

## Statue of Christ the Redeemer



The statue of Christ the Redeemer is found at the top of the 710-metre high Corcovado Peak, overlooking Rio de Janeiro. The statue is 30 metres tall (not including the 8-metre tall pedestal). It took nine years to build, from 1922 to 1931, and is made from concrete and sandstone. It is an extremely popular tourist attraction. People take a vertical cog train to reach the base of the summit, then from there, can either walk up several hundred steps, or take an escalator or lift! Famous across the world as a symbol of Christianity, the statue is now listed as one of the 'New7Wonders of the World'.

## Carioca Aqueduct



The Carioca Aqueduct was built in the middle of the 18th century, in order to bring fresh water to the city from the Carioca river. Today, it is no longer used as a water supply. Instead, a tram runs along the top, connecting the centre of Rio to the hilly Santa Teresa neighbourhood. It is a very picturesque ride, popular with tourists. The aqueduct is more commonly known as the Lapa Arches by the locals. At night, the area underneath the arches becomes a popular meeting spot for people, with stalls selling food, and entertainment such as music and dancing.

## Theatro Municipal



The Theatro Municipal is an opera house in the centre of the city. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful and lavish buildings in the country, with gilded mirrors, marble columns and green onyx staircases. During its construction between 1905 and 1909, many of the most important Brazilian painters and sculptors were called upon to decorate the building.

Today, it is a popular place to see a ballet performance or hear some classical music. Guided tours around the building are also given.

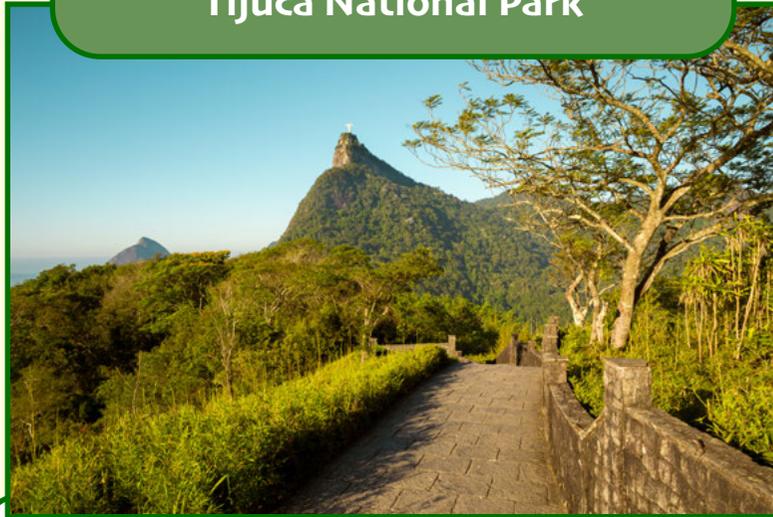
## Maracaña Stadium



The Maracaña is a football stadium, built especially to host the 1950 FIFA World Cup. (The Brazilian team reached in the final, but were beaten 2-1 by Uruguay.) At that time, it was the world's largest stadium, with a capacity of just under 200,000 people. The opening and closing ceremonies of the 2016 Summer Olympics were also held in the stadium.

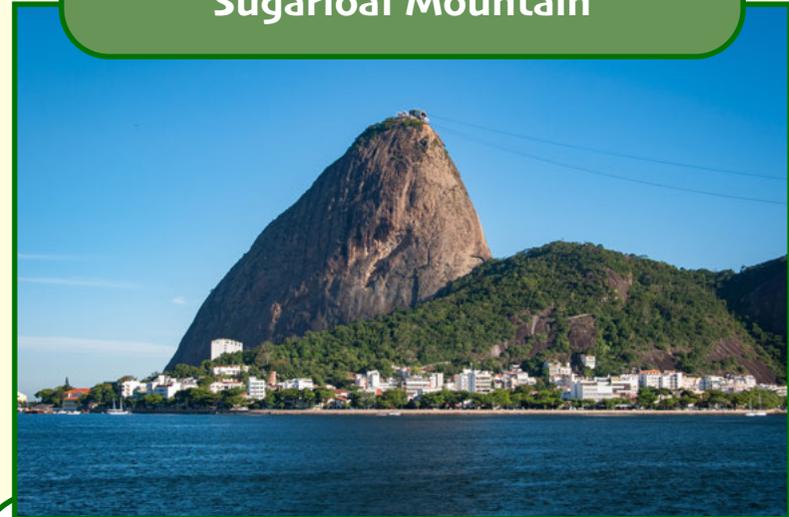
Today, you can book a tour around the Maracaña, and there is also a sports museum inside.

## Tijuca National Park



This National Park is 32km<sup>2</sup>, and claims to be the largest urban forest in the world (an urban forest is a collection of trees that grow within a city). It is home to hundreds of species of plants and animals, including monkeys, sloths and lizards. There are many scenic treks through the park, with lots of attractions to see, such as the Mayrink Chapel with painted murals, a pagoda-style gazebo, and a giant granite picnic table. There are also many peaks to climb, including the 989-metre high peak known as 'Parrot's Beak' (due to its shape), and the Pedra Bonita peak, which has a jump ramp for gliders.

