



Rio de Janeiro

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Rio de Janeiro — the city's name alone conjures up images of pristine beaches, lush forests, and thrilling celebrations. Sitting on top of the Corcovado Mountain, Christ the Redeemer watches over the two-faced party capital of Latin America, split between a bustling urban landscape and an outstanding natural environment. Rio is a city like no other, known worldwide for its magnificent New Year firework display on Copacabana beach, its explosive carnival, its joyful people, and its exquisite multicultural cuisine.



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Rio de Janeiro, which translates to "river of January", sits on the Atlantic coast of Brazil and is the country's second-largest city just behind São Paulo. For over two centuries, it was the bustling capital of Brazil, and it is still, to this day, one of the most important commercial and political centres in the country.

Cariocas' sense of fun is matched only by the spectacular natural environment Rio boasts. The city is surrounded by green hills, nature trails, and large urban forests like Floresta da Tijuca. Its beaches are among the most beautiful in the world, and its crystal-clear waters are home to an abundance of marine life. Besides the famous beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema, located in the heart of the city, other idyllic corners of the coast can be found in the nearby Barra da Tijuca, Prainha, and Urca. Rio de Janeiro has famous landmarks too. Alongside the endless beaches and the massive statue of Christ the Redeemer, the city features The Sugar Loaf Mountain and the iconic favelas.

In addition to its many natural wonders, Rio is renowned for its fascinating and joyful culture, to be admired in its many museums and in its vibrant streets, always flooded with music, dances, and celebrations.

Football is obviously an integral part of the local culture. Head to the Maracanã Stadium, home of the two main teams of the city, Flamengo and Fluminense, to enjoy football as only the Cariocas do.

DO & SEE



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Visiting Rio feels like coming home. A home that looks different than usual, but where everyone can reunite with a part of themselves they didn't know existed. Among the myriad of activities available, the places to be discovered and the people to meet, the throbbing Rio de Janeiro is able to satisfy everyone's needs and hopes, inadvertently providing a tailor-made experience.

Christ the Redeemer



Standing on top of Corcovado Mountain, 710 meters above sea level, Christ the Redeemer overlooks the metropolis below with outstretched

arms. The statue named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World in 2007, embraces the whole city, welcomes and protects, yet appears to keep a watchful eye on locals and visitors.

Venture up through the Tijuca Rain Forest to the top of the mountain for a closer look and be rewarded by fabulous views of the Sugar Loaf

Mountain, Copacabana, Ipanema, the Maracanã Stadium, and the Serra do Órgãos mountain range. You can hike up to the statue or comfortably reach it by way of a twenty-minute tram/car ride.

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Address: Cristo Redentor, Alto da Boa Vista, Rio de Janeiro

Sugarloaf Mountain



Timidly emerging from the waters of Guanabara Bay, this 395 meters tall, egg-shaped mountain is one of the tourists' favourite destinations in Rio de Janeiro. Check the weather forecast to be sure of going on a clear day, and venture up to the top of the mountain to enjoy an astonishing 360-degree view including that of the statue of Christ the Redeemer, the pristine beaches, the cityscape and the surrounding natural environment. The easiest and fastest way to reach the top of the mountain is by cable car but climbing is always an option.

Photo: f11photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sugarloaf Mountain, Urca, Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro Carnival



Held seven weeks before Easter, the Rio de Janeiro Carnival is a five-day extravaganza of bright colours, energy, and samba music. From Friday to Ash Wednesday, the town comes to life and becomes the scene of breathtaking shows, samba school exhibitions, and parades of floats. The Carnival is an ode to the happiness and joy of living, an unforgettable experience that brings together locals and tourists alike. Come and join

the dancing crowds in the streets!

If you want to experience these spectacular festivities, be sure to book hotels and flights with good time since they run out extremely fast and often come at high prices.

Photo: Filipe Frazao/shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Marquês de Sapucaí, Santo Cristo, Rio de Janeiro

Botanical Garden



Admire Rio's flora and fauna in the botanical garden which sits right next to the Tijuca National Park, naturally attracting different animal species to settle. If you check their schedule, you can participate in night strolls through the park or listen to an educational lecture in the green.

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Address: Rua Jardim Botânico 1008, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm

Phone: +55 21 3874 1808

Museu do Amanhã



Translated to English, The Museum of Tomorrow is an exhibition that combines science and art and shows its visitor, among other things, the future developments mankind will face in biodiversity, technology, climate change and growing population. Launched in 2015, this place is a great way to explore the unknown in an interactive way.

Photo: Matt Kieffer/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr

Address: Praça Mauá 1, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Tue–Sun 10am–5pm
Internet: museudoamanha.org.br
Email: contato@museudoamanha.org.br

Monastery of São Bento



A rather unremarkable facade hides a rare abundance of gems: opulent and gilded carvings from the 17th-century Baroque

and Rococo styles embellish the interior, in addition to two magnificent statues of the Saints Benedict and Scholastica and an ornate high altar.

Photo: [mikalajn/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Rua Dom Gerardo 68, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2206 8100
Internet: www.mosteirodesaobentorio.org.br

The Beaches of Rio de Janeiro



The State of Rio de Janeiro is world-renowned for its many breathtaking beaches. Copacabana is probably Rio's most

famous beach: located in the vibrant neighbourhood of the same name, it is almost 6 km long, home of the New Year celebrations and the official venue of the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup. Tourists meet here all year round to play sports, sunbathe, and dance till morning.

Other beaches close to the centre of the city are Ipanema and Leblon, both crowded with cafés, bars, and restaurants, while the beaches of Barra da Tijuca, Prainha, and Grumari are great for surfing and water sports enthusiasts.

