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ORGANISERS

PA Tours and Events is Australia's leading performance touring operator with over 20 years experience in delivering custom and festival performance opportunities to many exceptional Australian and international ensembles.

We are delighted to partner with some of the world's leading performance specialists ensuring you meaningful exchanges, fine performances and the best in country sightseeing.

Whether it be attending one of our renowned festivals featuring some of the world's music luminaries or having your program specifically shaped to your needs, PA pride's itself on collaborating closely with you and will work tirelessly to ensure we deliver an experience to remember.

Let PA

Be your source for hotels, transport, sightseeing, performances, workshops, venues, audiences and much more

Take the stress out of organising complex logistics in foreign countries

Allow you to concentrate on your performance dream



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OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

PA views every tour as a series of performance events from which the sightseeing and pacing of the tour will flow. The key is the combining of your great musical talent with inspiring venues, warm audiences, exchange activity and cultural immersion.

This is complemented by safe, secure, entertaining, informative and straightforward touring. Combining these factors results in the wow factor we strive to achieve for every group. We will work closely with you throughout the planning of your tour to ensure all your aspirations are met. To achieve this, we invite you to provide your performance information (sample recordings, repertoire, biography of you and the group, tour repertoire) as early as possible.



DESTINATIONS

Brazil

Brazil is one of the world's largest countries with approximately 190 million people spread over an area covering 8 million square kilometers.

From its lush Amazon rain forest to 17th century colonial towns to bustling metropolis cities, the landscape of Brazil is beautifully diverse.

The country's unique blend of European, African, and Indigenous people results in music and cuisine unlike any other with the birthplace of bossa nova and samba music vital to the Brazilian culture.

Brazilians are known around the world for their friendly attitude and generous hospitality.

Join us for an exclusive performance journey that connects you with the some of the best of what Brazil has to offer.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Day 1** Depart
- Day 2** Arrive Rio de Janeiro
- Day 3** Sightseeing, rehearsal and local **performance**
- Day 4** Petropolis sightseeing & opportunity for exchange program
- Day 5** **Performance** and traditional lunch
- Day 6** Sugarloaf Mountain
- Day 7** Transfer to Salvador
- Day 8** Pelourinho sightseeing and the church of São Francisco
- Day 9** Sightseeing and **performance**
- Day 10** Bay of Salvador Cruise and farewell dinner
- Day 12** Depart



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ITINERARY

Day 1

- Depart

Day 2 (B & D)

- Arrive Rio de Janeiro. We begin our cross cultural adventure in Rio de Janeiro, known as the marvelous city.
- Relax this afternoon
- Group welcome dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

Day 3 (B & D)

- This morning we visit Corcovado Mountain and the famous Christ the Redeemer statue that overlooks the city. A cogwheel train will take us to the top of this mountain, to the base of Brazil's iconic statue. Take in the 360 degree view of Rio and then take the train back down the mountain. Drive by the lagoon and some of Rio's most famous beaches – São Conrado, Leblon and Ipanema before returning to the hotel.
- Late this afternoon we have a practice session,
- Dinner and evening **performance** at a local venue.



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ITINERARY cont...

Day 4 (B & L)

- For this full day excursion, we travel approximately 90 minutes outside of Rio to the surrounding mountains and the city of Petropolis. It is known as the Imperial City because it was once the summer home of the Portuguese Imperial family who spent time living in Rio. Visit the family's former home, which today is a museum that houses many original artifacts.
- In addition, visit the Santos Dumont House (one of Brazil's most famous inventors), the cathedral, crystal palace and residential areas of this quaint city.
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Day 5 (B & L)

- Today we take a guided tour of the Botanical Gardens of Rio de Janeiro, one the most impressive botanical gardens in the world. There is a special area for 600 species of orchids, 400 species of cactus, bromeliads, medicinal plants and an impressive pathway of imperial palms that tower above.
- Have a traditional feijoada lunch at a local restaurant. Feijoada, a popular dish in Rio, is a stew made of pork and black beans and is served with rice.
- After lunch have an afternoon at leisure to enjoy beach activities such as volleyball or soccer.
- **Performance**



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ITINERARY cont...

