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TAILOR MADE JOURNEYS
Once the capital of the State of Brazil, the Kingdom of Portugal, the Brazilian Empire and the Republic of Brazil, Rio is an exotic destination that puts on the table history, sophistication and exclusive activities, combined with the contrast of its blue skies, immense seas, and its well-known dense tropical jungle. However, something that should be considered is that a visit to Rio de Janeiro is not only nor always just about nature. A visit to Rio is also a trip back in time, where you will get to know what once was one of the main access points to South America. And, of course, what now is one of the most sophisticated cities of the continent.

**Behind-the-Scenes Carnival**

When you think of Rio, one thing that undoubtedly springs to mind is its world-famous Carnival. Even when guests are visiting the city outside of Carnival season, they can feel a part of it with our exclusive behind-the-scenes tour. They will go backstage to see how the elaborate costumes are made and to find out what goes on during the rest of the year to bring the world’s largest party to life.

**Views of the City from a Private Sailing Boat**

Rio de Janeiro can be appreciated from so many different perspectives, but one of our favorites is from a private sailing boat. Guests can sit back, with a tropical mimosa in hand and take in the beautiful and vivid landscape from Guanabara Bay. Among the views will be the city’s skyline, the lush green hills and the unmistakable silhouette of Sugarloaf Mountain.
Corcovado Tour
This tour will provide the opportunity to visit the iconic Christ Redeemer Statue, elected as one of the seven modern wonders of the world! Board a small train which climbs the beautiful urban forest that is the Tijuca National Park. From the top of the mountain, you will have a jaw-dropping panoramic view of beautiful Rio de Janeiro.

Historical Walking Tour
This tour offers an unforgettable journey in old Rio de Janeiro. On this tour, guests will be able to set foot on the narrow streets and Historical buildings of the city, and learn about the legends that compose this fascinating city. The walk includes visits to several Historic sites of interest.

Sugar Loaf Tour
Visit the world-famous Sugar Loaf Mountain, a true icon of the city of Rio de Janeiro! The journey starts by boarding a glassed-in cable car to ascent to the top. The first stop is at the top of Urca Hill, which offers spectacular views of Guanabara bay and its islands. Guests will then continue on a second cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain, which promises simply amazing views of the city.

Olympic Boulevard Tour
Visit the Olympic Boulevard, located in the newly-developed Porto Maravilha area. The boulevard is a legacy of the unforgettable Rio 2016 Olympics, the first Olympic Games ever hosted in South America! However, this tour isn’t just about the games, as guests will come across several attractions, which connect Historic landmarks, museums and a Cultural Center. The Museum of Tomorrow, Rio’s Art Museum and the Aqua Rio (Aquarium) are just some of the highlights of this tour.

Santa Teresa Tour
Santa Teresa is a Historic neighborhood, located on Morro do Desterro (Exile Hill), in the heart of the city, and it has been well-maintained in order to preserve some of the most representative elements of Old Rio. Many describe Santa Teresa, as a charmingly cultural area, due to the several art studios, bars and restaurants that visitors will come across. Old-fashion cable cars, on the other hand, complement the scenery, as they go up and down the narrow streets, demonstrating why they are considered one of the city’s most representative Historical legacies.
Salvador da Bahia

Founded in 1549, it was Brazil’s first capital, and currently our third largest city. This UNESCO heritage site city is noted for its quaint cuisine, music and architecture, which are result of an interestingly beautiful combination of European, African and South American practices and traditions. Salvador Bahia is surely a destination that will make you appreciate the magic that the combination of different cultures brings to life!

Market and Cooking Experience in a Centenary Fortress

One of the best ways to get to know a city is through its food. We will arrange for guests to meet a renowned Brazilian chef and pay a visit to a local market. Here they will purchase the ingredients needed to prepare their meal, before heading back to the kitchen, located in a private fortress. Whilst enjoying the fruits of their labor, perhaps the local favorite of Moqueca (fish stew), guests will have the opportunity to hear more about the culture and traditions of a city whose European, African and Brazilian roots blend harmoniously to bring this unique destination to life.
Historical City Tour
This tour introduces guests to the historical area of the city, the famous Pelourinho, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, due to its spectacular and well preserved colonial architecture.