Nearby Búzios, a former fishing village, offers

many spots to practice surfing, volleyball, scuba diving, and windsurfing. Located in a small peninsular area, the village is fringed by many beautiful beaches, such as Geribá, Enseada de Manguinhos, Armação, Praia dos Ossos, Azeda, and Ferradura. Approaching Rio from Búzios, you will find Arraial do Cabo, the perfect place for an unforgettable scuba diving experience through crystal-clear waters and rock formations teeming with tropical fish.

Photo: [Aleksandar Todorovic/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

Escadaria Selarón

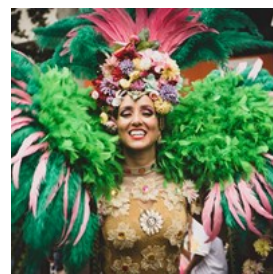


Considered a must-see in Rio de Janeiro, the Escadaria Selarón is not an ordinary staircase, but rather the life's work of a Chilean painter named

Jorge Selarón, his odd obsession and his romantic homage to the city that adopted him. The 'Escadaria' is made up of 250 steps and over 2000 tiles: stretch your legs and get ready to climb an astonishing cascade of colours.

Photo: [Filipe Frazao/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Rua Manuel Carneiro 24, Rio de Janeiro

Samba Schools



Get a peek behind the scenes of Rio's Carnival on a lively cultural tour. Explore the Carnival Factory and learn how the parade's famous

floats and costumes are produced. Listen to commentary on the history of samba and carnival, then visit the dressing rooms to try on some costumes and take some photos.

Welcome drinks of caipirinhas, the Brazilian national drink, and a samba class complete the whole carnival experience.

Photo: Ugur Arpac/Unsplash

Mirante Dona Marta



This popular lookout point offers a beautiful view over the Christ the Redeemer statue and the Sugar Loaf Mountain.

Given its proximity to the city, many photographers prefer to shoot from here rather than climb to the top of Corcovado. The two places, however, are very close and easy to visit on the same day.

Photo: vitormarigo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estrada Mirante Dona Marta, Rio de Janeiro

Hang Gliding over Rio de Janeiro



Hang gliding really is one of the best experiences the city has to offer. Take a flight from one of the many hills surrounding Rio de Janeiro and glide smoothly through the gentle Brazilian wind.

There are different companies offering hang gliding in Rio de Janeiro, and even if the place of departure may change, all routes fly over the most important sights and attractions of the city.

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Address: Estrada da Canoa 722, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 99843 9006

AquaRio



Being the largest aquarium in South America, AquaRio holds up to 8000 animals of 350 different species in their tanks. Stroll through

tunnels amidst the marine animals to admire the colourful fish and corals. An exciting experience not only for families but also for anyone with an interest in wildlife.

Photo: Pakhnyushchy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Praça Muhammad Ali, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat & Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +55 21 3900 6670

Internet: www.aquariomarinhodorio.com.br

Email: contato@aquariomarinhodorio.com.br

Rio das Ostras Jazz & Blues



In its first 15 years of life, this outdoor festival has established itself as one of the most important events in the country, featuring some of the

best performers in the world. Held in the city of Rio das Ostras, surrounded by golden sandy beaches, green hills and crystal-clear waters, the event offers 4 days of high-quality music.

Photo: Furtseff/Shutterstock.com

Address: Praça São Pedro, Avenida Cristóvão Barcelos 53, Rio das Ostras

Internet: riodasostrasjazzblues.46graus.com

Aventureiro Sustainable Development Reserve



The Aventureiro Sustainable Development Reserve is located southwest of Ilha Grande, Rio de Janeiro's largest island, in Angra Dos Reis

Bay. The reserve, established in 1990, features extraordinary unspoiled nature, and many animal species and is home to the ancient caiçaras fishing community.

Photo: ah_fotobox/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ilha Grande, Angra dos Reis Bay, Rio de Janeiro

Favelas



The favelas are Brazil's gloomily famous shanty towns. Once a shelter for war veterans and freedmen, they have now become the symbol of

social and economic inequalities in the country. A guided tour of these communities represents a unique opportunity to understand the locals' living conditions, their challenges and their daily struggles. If you have the chance, visit the famous favela named Rocinha to discover a whole different side of Rio de Janeiro. Visits are only recommended as part of a supervised guided tour and may be unsafe to do on one's own.

Photo: mandritoii/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rocinha, Rio de Janeiro

Municipal Theater



The twentieth-century Teatro Municipal magnificently overlooks Praça Floriano, contrasting against neighbouring modern

skyscrapers with its splendid facade. The theatre is a symbol of architectural renovation promoted by the early 1900s republican regime and is inspired by Paris of that period. Its luxurious interiors are decorated with statues, paintings, and frescoes.

You can attend one of the many shows or book a guided visit.

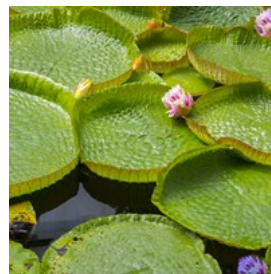
Photo: Aleksandar Todorovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Praça Floriano, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2332 919 1

Email: ascomtheatromunicipal@gmail.com

Sitio Roberto Burle Marx



Former property of the famous Brazilian landscape architect and artist Roberto Burle Marx. The residence and its 100-acre gardens

house an extensive exhibition synthesizing the artist's genius, ideas and innovation. A large number of plant species, their diversity and a revolutionary mix of nature and art make this collection one of the most important and entrancing in the world.