## Sugarloaf Mountain



Sugarloaf Mountain, named for its shape which is similar to a loaf of refined sugar, rises 396 metres out of the water's edge around Rio de Janeiro. It is made up of granite and quartz. There is a cable car which takes up to 65 passengers at a time from the ground station in the Urca neighbourhood of the city right to the top of the peak. The journey only takes three minutes, and the glass-walled cable car offers an amazing panoramic view of Rio de Janeiro. The mountain is also popular with rock climbers too.

## Copacabana Beach



Copacabana is one of the most famous beaches in the world. It is 4km long, with hotels, restaurants, bars and nightclubs lining the promenade. There are lots of sports facilities along the beach, including volleyball nets, football courts and areas with training equipment. You can also take a walk along the beach and spot some of the many beautiful sand sculptures that are made there. Copacabana beach is also a popular place to celebrate the New Year - it is estimated that around 2 million people go to watch the 20-minute-long fireworks display there.

## Prainha Beach



Prainha is a quiet, secluded beach about an hour's drive from the city centre. It is a half-moon shaped small strip of sand, only 700 metres long. The area offers some outstanding natural scenery - the beach is surrounded by hills covered in tropical rainforest. (It is best to visit this beach in the morning, as by the afternoon the sun is hidden behind the mountains!) There are some kiosks offering snack food and drinks, and an open-air bar and restaurant. The area is very popular with surfers, due to the rough waters of the surrounding sea.

Greetings from Rio de Janeiro!

Wish you were here!



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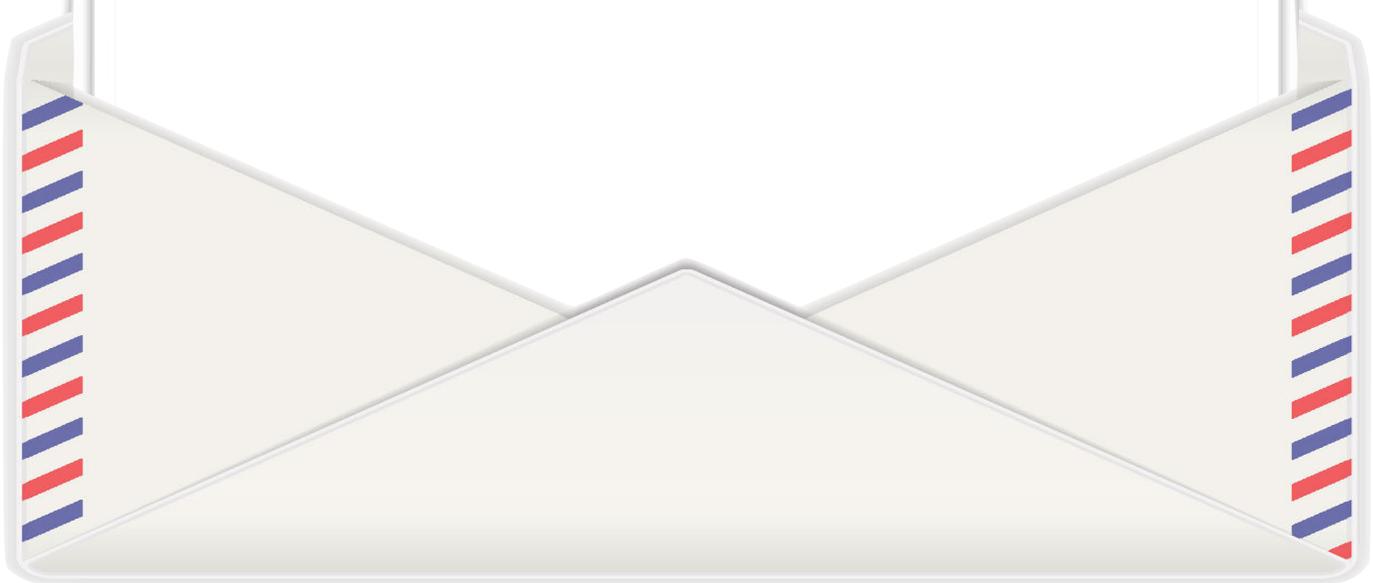
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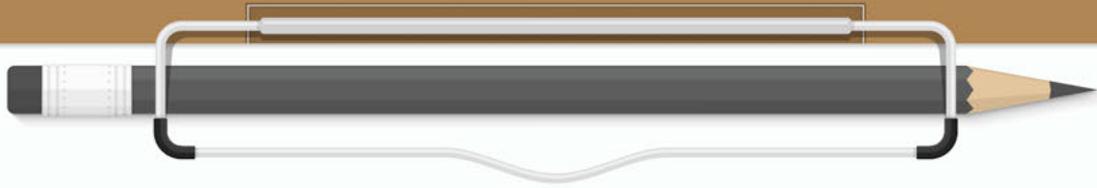
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