Day 6 (B & D)

- We start the morning by visiting Sugarloaf Mountain which is reachable by a two-stage cable car with spectacular views from the top of Sugarloaf of the bay and city. From Sugarloaf, we see some of the historical buildings of downtown.
- This afternoon we go to a local samba school, which is a community organization that provides musical, educational and other opportunities to the community. The most popular aspect is that they are responsible for preparing new costumes, floats and music each year for the cities annual carnival parade. Learn about carnival and then watch a presentation by members of the community.
- Have dinner at the samba school with the locals, a fond farewell to Rio.

Day 7 (B & D)

- Transfer from the hotel to the airport for the two-hour flight from Rio to Salvador (not included).
- Salvador is a town on Brazil's eastern coast and was the first capital of the country. Bahia is the state where Salvador is located, but the city itself is commonly referred to as Bahia as well. Salvador served as an entry point into Brazil for slaves brought from Africa and the city was also the first capital of the country. Today the region has a rich African culture that is woven into its music, cuisine, dance and religion. Upon arrival in Salvador we are met by a local guide and transferred to the hotel.
- Relax this afternoon and then enjoy a group dinner this evening at a local restaurant.



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ITINERARY cont...

Day 8 (B & L)

- This morning enjoy a half day tour of Pelourinho, the historical center of Salvador and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn about the history and culture of this colorful part of town as our guide takes us through the largest complex of colonial architecture in South America. Visit the church of São Francisco with its gold-leafed interior.
- Have lunch at a local restaurant.
- This afternoon take part in a lesson. Capoeira is the acrobatic martial art introduced to Brazil by slaves brought from Africa. Today it is a rich part of the regional culture.

Day 9 (B & D)

- Today we take a tour of the lower city including the famous lighthouse, residential areas and Modelo Market where there are various souvenirs and crafts to purchase.
- Later this afternoon we have a joint practice session with a local choir,
- Dinner and evening performance.
- There are a number of options for locations including theater, church or community center. It depends upon client expectations, dates and final budget. For you to have an idea of the choirs, one possible choir includes the Vozes Revelados Choir (translated as Revealing Voices Choir) which brings together talented youth from the underprivileged areas of Salvador in an inspiring choir, using a repertoire that borrows from African, North American blues and Brazilian popular music. In their flowing African motif costumes, the choir makes good use of understated but highly effective percussion, as well as other musical instruments.
- **Joint performance** with the Axé Street Children Project, which gives youth living on the streets a sense of self identity and worth through many creative activities, one of them being the highly regarded choir.



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ITINERARY cont...

Day 10 (B, L & D)

- For this full day tour, we transfer from the hotel to the pier to board a comfortable schooner. We cruise around the islands in the sparkling bay of Salvador, a day of rest and relaxation with great views of the city both on the outbound and homeward journeys. We stop at two of the islands where we have ample time to swim in the warm inviting waters, or relax in the sun or the shade. Lunch is served at a restaurant on one of the islands.
- On our last evening in Brazil, enjoy a spectacular show of the Balé Folclórico da Bahia, one of the most respected folklore dance troupes in the world. The dance company performs in the Miguel Santana Theatre in the historical Pelourinho district. The presentation includes various African traditions that are a part of the traditions of Bahia. We will see the sacred dances of the Candomblé; puxada de rede, a song by fishermen in honor of Yemanjá, the goddess of the sea; maculelê, an acrobatic stick and sword dance which has its origins in the sugarcane fields; capoeira, a martial art/dance of Angolan origin and the samba de roda, a spinning, swirling version of this energetic national dance.
- A farewell dinner follows the show.

Day 11 (B)

- Depart