Photo: Oana Raluca/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estrada Roberto Burle Marx, 2019, Barra de Guaratiba, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 9:30am-3:30pm

Phone: +55 21 2410 141 2

Internet: sitioburlemarx.org

Email: faleconosco@iphan.gov.br

National History Museum



The National Historical Museum in Rio de Janeiro is renowned for the quality of its exhibitions and its ability to chronologically and

interactively present the history of Brazil. Six permanent and a few temporary exhibitions will guide you from the prehistoric era to the present day, using both historical finds and multimedia resources.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/shutterstock.com

Address: Museu Histórico Nacional, Praça Marechal Âncora, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Wed-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat & Sun 1pm-5pm

Phone: +55 21 3299 0324

Internet: www.instagram.com/museuhistoriconacional

DINING



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Rio's cultural diversity is reflected in the wide and heterogeneous range of restaurants spread throughout the city. Whether you plan to satisfy your hunger with a hearty traditional meal of picanha and feijoada, tickle your taste buds with European delicacies, or explore Middle Eastern cuisine, you will surely find a restaurant that suits your food preferences and budget.

Cais do Oriente



This fancy restaurant located in a XIX century warehouse, in the heart of old Rio, is still reminiscent of the transoceanic trade era of

the past. Enjoy traditional Brazilian dishes in a charming and refined ambience, often animated by live performances of samba and bossa nova. The restaurant also features a lovely indoor garden decorated with palm trees.

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Address: Rua Visconde de Itaboraí 8, Rio de Janeiro

Phone: +55 21 2233 2531

Internet: caisdooriente-rj.com.br

Email: atendimento@caisgourmet.com.br

Amir



Located just a stone's throw from Copacabana Beach, Lebanese restaurant Amir is one of the best exponents of Arab cuisine in Rio de

Janeiro. Let the flavorful Middle Eastern delicacies like falafel, kibbeh, and lamb charm you and rest assured, Amir's trademark generous portions will satisfy your appetite. Many vegetarian options are available.

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Address: Rua Ronald de Carvalho 55, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Thu & Sun noon-11pm; Fri & Sat noon-midnight

Phone: +55 21 2542 7039

Hachiko



Hidden in the narrow Travessa do Paço, Hachiko has proven to be a real culinary gem and one of the best restaurants in town. Take a seat on the wicker and bamboo chairs and wait for the restaurant's staff to flood your table with the fusion of treasures of Japanese gastronomy and modern Western flavours.

Photo: Stockmelnyk/shutterstock.com

Address: Travessa do Paço 10, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-11pm, Sun closed

Phone: +55 21 3819 3293

Internet: www.hachiko.com.br

Braseiro da Gavea



Renowned for its grilled chicken, picanha, and traditional Brazilian food, this restaurant is loved by both tourists and locals, who often crowd the

streets outside while waiting for a table. Thanks to its informal and lively atmosphere, the generous portions and the many local specialities offered, Braseiro da Gavea is unanimously considered one of Rio's best places to enjoy an authentic Brazilian meal.

Photo: Stephen Mcsweeney/Shutterstock.com

Address: Praça Santos Dumont 116, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Thu & Sun 11:30pm-1am, Fri & Sat 11:30pm-3am

Phone: +55 21 2239 7494

Oro



Honoured with two Michelin stars, Oro is a sophisticated restaurant where respect for Brazil's culinary traditions meets the chef's trailblazing audacity. Felipe Bronze, the award-winning chef and owner, is ready to amaze you with aesthetic creations and original flavours.

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Address: Av. General San Martin 889, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 7-11pm; Fri 7pm-midnight; Sat 1pm-2pm / 7pm-midnight

Phone: +55 21 2540 8768

Email: reservas@ororestaurant.com.br

Zazá Bistrô Tropical



Colourful, cosmopolitan restaurant in Ipanema specializing in Moroccan and Asian fare in a relaxed and charming ambience.

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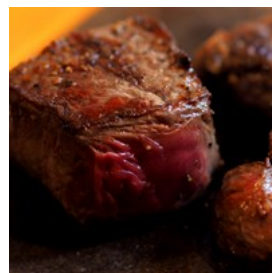
Address: Rua Joana Angelica 40, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Tue-Sat noon-11pm, Sun 12:30pm-10pm, Mon closed

Phone: +55 21 99530 7173

Internet: www.zazabistro.com.br

Galeto 183



A few blocks away from the famous Sambodromo, Galeto 183 offers traditional Brazilian food in an informal ambience. Highly popular among the

citizens of Rio the Janeiro, less so among tourists, this restaurant is the perfect place to enjoy an authentic Brazilian culinary experience.

Photo: Recordman/shutterstock.com

Address: Rua de Santana 183, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6am-5pm

Phone: +55 21 2252 3914

Org Bistrô



Org Bistrô offers delicious, creative vegetarian meals prepared and presented in accordance with the chef's philosophy of life: to promote a healthy lifestyle and contribute to restoring a balanced ecosystem, using only local, seasonal, organic, and unprocessed ingredients.

Photo: saschanti17/shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Olegário Maciel 175, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-3:30pm, Sat noon-4pm, Sun closed

Phone: +55 21 2493 1791

Email: contato@orgbistro.com.br

Quitéria Café



Located approximately 100 meters away from the beach of Ipanema, Quitéria is an elegant restaurant that offers authentic Brazilian

recipes using only local organic and fresh products.

Tourists enjoy eating here after a day at the beach, thanks to its top-notch customer service, the many vegan-vegetarian options and its delicious fresh caipirinhas.

