailed above.

Time difference to GMT

-3

Plugs

Type N - two pin hexagonal. Please note two pin European will not fit the majority of plugs

Religion

Predominantly Roman Catholic.

Language

Portuguese

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for locally and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Salvador - Cycling tour BRL 556 (min 3 pers), African Heritage tour BRL 409 (min 3 pers), Panoramic City tour BRL 255

Manaus - Opera House BRL 20, Half Day City tour - BRL 284

Pantanal - Full day Jaguar search including lunch - BRL 2,850 (2 pers); BRL 2,267 (3 pers); BRL 2,100 (4 pers); BRL 1,810 (5 pers) - seasonal Jun-Nov

Iguazu - Visit the Argentinian falls US\$ 90 (min 4) plus entrance US\$30; Bird park US\$ 40 (min 4 pers);

Boat trip on the Argentina side US\$85; on Brazilian side US\$95 Please note that entrance fees for the Argentinian side of the falls can only be paid in cash (Argentinian pesos). If you wish to take part in the optional tours, you will need to exchange currency in advance.

Rio De Janeiro - Visit Corcovado US\$ 115 (min 4) ; Botanical Gardens BRL 80 (entrance fee only):

Football match US\$ 160, Samba show US\$ 140 (min 4).

Clothing

Pack for hot conditions but bear in mind that several different climatic zones will be experienced. For Brazil lightweight clothing is necessary for mostly warm and humid daytime conditions, though evenings can be cooler. Lightweight raingear is essential. For early morning boat trips a fleece/windproof is recommended. Bring lightweight long sleeved tops and long trousers in neutral colours to protect from the sun and insects.

Footwear

Comfortable shoes, trainers and sandals.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

One main piece of luggage and a daypack. An overnight bag is needed for the Amazon visit - your main bags should be lockable, this can be left behind at the Manaus hotel. Remember, you are expected to carry your own luggage - so don't overload yourself.

Equipment

We advise taking a water bottle for day to day use, as well as insect repellent, sunscreen and a torch. We strongly recommend that if you intend to take part in the optional bike ride on this tour, you bring your own cycling helmet with you. Cycling helmets will be available to hire locally from a reputable supplier, but we cannot guarantee the structural integrity of local equipment. Most insurance providers require helmets to be worn whilst cycling, so in the event of an accident, it is likely that any insurance claim will be invalidated if you are not wearing a helmet.

Tipping

Explore leader

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. However, you might want to recognise a leader that's done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It's a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we'd recommend between £15 to £20 per person per week as a guideline

Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, your leader may organise a group's tips kitty for included activities and meals and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Accordingly, you should allow US\$ 60, approx. 250 Reales for group tipping

For all non-included services and meals on your trip please tip independently at your discretion.

Brazil

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£10	£17	£2.1	£1

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Real (BRL)

Recommended Currency For Exchange

You can choose to either change your money in advance or on arrival at the airport. Here you will find both ATMs and Bureau de Change. The exchange rate with the BRL is approximately BRL 5 to the British Pound. We recommend you take some emergency cash in USD as the GBP exchange rate isn't very good. Notes should be in good condition otherwise they might be difficult to exchange. Please check on line for up to date information

Where To Exchange

Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

ATM Availability

ATMs can also be found in the major towns and cities for cash withdrawals in BRL. Always have some cash back up as they are not always reliable

Credit Card Acceptance

Credit card are widely accepted in many shops and restaurants but some may be subject to a service charge

Transport, Accommodation, Food & Drink

Transport Information

Bus, Boat, Flight, Public Bus

Accommodation notes

Throughout our tour of Brazil, we stay in comfortable hotels and lodges. Our properties are chosen based on location, comfort and authenticity to bring us closer to our destination. In general, comfortable-grade hotels are three-star with good amenities such as WiFi, air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. Occasionally, we'll have extra facilities such as a swimming pool or bar and restaurant. Please see your

final documents for your departure's confirmed accommodation.

Our lodge in the Amazon jungle is a floating jungle hotel right on the river, and only accessible by boat. It's a fantastic experience, but worth noting that it is a small lodge with just 16 rooms. The rooms differ in size and on tours with fuller groups, where we'll book out most rooms, some group members may have a smaller room than others.

Brazil

Food and drink

Can you drink the water?

The water quality is poor and therefore it is recommended to avoid drinking tap water during your trip.

Essential Information

Government Travel Safety Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination's safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. Relevant government website links for UK, US, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand citizens are available on our Travel Safety page.

If you'd like some initial information on country-specific entry requirements, such as visas or any health declaration forms, please refer to our Entry Requirements page. The services and information on this page are provided by a third party, and so we will still recommend that you cross check this against your government website for the latest advice.

