



Grand Rail Tour of Brazil

18 October - 3 November 2026



17
days



Introduction – A Journey Beyond the Ordinary.

From the rhythmic heartbeat of Salvador to the thunderous majesty of Iguazu Falls, this isn't just a holiday—it's a once-in-a-lifetime rail odyssey through Brazil's vibrant soul. Historic trains, baroque towns, world-class cuisine, and handpicked hotels create a journey designed for those who seek depth, comfort, and discovery. The Grand Rail Tour of Brazil is crafted for travelers who want to experience Brazil profoundly—without compromise on comfort.



Lively streets of Salvador da Bahia — where colorful facades, music, and culture fill every corner.



From Morro da Urca toward Sugarloaf — Rio's classic cable-car view over Guanabara Bay.

Itinerary Highlights

- **Afro-Brazilian Salvador da Bahia** — cobblestone streets alive with rhythm, color, and spice.
- **The “Train to the Sea”** — 700 km of lush hills, valleys, and endless green unfolding at your window.
- **Ouro Preto & Mariana** — baroque splendor, gold-rush history, and mountain charm.
- **Steam Train to Tiradentes** — step back in time aboard a vintage locomotive.
- **Rio de Janeiro** — Christ the Redeemer, Sugarloaf, Copacabana, and samba spirit.
- **Serra Verde Express** — descend through the misty Serra do Mar to colonial Morretes.
- **São Paulo** — Brazil's modern dynamo with a rich railway legacy.
- **Optional Extension: Iguazu Falls** — one of the world's great natural wonders, experienced on both Brazilian and Argentinian sides.



Your Journey at a Glance.

This map shows the full route of the Grand Rail Tour of Brazil. From Salvador's Afro-Brazilian rhythms to Rio's iconic coastline, from the gold-rush towns of Minas Gerais to the thundering majesty of Iguazu Falls, follow the path of one of South America's most captivating rail adventures.



Route map of the Grand Rail Tour of Brazil — tracing our 17-day journey from Salvador to São Paulo.



Sugarloaf Mountain overlooking Rio's Guanabara Bay.



Day-by-Day Journey.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 1

Sunday

Arrival in Salvador da Bahia

Arrive in Brazil's first capital, where Afro-Brazilian rhythms and ocean breezes set the stage for your adventure. Transfer to your hotel, enjoy a welcome drink, and meet your fellow travelers.



Salvador da Bahia's skyline — colonial churches and the iconic Elevador Lacerda.

Day 2

Monday

Pelourinho & Afro-Brazilian Heritage

Explore Salvador's UNESCO-listed Pelourinho district. Wander cobblestone streets lined with pastel mansions, ornate baroque churches, and lively squares. The aromas of exotic spices and the beat of drums immerse you in the Afro-Brazilian heart of the city.

Day 3

Tuesday

São Félix & Cachoeira Excursion

Journey into Brazil's Recôncavo region for a day of history and tradition. In São Félix, visit the Dannemann Cigar Factory, where craftsmanship and heritage come alive. Cross the river to Cachoeira, a colonial gem on the banks of the Paraguaçu. On the return, explore the vibrant Santo Amaro Market before heading back to Salvador.

Day 4

Wednesday

From Salvador to Vitoria

Enjoy a leisurely morning before your flight to coastal Vitoria. Visit the hilltop Convent of Penha for sweeping views, then check into your seaside hotel and relax.

Day 5

Thursday

The "Train to the Sea" – Vitoria to Belo Horizonte

Board the legendary railway linking Vitoria to Belo Horizonte. Settle into your seat as lush valleys, rivers, and rolling hills unfold outside your window during this spectacular 700 km journey.



All aboard the Vitória–Minas train at Belo Horizonte — Brazil's last great passenger rail journey.

Day 6

Friday

Belo Horizonte to Ouro Preto ☕ 📷

Discover Belo Horizonte before continuing to Ouro Preto, a UNESCO treasure. Gilded baroque churches, cobblestone streets, and mountain vistas reveal Brazil's colonial past.

Day 7

Saturday

Gold Rush Legacy in Mariana ☕ 📷

Travel to Mariana, once a bustling gold-mining town. Descend into a historic mine, stroll through its charming center, and enjoy a traditional lunch before returning to Ouro Preto.

Day 8

Sunday

Steam Train to Tiradentes ☕ 📷

Board a vintage steam train to São João del Rei, visiting its historic railway museum. Continue to Tiradentes, where colonial streets, artisan shops, and timeless charm await.



Ouro Preto — baroque beauty and colonial charm in Brazil's historic heart.

Day 9

Monday

Tiradentes & Journey to Rio ☕ 📷

Enjoy Tiradentes in the morning before setting out for Rio de Janeiro. Landscapes change as anticipation builds for Brazil's most iconic city. On arrival, unwind with a swim overlooking Copacabana or simply relax before tomorrow's exploration.

Day 10

Tuesday

Christ the Redeemer & Tijuca Forest ☕ 📷

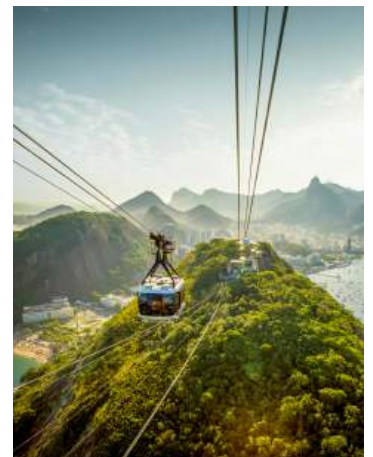
Stand before Christ the Redeemer, arms stretched above the city. Later, venture into the Tijuca Forest, a lush tropical sanctuary within Rio.