Photo: Sebastian Coman Photography/Unsplash

Address: Rua Maria Quitéria 27, Rio de Janeiro

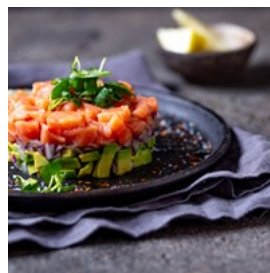
Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +55 21 2267 4603

Internet: www.ipanemainn.com.br/en/quiteria

Email: reservas@ipanemainn.com.br

Gurumê



Creativity, sophistication, and Asian traditions coexist in this elegant restaurant in Ipanema, the crown jewel of Japanese cuisine in Rio de

Janeiro. The charming wooden interiors designed by Thiago Bernardes create the perfect atmosphere for savouring the inventions of Japanese chef Shin Koike.

Photo: Larisa Blinova/shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Aníbal de Mendonça 132, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-11pm, Sat noon-midnight, Sun noon-10pm

Phone: +55 21 3959 2263

Internet: gurumelivery.com.br/restaurantes

Marius Degustare



Located near the Copacabana, Marius Degustare enchants his customers with passionately prepared, high-quality fish, seafood,

meat and dessert dishes. In addition, you are given the choice of 400 different labels of red and white wine, rosé, prosecco, and champagne.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Atlântica 290, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-midnight

Phone: +55 21 3798 6514

Email: car@marius.com.br

Prana Vegetariano



For vegetarian and vegan dishes like cakes, pies, brownies, mousse, and pizzas, Prana is the place to go. Chef Marcos Freitas follows his

passion for vegetarian food and makes flavour and creativity come together on every plate.

Photo: Timolina/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Lopes Quintas 37, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon noon-4pm; Tue-Sat noon-4pm / 6pm-9:30pm; Sun 6pm-9:30pm

Phone: +55 21 2294 9887

Internet: www.pranavegetariano.com

CAFÉS



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The cafés of Rio de Janeiro are part and parcel of the city's history and remarkable culture of hospitality. Whether it is an elaborate nineteenth-century venue or a small, trendy hangout, Rio's cafés will delight your taste buds with the typically light Brazilian breakfast, delicious freshly baked pastries, and their coffee's intense aroma.

Confeitaria Colombo



This historic literary café, dating back to 1894, is a part of the cultural and artistic heritage of Rio de Janeiro. Best known for a lavish Belle Époque decor

that turns the clock back to the early XX century, the Confeitaria serves Brazilian and Portuguese pastries, snacks, and tea.

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Address: Rua Gonçalves Dias 32, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun closed

Phone: +55 21 2505 1500

Café Hum



With various branches located across the city, Café Hum is the perfect place to take a break. It serves rich Brazilian blends as well as

cappuccino and espresso, combined with delicious homemade cakes, sandwiches, waffles, and pastries.

Photo: Zhukov Oleg / Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Flamboyants da Península, 855, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

Phone: +55 21 2408 4713

More Info: Located in Shopping Península Open Mall

Da Casa da Táta



Homey but elegant, the café Da Casa da Táta is famous for its home-baked bread, cakes, and Brazilian desserts. Locals and tourists go

there in the early morning hours to taste the ultimate Brazilian breakfast, made up normally of juice, coffee, a basket of loaves of bread and a piece of cake.

Photo: Paulo Vilela / Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Professor Manoel Ferreira 89, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-3pm, Sun 9am-2pm

Phone: +55 21 98894 2276

Email: tata@dacasadatata.com.br

Talho Capixaba



Located in the heart of Leblon, the trendy Talho Capixaba combines elements of a bakery, a deli, and a café. Start your day with a cappuccino and a large croissant, visit during lunch to taste the delicious sandwiches, or just swing by to buy some freshly baked bread.

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Address: Avenida Ataulfo de Paiva 1022, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +55 21 2512 8760

Polis Sucos



Founded in 1985, Polis Sucos was the first juice bar ever to open in Rio de Janeiro. Considered an institution by the people of Ipanema, it offers fresh juices prepared exclusively with seasonal fruit, tasty salads, and healthy sandwiches.

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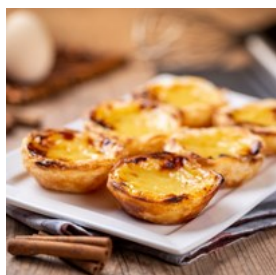
Address: Rua Maria Quitéria 70, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-1am, Sun 8am-1am

Phone: +55 21 2247 2518

Email: polissucos@hotmail.com

Casa Cavé



Founded in 1860, Casa Cavé is one of the icons of Rio de Janeiro's Belle Époque period, together with Confeitaria Colombo. A visit to the city's oldest bakery, once a hangout for noblemen and politicians, offers the opportunity to travel back in time and enjoy traditional Brazilian and Portuguese pastries.

Photo: Beto Chagas/shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Sete de Setembro 133, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-2pm, Sun closed

Phone: +55 21 2224 2520

Internet: www.casacave.com.br/ingles/index.htm

Confeitaria Kurt



When in 1940 Kurt Deichmann arrived in Rio fleeing from the Nazi Regime, he probably didn't know that the confectionery he was going to open would have become the most renowned and well-regarded in all of Rio de Janeiro. Even today, Kurt's family still manage the confectionery, serving a wide variety of delicious cakes, cookies and mousses.