Candomble
Visit a traditional candomblé terreiro or house of worship. This tour offers an insight of the religious, Historical and social aspects of Candomble. Brought to Brazil by the enslaved, it is key to understanding the permeating influence that underpins Salvador’s uniquely African identity.

Market Tour With Cooking Class
Enjoy the experience of visiting a local market and buying ingredients from a local vendor to prepare local food and drinks, such as: moquecas (fish stew) or the famous caipirinhas. On this tour, guests will learn how to cook traditional recipes, in the house of a local resident.

Percussion Workshop
Bahia’s air is filled with a rhythmic of African beats that have attracted many international musicians. Learn about the names of the instruments and how to play the best-known local rhythms.

Capoeira Class
Take part of a capoeira class and start a journey to the point where the fascinating African heritage converges with the quaint Brazilian History, culture and traditions. Here, guests will learn about Capoeira, the traditional Brazilian martial art and, of course, the History, philosophy and music involved in it.

Something that plays a very important role in Capoeira is the musical instruments and the martial art should not be performed without a berimbau (a bowed one-stringed instrument and the Capoeira backbone).
Legend has it that a deity planned to marry a beautiful woman, who fled with her mortal lover on a canoe. When the deity found out, in a rage sliced the river, thus creating the falls, and condemning both to an eternal fall.
Iguassu
Not just the point where three nations converge, Iguassu is the witness and keeper of the secrets and traditions of the quaint local indigenous cultures. The falls boast incredible views, amazing activities and the sensation of actually feeling the power of nature, through the strength of the falling water, the dense jungle and the flowing rivers.

& Moments in Iguassu

The Night Rainbow of the Iguassu Falls
The Iguassu Falls never fail to impress visitors, no matter where you view them from. We always recommend a visit by day, but for an even more unforgettable experience, we invite our guests to visit them by the light of the moon as well. As guests walk along the Brazilian National Park under the full moon, they will witness the moonlight rainbows that are created above the falls. Their breath will be taken away as they watch the colors dance in the mist that is created by the cascading water.

Picnic by the Falls
Sometimes it is the small and simple things in life that create the best memories. Let us organize a simple yet delicious, picnic lunch for our guests to enjoy in private on the Argentine side of the Iguassu Falls. This intimate experience with the falls will offer a completely new perspective of the natural wonder that is the mighty Dos Hermanos Falls.
Pantanal

The world’s largest tropical wetland. It is so large that knows no borders and extends 195,000 km² through Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay; a true wonder of Mother Nature! Besides the unique colorful fauna that is found in Pantanal, some of the species that call this place home are: capybaras, tapirs, howler omnkeys and the majestic jaguar! In fact Pantanal is considered one of the best places to spot the latter.

In the Footsteps of Jaguars

Due to their strength, beauty and skill, the jaguar is iconic of South America and is still seen as a deity among many native cultures. These illusive creatures have isolated themselves to specific areas of the continent and the Pantanal is one place where, if you are lucky, you may just spot one. For the most curious of guests, we have designed a private safari to lead them in search of the elegant yet mighty jaguar, as well as several other endemic species.

Stargazing with Astronomers

A visit to Brazil is incomplete without a few days in the unspoiled Pantanal, South America’s largest wetland. This land is still very much untouched and so a visit here will be both visually and culturally rewarding. We will organize a private Pantaneiro music & dance performance, followed by a stargazing session with expert astronomers. In a vast area such as these wetlands, the star-peppered skies will do nothing but amaze.
Hiking Tours
Hiking the forests and trails in the Pantanal is an activity which assures close contact and encounters with the local flora and fauna. Our hiking tours are activities that help guests reinforce the ecological importance of this biome and learn more about the unique species of plants and animals that inhabit it.

Jaguar Tour
Either by boat or by safari vehicle, this activity has been specifically designed to find the elusive jaguars. The Brazilian Pantanal is one of the few places where guests can actually see jaguars in the wild, and the best season of the year to spot them is from July to October.

