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BRAZIL

# Salvador Bahia

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DESTINATION SPOTLIGHT

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*heart and soul of Brazil*

**State:** Bahia

**Weather:** Tropical - 25°C (77°F) average

**Rain Period:** Between April and July

**Best Time To Visit:** All year round

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## About Salvador

The first capital of Brazil, Salvador was a major place for the slave trade and is now a thriving center of Afro-Brazilian life. The city preserves an important historical city center, listed as UNESCO's Cultural Heritage Site: the Pelourinho, which gives the visitor the opportunity to visit Brazilian Baroque Churches and century-old manors.

Salvador has more than 300 churches and a strong presence of African Religions. The religious syncretism is all over the place with Iemanjá and Our Lady of the Conception, Iansã and Saint Barbara, Our Lord of the Bonfim and Oxala. The Senhor do Bonfim Church, is one of the biggest symbols of the religious mix in Bahia. The African culture is also present in music and, dance, like in capoeira - a martial art that looks like a dance.

Salvador is considered the country's soul and the birthplace of Brazilian culture.





Brazil



Pelourinho



Elevador Lacerda



Bonfim Church

City of Salvador



Villa Bahia Hotel



Rio Vermelho



Fasano Salvador Hotel

## Getting there...

Salvador International Airport:

- International flights from: Miami, Frankfurt, Madrid, Lisbon, Cordoba, Bogota, Buenos Aires.
- Domestic daily flights from Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Belo Horizonte and Brasilia.

## For guests interested in...

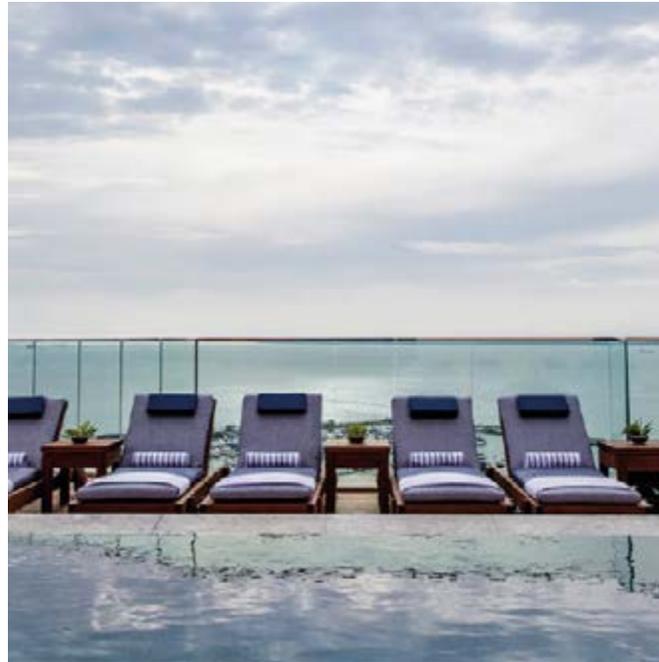
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Colonial / Historic towns
- Unique cultural activities
- Region and Afro Brazilian Traditions
- Brazilian Music
- Culinary experience

## Where else can you travel?

- **Praia do Forte**  
1.5-hour land transfer from Salvador.
- **Trancoso**  
1 hour commercial flight from Salvador.
- **Morro de São Paulo**  
25-minute private flight from Salvador.

## Fasano Salvador

Meeting the high expectations that follow the hotel's sophisticated traditions, the new Fasano Hotel Salvador is located in front of the very central and full-of-history Castro Alves square, with a privileged view of the Bay of All Saints. The Hotel will take place in the former headquarters of the newspaper A Tarde, an emblematic building from the '30s, listed by the Institute of Cultural and Artistic Heritage (IPAC) as Cultural Heritage of Bahia. The seventh hotel development of this group reflects Fasano's high standards of gastronomy, amenities, interior design and outstanding customer service.



### Suggested Rooms

Deluxe Ocean Front - 40m<sup>2</sup> room with a beautiful sea view. Equipped with 50" LCD TV, cable TV, workstation phones with two lines, broadband wi-fi and iPod docking.

Junior Ocean Front Suite - This suite has 48m<sup>2</sup>, high-standard Fasano amenities and general room characteristics that you would expect from a hotel from the chain.

### Why do we like it?

- Walking distance to Pelourinho and others emblematic touristic sights
- The stunning view from the rooftop
- High quality of services
- The outdoor pool
- The 30's art deco preserved facade.

### Who is it good for?

- Honeymooners
- Families
- Groups
- Incentives

## Villa Bahia

Enjoy a stay in two colonial mansions in the most charming neighborhood of Salvador, Pelourinho. This is the cultural heart of Bahia, listed by UNESCO as a treasure to preserve.