Photo: Irina Suglobova/shutterstock.com

Address: Rua General Urquiza 117B, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun closed

Phone: +55 21 2294 0599

Internet: www.confeitariakurt.com.br

Email: sac@confeitariakurt.com.br

Empório Jardim



Elected to be serving not only the best breakfast in Rio de Janeiro but also in Brazil, Empório Jardim is the right place to start your day in the morning or to drop in at any other time. The interior makes you feel like sitting in a garden while you can enjoy a cup of coffee alongside your breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Photo: Yusev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Visconde da Graça 51, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Daily 8am-7pm

Phone: +55 21 2535 9862

Internet: www.emporiojardimrio.com.br

Email: comercial@emporiojardimrio.com.br

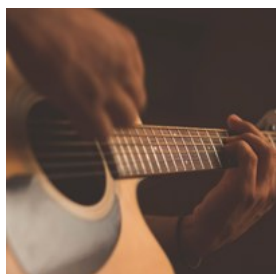
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Not many cities can stand up to Rio de Janeiro's lively nightlife scene. The city provides all kinds of entertainment, from sophisticated cocktail bars and fancy nightclubs to nocturnal circus performances and underground samba shows. Find the place that suits you best and enjoy a night of unforgettable experiences.

Rio Scenarium



Rio Scenarium is a vibrant and cosmopolitan samba bar in downtown Rio de Janeiro with a quirky and creative vintage vibe. Feel free to

hit the dance floor alongside amateurs and professionals or get a table on one of the upper floors to enjoy live samba concerts from above.

Photo: Jefferson Santos/Unsplash

Address: Rua do Lavradio 20, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Wed–Thu 7pm–1am; Fri 7pm–2am; Sat noon–6pm / 8pm–3am

Phone: +55 21 96550 0002

Internet: www.rioscenarium.com.br

Email: reservas@rioscenarium.com.br

Bla Blá



Fun but sophisticated, Bla Blá combines Japanese food and a wide variety of high-quality champagne labels. Its proximity to the nightlife streets of

Barra da Tijuca makes it the perfect place to enjoy a cheerful dinner and get ready for a night of partying.

Photo: Andreas Prott/shutterstock.com

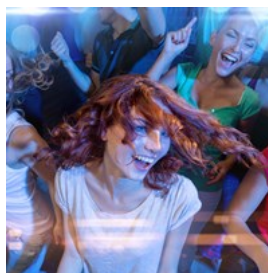
Address: Avenida Érico Veríssimo, 843, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Daily 6pm–midnight

Phone: +55 21 2495 0040

Internet: www.instagram.com/blablabarra

Clube dos Democráticos



Located in the vibrant Lapa neighbourhood, Clube dos Democráticos is a great place to dance to the rhythm of Brazilian live music. Let the sound of Samba and Forró guide you through the night, find your dance floor partner and enjoy an authentic Carioca experience.

Photo: Syda Productions / Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Riachuelo 91, Rio de Janeiro

Internet: www.clubedosedemocraticos.com.br

Circo Voador



Every weekend, Circo Voador hosts important names from the Brazilian and international music scene. Rock, samba, reggae, and funk music

liven up the nights of this famous Lapa concert hall, where the intimate and informal atmosphere helps forge a real connection between the artists and the audience.

Photo: Melinda Nagy/shutterstock.com
Address: Rua dos Arcos, Rio de Janeiro
Phone: +55 21 2533 0354
Internet: www.circovoador.com.br
Email: eventos@circovoador.com.br

Fundição Progresso



Located in an old safe factory, Fundição Progresso is a self-sustaining cultural centre, home to art schools, paintings exhibitions, theatre plays, circus performances, and great musical shows. The best time to visit this evocative building is definitely during the monthly live concerts, but you can come here at any time and still be able to enjoy its many other attractions.

Photo: Artem Kozhyn/shutterstock.com
Address: Rua dos Arcos 24, Rio de Janeiro
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 1pm-5pm, Sat & Sun closed
Internet: www.fundicaoprogresso.com.br
Email: contato@fundicaoprogresso.com.br

Explorer Bar



Nestled at the top of a small hill in the bohemian Santa Teresa neighbourhood, the Explorer Bar awaits you behind the leafy branches of its many trees. This restaurant-cocktail bar serves delicious fresh dishes and original signature cocktails in a warm, cosmopolitan atmosphere.

Photo: saschanti17/shutterstock.com
Address: Rua Almirante Alexandrino 399, Rio de Janeiro
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 5pm-midnight, Fri 5pm-1am, Sat 9am-1am, Sun 9am-11pm
Phone: +55 21 3264 9665
Internet: www.explorerbar.com/index.php/en/

Email: info@explorerbar.com

Bar Armazém São Thiago



Located in the picturesque neighbourhood of Santa Teresa and housed in a 1920s-style warehouse, Armazém São Thiago is a typical Brazilian bar, bearer of the city's history and traditions. Also known as "bar do Gomez", it serves refreshing cold beers and a variety of tasty appetizers.

Photo: Alexey Andr Tkachenko/shutterstock.com
Address: Rua Aurea 26, Rio de Janeiro
Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-11pm, Sun noon-9pm
Phone: +55 21 2232 0822
Email: armazemsãothiago@gmail.com

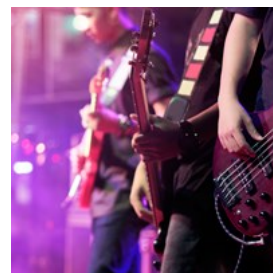
Bar Carioca da Gema



This bar regularly hosts live acts of well-known carioca artists. Grab a beer, caipirinha, or another mixed drink and move your body along to some Brazilian samba or chorinho tunes.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenida Mem de Sá 79, Rio de Janeiro
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 7:30am-3am, Fri & Sat 8:30pm-3am
Phone: +55 21 98556 0834
Internet: www.barcariocadagama.com.br/en
Email: atendimento@barcariocadagama.com.br