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Our price guarantee does not apply to Polar Voyages. However, please note that if you voluntarily make any changes to your booking including changing your trip or departure date, any additional costs or charges incurred will not be covered. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa and Passport Information

Brazil: Visas are not required for UK citizens. They are, however, required for Canadian, Australian and US citizens. Citizens from Canada, Australia and the US can now get their visa for Brazil online. Applications can be done here - <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/>

You should also check if you need a visa for Argentina, though this is only necessary if you wish to visit the Argentinean side of the Iguazu falls. Argentinian visas are not required for UK, US, Canadian,

Australian and New Zealand citizens.

Other nationalities should consult the relevant consulate.

Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

USA: If your flights pass through the USA, even if only in transit, you will require either a visa or an ESTA (an e-visa). Please read on for more information.

Citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and passport holders from several EU countries can apply for an ESTA under certain conditions. This applies if you enter the country by sea or by air, and this must be done online via <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>, no later than 72 hours prior to travel. Travellers who have not registered before their trip are likely to be refused boarding.

You must have a biometric passport to apply for an ESTA. UK passports which are biometric feature a small gold symbol (camera) at the bottom of the front cover.

If you have visited Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen since 2011 or are dual nationals of these countries, you cannot travel with an ESTA and instead you will need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. If you are unable to provide a valid visa before boarding flights to the US, or entering via another method, you may not be permitted to travel. You should also be aware that if you have travelled to or have been in Cuba since the 12th of January 2021, you will not be eligible for an ESTA visa waiver and will need to apply for a US visa. You should consult the US State Department website to determine which you will need.

Your ESTA application will ask for Point of Contact information. Please note that if you're only transiting through the USA then this is not required. If you're visiting or staying in the USA on an Explore trip, then our USA contact information will be listed on your final documentation which you will receive approximately 3-4 weeks before departure.

Entry requirements for the USA can change regularly, therefore, please ensure you have the most up to date information before you travel by checking the US embassy website. Visa applications - <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html>

Canada: An electronic travel authorisation (ETA) is required by British citizens transiting via Canada. For more information see the official Canadian government website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp> Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office

For customers visiting the EU, or transiting via EU countries, please be aware that the European Union's (EU) new Entry/Exit System (EES) is being rolled out, with full operation from 10 April 2026. This means that when you travel into, or depart from, the Schengen area for short stays, you will need to register your biometric details, such as fingerprints and a photo. You do not need to take any action before you arrive at the border, and there is no cost for EES registration. On your first entry or exit into a Schengen country, you will be asked to register your details at a special booth before proceeding to the immigration desk.

At some ports and international stations allow for extra time as there may be increased wait times while EES registration is completed before passengers leave the UK and transit through a EU country. Once initial registration has been completed future entering or exiting of an EU Schengen country should be

simplified as only a single fingerprint scan or facial recognition scan will be required.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Minimum age restrictions

For our group tours, the minimum age is **16**. The minimum age on Family trips varies between 7 and 11 - please check the 'Family information' section of the trip page for more information.

Your safety and enjoyment on tour

We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable holiday, so we ask you to confirm when booking this trip that you are fit and able to fully participate in all elements of the itinerary. If you have any concerns about your fitness or ability to complete any of the activities, please get in touch with our Customer Relations team at cr@explore.co.uk as soon as possible. Our tour leaders are trained and experienced in managing differing abilities within a group, but if they have concerns about a group member's ability to safely participate in any element of the itinerary or believe someone's presence could affect the safety or enjoyment of the holiday for others, in accordance with our Booking Conditions our tour leaders have the authority to ask an individual to miss an activity or activities. This decision would never be taken lightly, but on the rare occasions our tour leaders ask someone to sit out part of the tour, refunds will not be offered and individuals may be liable for additional costs incurred.

Your Tour Leader

All tours aside from extensions, Galapagos cruises and polar expeditions will be led by one of our experienced Tour Leaders. We believe that our Tour Leaders are the key to the success of our tours; they are local experts who are bursting with first-hand knowledge which they love to share, and their unique insights will bring the destination to life. Your Tour Leader will be on hand throughout your tour to make sure arrangements run smoothly, to organise all the local logistics and to keep you safe. Your Tour Leader should be your first point of contact if you encounter any difficulties or disappointments in country - please raise any concerns, however small, with your Tour Leader as they are best placed to assist you.

Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Polar customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore can arrange your flights for you, to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them [here](#).

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

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Brazil

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against malaria, typhoid, tetanus, polio and hepatitis A. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website - <http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended. There is currently an outbreak of Yellow Fever in Brazil. Yellow fever is recommended for those travelling to Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Bahia, Iguazu falls and inland cities such as Brasilia. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by on the NaTHNaC website and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

Additional Information



We are trying to reduce our flight emissions as much as possible at Explore. However, in order to experience the wide diversity of Brazil, there is simply no other option but to fly.

As such, there are numerous flying days on this trip, and direct flights are not always available. On this tour, Days 3, 6, 10 and 12 are travel days and will be spent largely in transit at airports, in flight, and travelling to and from hotels. It's worthwhile being aware of this before travel and packing travel items such as a good book or a pack of cards.

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