Photographic Safari
Done in specially-adapted vehicles, this safari enables the access to the roughest places of the area, thus increasing the chances of spotting wildlife. During the photographic safari, it is possible to observe the peculiarities and the contrasts of the vegetation, as well as a wide variety of animals.

Canadian Canoe Trip
This activity is done on the ponds along the ranch. Guests row on three-seat Canadian canoes, having the opportunity to closely appreciate the vegetation and water birds. It is also a good opportunity to relax and listen to the local sounds and, of course, enjoy the fantastic Pantanal sunset.

Nocturnal Spotlighting
This tour provides the opportunity to observe nocturnal animals. One of the highlights is when caimans are spotted!
Manaus

Witness the power of nature, as you venture deep into the mythic Amazonia. Let yourself feel like a real 15th century explorer, as you make your way through the dense jungle and experience close encounters with colorful macaws, playful monkeys, capybaras, and maybe even mountain lions!

& Moments in Manaus

Cooking in the heart of the Amazonia
Let us welcome your guests onboard a luxurious yacht and sail them through the Amazonia as they indulge in a private cooking experience. They will discover local flavors and special culinary techniques as they join a distinguished Brazilian chef in preparing a sumptuous meal. Unlike most other cooking classes, this classroom will sail along the waters of the Amazon and Rio Negro rivers, providing mesmerizing views full of color and surprise whilst the local fauna supplies the soundtrack.

Best Seats in the House for the Amazonas Philharmonic
The Amazonas Philharmonic is the professional orchestra from this Brazilian state. Listening to the music produced by this beautiful orchestra will send shivers down anyone’s spine, but to enhance the experience even further, we can secure the best seats in the house for our guests. We will book the exclusive private-balcony seats to allow them to fully appreciate not only the music, but also the Amazon Theatre and Opera House itself.
Visit a Local Community
Canoe trip on Rio Negro, and visit to a local caboclo community. Get to know their lifestyle, traditions, agriculture and social organization.

Canoeing through the Igapós and Igarapés
Listen to the sounds of the mighty jungle and explore it from the rivers.
On canoes for up to 2 people, guests can actually see how the vegetation and the scenery in general change, as they paddle their way, in the company of tall trees and chirping birds.

Anavilhanas Archipelago
Nocturnal Sightseeing
Enjoy the unique feeling of the nightlife in the forest, lightened by the stars. On this tour guests will be able to explore the jungle through the Igapós, and spot birds, sloths, snakes and alligators hidden in the sounds of darkness.

Recognition Tour on the Region
Regional ships are used to explore the cannals, lakes and islands of this beautiful archipelago, which is considered one of the largest in the world.

Hiking on Dryland Forests
Led by experienced local guides, guests will be able to explore the areas that have not been influenced by floods - the firm forests or dryland forests. During the tour, guests will be able to learn about trees, fruits and wild fruits, survival strategies and medicinal herbs.

Visit to Pink Dolphins and Handicraft Fair in Novo Airão
Visit a floating deck, and witness how pink dolphins will approach visitors, searching for food. Then, guests will meander through the arts and crafts center, where artisans make ornaments and toys out of wood, straw and seeds.

Recreational Piranha Fishing
Enjoy the amazing scenery and catch some piranha fish. This fun activity is done on wooden canoes, on the Igarapés.
As South America’s largest country, Brazil offers an impressively wide array of choices when it comes to destinations, activities and services. And conscious of the potential our country has to offer, combined with an ambition to show our guests the very best of this continent, we saw the demand and opportunity to make the dream of opening our Brazil DMC come true.

We have brought this ambition to life with the help of a small team of luxury travel experts who are eager to share with the world all the hidden gems waiting to be uncovered in Brazil. Together with A&K’s experience of successfully operating local and multi-country programs in South America for over 16 years, our Brazil DMC is able to open its doors and start welcoming guests from all over the world with the style they deserve.

With historic sites, unspoiled wetlands, the mighty Amazonia, colorful Rio and the jaw-dropping Iguassu Falls, guests will find in Brazil a whole new world which can be enhanced by spectacular tailor-made programs, five-star accommodation and a personalised service. In other words, Brazil has it all and more, and we are ready to help you plan the perfect experience.

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