Bar Bukowski



Housed in a historic mansion, with a garden, vinyl record collection, and hookahs, Bar Bukowski is the oldest rock house in Rio de

Janeiro. It offers several bars and dance floors in a large outdoor area and hosts concerts and artistic performances for the entertainment of its customers and is absolutely worth a visit-not only for fans of the genre.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Álvaro Ramos 270, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Thu 7pm-2am, Fri-Sat 7pm-5am

Phone: +55 21 97727 5715

Email: contato@barbukowski.com.br

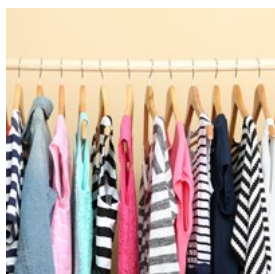
SHOPPING



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When it comes to shopping, Rio de Janeiro proves to have many opportunities. The city provides a dual shopping experience: modern and international in the big shopping malls and traditional and folkloric in the open-air markets and fairs around the city.

Shopping Streets



The streets of Rio are home to diverse shops, fairs, and markets.

Ipanema has a mix of upscale and bargain shopping areas, the

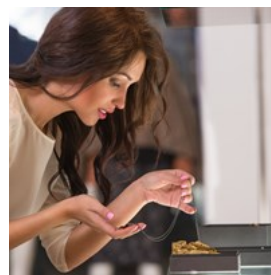
former being Rua Garcia d'Avila and Rua Maria Quitéria, the latter being Rua Visconde de Pirajá and the famous Hippie Market.

Head to Barra de Tijuca and Leblon to find

bigger, more expensive brands and various shopping malls. To get a taste of the true Carioca shopping experience, visit the city's markets and fairs in Lapa, São Cristóvão, and Centro: there you will find, respectively, the Feira do Rio Antigo, the Feira Nordestina São Cristóvão, and the Mercado Popular da Uruguaiana.

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Shop in Búzios



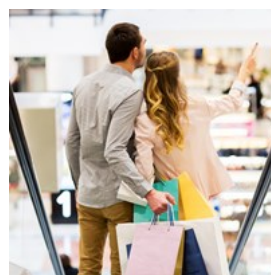
Are you in the mood for an excursion outside Rio de Janeiro? Head to the charming Búzios peninsula, a heaven on earth bounded by a volcanic coastline, diverse beaches and pristine waters.

Here you can shop in several boutiques along Rua das Pedras, for anything from Brazilian bikinis, beachwear and surfboards to handicrafts and jewellery.

Photo: Milles Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua das Pedras, Armação dos Búzios, State of Rio de Janeiro

Rio's shopping malls



When looking for a shopping experience, Rio de Janeiro offers plenty of alternatives, one of which being the many large shopping malls, home to major fashion brands, cinemas, and restaurants. Below is a list of the most noteworthy ones.

Fashion Mall:

Estrada da Gávea, 899, São Conrado, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 2111 4427

Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 2-10pm

Barra Shopping:

Avenida das Américas, 4666, Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 4003 4131

Mon-Sat 10am-11pm, Sun 12-10pm

Village Mall:

Avenida das Americas, 3900, Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 3003 4177

Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 12-8pm

Shopping Leblon:

Avenida Afranio de Mello Franco 290, Leblon, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 2018 2508

Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 1-9pm

Shopping Nova America:

Avenida Pastor Martin Luther King Jr. 126, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 3083 1000

Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 1-9pm

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Feira Hippie de Ipanema



In 1968, a group of Brazilian artists started to sell frames at Praça General Osório to help pay the neighbourhood bars' bills. From that year

on the event developed and expanded to become one of Rio's most glamorous fairs. At the Feira Hippie, you can find creative artwork, colourful clothes and various cheap handicrafts.

Photo: goodluz/shutterstock.com

Address: Praça General Osório, Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Sun 8am-6pm

Internet: www.feirarteipanema.com

Email: claudiaalmeida@feirarteipanema.com

Mercado Uruguaiana



Head to the Mercado Uruguaiana, one of the largest flea markets in Rio, to find slashed prices and a wide variety of products, most of which are made in China. Put some 'reais' aside and get ready to bargain in order to get clothing, electronics, food, and even furniture at the lowest price possible.

Photo: Lolostock/shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Uruguaiana, Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 9am-2pm

More Info: Easily accessible from Uruguaiana metro station

Saara



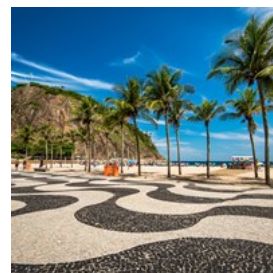
Located in one of the oldest areas of downtown Rio de Janeiro, the Saara flea market is certainly a pleasant surprise for those seeking an authentic Carioca shopping experience. Wander around the over six hundred stalls and find the perfect souvenir to bring home with you.

Photo: BlueOrange Studio/shutterstock.com

Address: Saara, Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-2pm, Sun closed

Feira de Copacabana



The small Feira de Copacabana consists of a collection of clothes and souvenir stalls strategically located in front of the popular

Copacabana beach. It opens late in the afternoon and goes on till midnight, giving tourists the chance to enjoy Rio's warm beaches during the day and go shopping in the evening cool.

Photo: Donatas Dabravolskas/shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Atlantica, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-midnight

More Info: Between Posto 4 and 5

Feira do Rio Antigo



Every first Saturday of the month, Rua do Lavradio hosts the Feira do Rio Antigo, an exciting multicultural event that attracts both locals and

tourists. The street fills up with stalls, live bands, dancers and singers, marking the start of a diurnal celebration. The bustling market has all kinds of products, from handicrafts and antiques to vintage clothing, art, and food.

