



AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

Destination: Brazil

What is there to see in Brazil?

Many people think that **Rio de Janeiro** is the capital city of Brazil. This was the case up until 1960, when the capital city became Brasilia. Rio, however remains the most famous city in Brazil, and is one of the most beautiful in the world.

Millions of tourists visit the city each year to see some of its wonderful sites. If you ever visit, you could:

- Walk up to **The Statue of the Christ** - a 38m tall statue overlooking the majestic bay.
- Take a cable car onto the **Sugar Loaf Mountain**.
- Catch some sun on some of the city's glorious beaches, such as the **Copacabana** or **Ipanema**.
- Take part in the world-famous carnival, an annual celebration of Brazilian culture.

In 2016, the city will host the **Olympic Games**. It certainly is an exciting time to live in Rio!



The Amazon Rainforest, also known as Amazonia, is the largest tropical rainforest in the world. Over half of it is in Brazil, but it is also in other South American countries such as Peru and Colombia. One in five of the world's bird species live in the rainforest, as well as some deadly creatures such as the anaconda, jaguar and cougar. Wildlife and vegetation thrives because of the hot and humid conditions - it rains almost every day in the rainforest. The River Amazon, the second longest river in the world, flows through Amazonia.



Iguazu Falls has amazed tourists and locals for centuries. There are 275 individual drops on the falls, cascading magnificently from a height of almost 100m. The falls divide the lower and upper parts of the Iguazu River on the border of Brazil and Argentina. The name of the falls originates from the Tupi or Guarani language, and means "big water".





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- 1) What makes the city of Rio so beautiful?

- 2) Why might many people think that Rio is the capital city of Brazil?

- 3) What should I avoid in Rio if I'm scared of heights?

- 4) Why is it an exciting time to live in Rio?

- 5) Apart from Brazil, where else could I find the Amazon Rainforest?

- 6) Why is there so much vegetation in the Amazon Rainforest?

- 7) Why do you think tourists are so amazed by Iguazu Falls?

- 8) What does Iguazu mean?

- 9) Where in Brazil would you like to visit most and why?

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- 1) When did Brasilia become the capital of Brazil?

- 2) What method of transport would I use to get up Sugar Loaf Mountain?

- 3) Can you name two beaches in Rio de Janeiro?

- 4) Why is it an exciting time to live in Rio?

- 5) Apart from Brazil, where else could I find the Amazon Rainforest?

- 6) By what other name is the Amazon rainforest known?

- 7) What is the second longest river in the world?

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