The Villa comprises 17 rooms carefully renovated in two adjoining 17th and 18th century colonial homes, composing the scenario of colorful houses on the cobbled streets. Take your time in the peaceful patios or overlooking the historical center and its many bells from the roof-top terrace. The contemporary restaurant offers first-class cuisine adapting French techniques to local richness of flavors.



### Suggested Rooms

Luminous and serene, the high ceiling rooms vary from 28 m<sup>2</sup> to 40 m<sup>2</sup>. The decoration of each room reflects a particular period in Bahia's history: Africa, Asia, Europe, the styles blend together to create a local soul.

The room will be suggested according to the profile of each client.

### Why do we like it?

- Located in the heart of Pelourinho
- The authentic colonial charm of installations
- Personalized services
- Each room with particular decoration
- The patios with botanic atmosphere

### Who is it good for?

- Honeymooners



### Essential Salvador

Discover the essentials on a half-day tour to Salvador's developments, from its humble beginnings to becoming the third largest city.

Start at the mouth of the bay and then via elegant tree-lined avenues and bustling city streets to Pelourinho, a UNESCO Heritage site and South America's largest complex of colonial architecture. We leave the vehicle at the Municipal Square, by the Lacerda Elevator, with great views of the bay stretching out to the lower city. Then stroll through the narrow, bustling streets lined with buildings dressed in gone by pastel shades, soaking in the sights and sounds of this vibrant city. Next stop is São Francisco Church with an exuberant gold-leafed Baroque interior and the Pelourinho square, heart of the old town.



### Percussion Workshop

Bahia is the percussive heart of Brazil, its rhythmic soul is African with a myriad of rhythms that attracted many international musicians, such as: Paul Simon, Wayne Shorter and Michael Jackson.

Under the guidance of a local percussionist, dive into the aspects of this percussive jungle, on an instructive, interactive, engaging and fun experience. Here, participants may try their hand at various instruments such as the rhu, rhumbi and lê drums of the candomblé, also the surdo, caixa, timbau and repique drums of the samba-reggae, as well as hand percussion instruments agogo, reco-reco and caxixi, and of course the formidable berimbau, the integral instrument of the capoeira.



### Market & Cooking Class

Start at São Joaquim market to seek and understand the local culture. For centuries this place has provided an essential link to the farming hinterland of the western shores of the bay. Sugarcane and tobacco come here to be exported, as well as the farming produce to supply the city.

After the market tour, continue to our chef's home for your cooking class. Seasoning for Bahian cuisine is a blend of coriander leaf, garlic, limes and black pepper with their origins in the Mediterranean, Asia and of course, what is now Brazil!

The point is to bring these together in a tasty moqueca, and there is no better way than with the assistance of a leading local chef.



### **Amado Restaurant**

Renovated bayside warehouse, with great views of the All Saints Bay, Amado blends Bahian, northeastern Brazilian and nouvelle cuisine, sophistication in a relaxed ambience. The restaurant is the perennial winner of the best restaurant in Salvador award.

- Type of service: A la carte
- Contemporaneous-Bahian Cuisine
- Location: Av. Contorno / All Saints Bay
- Average cost: High

### **Cuco**

The décor borrows heavily from Northeastern Brazil history and folklore and while the cuisine looks also to this iconic region of Brazil it also seeks wider horizons with influences from Spanish and Mediterranean cuisine serving creative seafood and selected beef dishes. Intimate surroundings and attentive service nestled in the same square as the famed São Francisco church.

A&K offers a special cachaça tasting experience before lunch from Cuco's amazing collection of Brazilians famous spirit.

- Type of service: A la carte
- Mediterranean-Northeastern Cuisine
- Location: Pelourinho
- Average cost: Standard

### **Casa da Tereza**

Casa da Teresa is a painstakingly restored 19th century home in the heart of Salvador's "bohemian" Rio Vermelho district, home to many of the busiest bars and music venues in Salvador. Chef Tereza Paim commands this bustling restaurant serving the best in contemporary Bahia cuisine in an eclectically decorated restaurant with works of art by leading Salvador artists. Teresa focuses on the finest of Bahian ingredients and seasonings, all locally sourced, serving imaginative, creative dishes to the highest standard. This is one of the city's finest restaurants.

- Type of service: A la carte
- Contemporaneous Bahian Cuisine
- Location: Rio Vermelho
- Average cost: High



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## Local Tips

**Recommended Stay in Salvador**  
3 nights

**Visit Sorveteria da Ribeira**

The most traditional ice cream shop in town, with more than 60 flavors, including many types of tropical and exotic fruit.

**Visit Senhor do Bonfim Church**

Buy a ribbon, tie it on the church's fence and make a wish. It is one of the best-known and important traditions in Salvador.

## Did you know that

\*Salvador was Brazil's first capital?

\*Salvador's carnival is the world's largest?

\*In 1624 Salvador was taken by the Dutch who arrived with 24 ships and 1700 soldiers. They only held the city for a year, until the Portuguese re-took it.



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