Photo: DGLimages/shutterstock.com

Address: Rua do Lavradio, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Every 1st Saturday of the month 10am-6pm

TOURIST INFORMATION



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International Airport Galeão (GIG)

Most flights arrive in Rio de Janeiro via International Airport Galeão. The airport is on Governador Island, the largest one in Guanabara



Bay, and is located around twenty kilometres from the city centre. The airport is served by a good road network, including the Linha Vermelha and Linha Amarela freeways and Avenida Brasil.

International Airport Galeão has a range of facilities including ATMs, banks, restaurants, telephones, parking and car hire offices.

There are four bus lines (2018, 2101, 2145 and 2918) that run to and from the city centre and Rio's other airport, Santos Dumont Airport. The buses run every ten minutes and journey times, which usually take around 40 minutes.

For regular taxis, there are two companies at the airport, Aerotaxi: +55 21 2467 1500 and Aerocoop: +55 21 3078 5050. There are also VIP taxis available.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Avenida Vinte de Janeiro, Ilha do Governador, Rio de Janeiro

Internet: www.riogaleao.com/passageiros

Passport / Visa



Brasil can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Israel, UAE, South Africa and most countries in America.

Visitors coming from most South American countries can enter the country with an identity document instead of a passport. Venezuelan visitors, however, need a visa in case of stays longer than 60 days.

Visa-free entry for a period shorter than 30 days is granted to citizens of Indonesia, Kazakhstan and Singapore.

Nationals of Panama, Malaysia, Namibia, Guatemala, Bahamas and Barbados can enter the country visa-free for tourism purposes only. Most African countries' citizens must obtain a visa in advance.

If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country.

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Best Time to Visit



Rio de Janeiro is characterized by hot, extremely humid summers and cool, cloudy winters; therefore, choosing the best period

to visit the city depends mainly on individual preferences.

Summer is the best period for hot weather lovers and party people willing to tolerate high humidity and frequent rainfall. From November to February, Rio's beaches are invaded by tourists, especially during the famous Carnival. From March to May, the Fall season offers Rio's best weather: hot and humid but without the drawbacks of the summer. On the other hand, visiting Rio from June to August, during the cloudy Carioca winter, will allow you to avoid high temperatures, humidity and rainfall; during

this season, probably the busiest of the year, accommodation prices tend to increase.

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Santos Dumont Airport (SDU)



Santos Dumont Airport, located eight kilometres downtown from Rio de Janeiro, operates only regional flights, connecting the main cities of the country. It has a range of facilities, including ATMs, telephones and car hire offices.

There are two bus lines that operate from the airport: number 2145 runs to Rio de Janeiro International Airport and number 2018 runs to Rio de Janeiro International Airport and Alvorada.

Taxis and rental cars are also available.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Praça Sen. Salgado Filho, Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Public Transport



Rio de Janeiro provides many different means of transportation to get around. The subway is the easiest, fastest and safest among them. It is open from 5am-12am from Monday to Saturday and from 7am-11pm on Sunday and consists of two lines (orange and green), linking all the main tourist spots of the city. Buses are practical, convenient and, above all, needed to get to the many hilly areas of the city. Just remember to be extra careful of pickpockets during rush hour! Night buses are also available.

Trams and trains' limited network makes them less useful to tourists. They are, however, used to reaching a few tourist areas such as Mount Corcovado or the Santa Teresa neighbourhood.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Internet: www.metrorio.com.br

Ferries



Ferries connect the mainland with some of the nearby islands. They are a good way to avoid road traffic while enjoying the view of the

city and its bays. One of the most popular itineraries is the one going towards the tropical Paqueta Island, in Guanabara Bay. Bicycles are allowed on board if you wish to explore when you disembark.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Taxi



There are plenty of taxis in Rio. They are usually fairly priced, but you must beware of the unlicensed ones and use only those associated

with an accredited company: yellow, identified by stickers on the window and fitted with a meter.

Sometimes taking a taxi may not be the best option: Rio is characterized by heavy urban traffic that may slow you down and make your rate increase significantly; on the other hand, during the night some drivers might quote you excessive rates.

Taxis are usually found in the designated ranks outside hotels and airport terminals. When in

doubt, ask the hotel or restaurant to call you a taxi, drivers often barely speak English.

You can also request a ride with Uber.

Nettaxi

+55 21 98569 2648

Aerocoop

+55 21 3078 5050

Aerotaxi

+55 21 2467 1500

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



There are many post offices around the city of Rio de Janeiro. The name of the national post agency is Correios. Post office branches are quite

easy to locate thanks to their blue and yellow sign.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: In Copacabana: Avenida Nossa Sra. de Copacabana, 540, Rio de Janeiro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Phone: +55 21 2256 1439

Internet: www.correios.com.br

Pharmacy



Rio de Janeiro has a number of pharmacies around the city. Large pharmacy chains to look for are Drogaria Pacheco, Droga Raia, Drogaria Pop

and Drogaria Venancio.

These chains can be easily found everywhere in

Rio and are usually open from 7am-11pm.

The following pharmacies are open 24 hours a day:

Drogaria Pacheco

R. Marquês de Abrantes, 144 - Flamengo, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 3237 1044

Droga Raia

Av. Nossa Sra. de Copacabana, 919 - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

+55 21 97195 8296

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country code: + 55 Area code: 21

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



In Rio de Janeiro, plugs and sockets are of type N. The standard voltage is 110 / 120 V but many hotels also provide 220 V outlets. Standard

frequency is 60 Hz.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Metro area: 13.5 million (2021)

Currency

Brazilian Real R\$ = 100 centavos

Opening hours

Most shops and offices are generally open from 9am to 6pm during weekdays and from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays. Some of the main shopping centres stay open until 10pm during the week and from 1pm to 9pm on Sundays: BarraShopping is one of them. Tourist areas are home to many small shops which often stay open longer. In case of late-night hunger, corner shops are scattered everywhere in Rio and open 24/7. Banks are open from 10am to 6pm on weekdays.