Day 11

Wednesday

Sugarloaf Mountain & Copacabana ☕ 📷

Ascend Sugarloaf Mountain by cable car for breathtaking views of bay and mountains. Walk Copacabana's famous beachfront, where Rio's glamorous spirit shines.



The Sugarloaf cable car — Rio's skyline from above.

Day 12

Thursday

Flight to Curitiba ☕ 📷

Fly south to Curitiba, a surprising blend of modern planning, green parks, and innovative architecture. Visit highlights such as Tanguá Park and the Oscar Niemeyer Museum.



Day 13

Friday

Serra Verde Express to Morretes & Flight to Campinas ☕ 📺

Ride the Serra Verde Express through the Serra do Mar mountains. Rainforest, waterfalls, and misty valleys frame your descent into colonial Morretes. Enjoy a traditional lunch before returning to Curitiba for your evening flight to Campinas.



The Serra Verde Express crossing the lush Atlantic rainforest to Morretes.

Day 14

Saturday

Museum Train to Jaguariúna & Onward to São Paulo ☕ 📺

Step aboard a preserved museum train from Campinas to Jaguariúna, reliving Brazil's railway heritage. Continue to São Paulo, the country's vibrant metropolis.



Day 15

Sunday

Paranapiacaba Railway Heritage ☕ 📺

Discover Paranapiacaba, a railway village steeped in history. Its unique funicular system and Victorian-style architecture showcase Brazil's industrial past.

Day 16

Monday

São Paulo's Cultural Riches ☕ 📺

Immerse yourself in São Paulo's energy—wander Paulista Avenue, explore historic downtown, and visit Luz Station with its Pinacoteca art museum. Conclude with a farewell lunch in an upscale restaurant.



São Paulo's historic heart — timeless architecture in Brazil's biggest city.

Day 17

Tuesday

Departure ☕

Transfer to the airport for your international flight—or extend your adventure with Iguazu Falls.

Optional Iguazu Extension.

Day 17

Tuesday

São Paulo to Foz do Iguaçu ☕ 📺

Fly to Foz do Iguaçu and experience the Brazilian side of the Falls. Overnight in Foz.

Day 18

Wednesday

Argentinian Side of the Falls ☕ 📺

Take the rainforest train to Devil's Throat, the most dramatic waterfall, and explore surrounding trails before returning to Brazil.

Day 19

Thursday

Return to São Paulo ☕ 📺

Flight back to São Paulo with free time to enjoy the city.

Day 20

Friday

Departure ☕

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.



The breathtaking Iguazu Falls — nature's power and beauty on full display.



Up close with Iguazu Falls!

Our Promise to You

Every detail of your journey is thoughtfully curated — from boutique accommodations and private transfers to expert local guides. Traveling in a small group ensures personal attention and an intimate exploration of Brazil's wonders. At Rail South America, we are proud to be your South American Rail Experts, dedicated to making this journey an unforgettable expression of your travel dreams.



Accommodations – Comfort with Character.

Your hotels are not just places to stay — they are part of the journey. Each was chosen for its character, comfort, and location, ensuring your evenings are as memorable as your days.



Wish Hotel, Salvador da Bahia

contemporary elegance, tropical gardens, and ocean-view pool.



Hotel Sheraton, Vitoria

spacious rooms overlooking the ocean.



Hotel Holiday Inn, Belo Horizonte

modern comfort near Savassi district.



Hotel Pousada do Arcanjo, Ouro Preto

colonial atmosphere with mountain views.



Pousada Mãe D'Água, Tiradentes

serene setting with pool and historic charm.



Miramar Hotel, Rio – Copacabana

beachfront with rooftop pool.



Hotel Radisson, Curitiba

contemporary style in the Batel district.



Hotel Qoya, São Paulo

sleek, modern stay near Paulista Avenue.



Wish Hotel, Iguazu (extension)

comfort amid tropical gardens and pools.



Your Investment in this Journey (2026 Departures).

Main Tour (17 days):

Double Room	USD 7,031 per person
Single Room supplement	USD 1,810 per person

Optional Iguazu Falls Extension (4 days):

Double Room	USD 1,834 per person
Single Room supplement	USD 404 per person

What's Included:

- ✓ English-speaking Tour Leader + expert local guides
- ✓ Domestic flights within Brazil
- ✓ Scenic train tickets, transfers, and entrance fees (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Selected meals throughout (breakfast daily, plus highlights)
- ✓ One 22kg/50lb checked bag per person
- ✓ Small-group experience for personal attention

Easy & Secure Payment

For your convenience, we accept major credit cards through our secure online payment system. This ensures a smooth, safe, and reliable process—allowing you to confirm your place on the tour with complete peace of mind.

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Your Exclusive Rail Adventure

“The Grand Rail Tour of Brazil is more than a trip — it’s an immersive journey into the heart and soul of a captivating land. Every mile reveals a new vista, every stop a new story.”

I would be delighted to welcome you on this journey. As spaces are limited, just let me know if you’d like me to send you the booking form. I always appreciate a short exchange by email before confirming — it gives me the chance to answer any questions and ensure the trip is the perfect fit for you.

Together, we’ll craft a Brazilian adventure you’ll never forget.

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