Newspapers

O Globo — oglobo.globo.com

Jornal do Brasil — www.jb.com.br

O Dia — www.odia.ig.com.br

Emergency numbers

Firefighters: 193

Ambulance: 192

Police: 190

Hospital de Ipanema: +55 21 3111 2334

Hospital Copa D'Or: +55 21 2545 3600

Tourist information

RioTur

Avenida Princesa Isabel, 183, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat & Sun 9am-5pm

+55 21 2298 7890

Rio Convention & Visitors Bureau

Rua Guilhermina Guinle, 272, 3rd floor, Rio de Janeiro

Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

+55 21 2266 9750



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Morro de São Bento

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Aeroporto Santos Dumont

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Avenida 13 de Maio	C2 C3	Praça Est da Guanabara	C2	Rua do Passeio	C3
Avenida Almirante Barroso	C2 C3	Praça Floriano	C3	Rua do Rezende	A3 B3
Avenida Augusto Severo	C3 C4	Praça Henrique Lage	C2	Rua do Rosário	B2 C2
Avenida Barão Tefé	A1	Praça Jornal de Comercio	A1	Rua do Senado	A3
Avenida Beira Mar	C4	Praça João Pessoa	B3	Rua Dom Gerardo	B1 C1
Avenida Churchill	D3	Praça Mauá	B1	Rua dos Andradas	B2
Avenida Franklin Roosevelt	D3	Praça Pio X	C1	Rua dos Arcos	B3
Avenida General Justo	D2 D3	Praça Tiradentes	B2	Rua dos Inválidos	A3 B3
Avenida Gomes Freire	B3	Praça Virgilio de Melo Franco	D3	Rua Evaristo da Veiga	B3 C3
Avenida Graça Aranha	C2 C3	Rua 7 de Setembro	B2 C2	Rua Francisco	B3 B4
Avenida Henrique Valdares	A3	Rua Alexandre Mackenzie	A1 A2	Rua Frei Caneca	A3
Avenida Infante Dom Henrique	C3 C4	Rua Almirante Alexandrino	A4 B4	Rua Gonçalves Dias	B2 C2
Avenida Marechal Camara	D2 D3	Rua André Cavalcanti	A3 A4	Rua Hermenegildo de Barros	B4
Avenida Marechal Floriano	A2 B2	Rua Araújo Porto Alegre	C3	Rua Jardel Jercolis	D3
Avenida Mem de Sá	A3 B3	Rua Arce	B1	Rua Joaquim Murtinho	B4
Avenida N S de Fátima	A3 A4	Rua Assembléia	C2	Rua Leandro Martins	B1 B2
Avenida Nilo Péçanha	C2	Rua Benjamin Constant	B4	Rua Luis de Camúes	B2
Avenida Passos	B2	Rua Bento Ribeiro	A1 A2	Rua Marechal Aguinaldo C de Castro	C2 D2
Avenida Presidente Antonio Carlos	C2 C3	Rua Camerino	A1 B1	Rua Monte Alegre	A4
Avenida Presidente Kubitschek	C2 D2	Rua Candido Mendes	B4 C4	Rua Murtinho Nobre	B4
Avenida Presidente Vargas	A2 B2	Rua Cardeal Sebastião Leme	A4	Rua México	C3
Avenida Presidente Wilson	C3	Rua Carlos Sampaio	A3	Rua Regente Freijo	B2
Avenida Republica do Paraguai	B2 B3	Rua da Alfândega	A2 B2 C2	Rua República do Libano	A2
Avenida República do Chile	B3	Rua da Carioca	B2 C2	Rua Riachuelo	A3 B3
Avenida Rio Branco	B1 C2 C3	Rua da Conceição	B1 B2	Rua Sacadura Cabral	A1 B1
Avenida Rodrigues Alves	B1	Rua da Constituição	A2 B2	Rua Santa Christina	B4
Avenida Venezuela	A1 B1	Rua da Glória	C4	Rua Senador Dantas	C3
Campo de Santana	A2	Rua da Lapa	C3 C4	Rua Senador Pompeu	A1
Ladeira de Santa Teresa	B3 B4	Rua da Relação	B3	Rua Senhor dos Passos	A2 B2
Ladeira do Castro	A4	Rua da Visconde Gávea	A1 A2	Rua Silvio Romero	B3 B4
Ladeira Pedro António	A1 B1	Rua de Buenos Aires	A2 B2 C2	Rua Teofilo Otoni	B1 B2 C1
Praça 15 de Novembro	C2	Rua de Santa Luzia	C3 D2 D3	Rua Uruguaiana	B2
Praça Cardeal Câmara	B3	Rua Dias de Barros	B4	Rua Visc do Rio Branco	A2 B2
Praça Cristiano Otoni	A2	Rua do Jogo da Bola	A1 B1	Rua Visconde Inhaúma	B1 C1
Praça Cruz Vermelha	A3	Rua do Lavradio	B3	Rua Washington Luis	A3
Praça da República	A2	Rua do Monte	A1	Rue 1.de Marco	C1 C2
Praça do Expedicionario	C2 D2	Rua do Oriente	A4	Rue Gonçalves Ledo	B2
Praça dos Estivadores	A1	Rua do Ouvidor	B2 C2		