

BBE · THE BLACK BRAZIL EXCHANGE

The Rio Experience Menu

Every BBE experience in Rio de Janeiro.
Pricing, points, and what's included, in one document.

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HOW BBE WORKS

Pick a Package. Spend the Points.

Every BBE package comes with a set number of points. You choose which experiences to spend them on before you arrive. We confirm availability, lock in your team, and handle everything else.

Your guide and transportation are included in every package. Tickets, food, drinks, and select third-party fees are at your own expense unless otherwise noted. A 30% deposit secures your booking. The balance is due two weeks before arrival.

TASTE \$300-500 5 points Guide up to 3 days First trip · quick weekend 30% deposit to book	POR DENTRO \$1,200-1,800 15 points Guide up to 7 days Beach + nightlife + culture Most-booked tier	FULL ACCESS \$2,500+ 30 points Guide for 14+ days Premium + high-access tier The full picture
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Payment in reais (R\$). All USD pricing converts at the day-of-payment exchange rate. PIX is the standard payment method on the ground for emergencies and short-notice bookings (faster than wire, no card fees, no FX surprises).

Beach & Outdoor 19 experiences

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	GROUP	PTS · PRICE
Pick Your Beach · 3-Stop Sampler Rio has 22 named beaches, they're not the same scene. Across 2-3 days your guide takes you to Posto 9 (Ipanema), Leme (Posto 1), Arpoador, and Rasta. By the end you know which beach is YOUR beach for the rest of the trip.	2-3 half days	Up to 4	2 pts \$25/day group
Copacabana Beach Walking Tour Start with optional breakfast inside Forte de Copacabana (reservation often required, cash only for fort entry). Walk the full Copa promenade from the fort to the end of Leme, your guide narrates every landmark, posto by posto, and points out the places you'll come back to. Optional lunch at the Copacabana Palace for the bucket-list version, or a less-costly local spot for the same view.	Half day	Up to 4	1 pt \$15 fort + food at own expense
Pepino Beach (São Conrado) Where the hang gliders land. Calmer water, smaller crowd, far better swimming than Copa or Ipanema. Walkable from the hang-glide landing zone, perfect post-flight wind-down.	Half day	Up to 4	1 pt \$15 group

<p>Prainha Day Trip</p> <p>35 min west of Rio. Surfer's beach, much less crowded, no street vendors. The version of Rio's coast you don't see in postcards. Cooler, ride included, lunch at a nearby botequim.</p>	Full day	Up to 4	<p>2 pts</p> <p>\$40/person transport</p>
<p>Praia Vermelha + Sugar Loaf Combo</p> <p>Small protected beach at the foot of Sugar Loaf, calm water, no waves. Pair the swim with the cable-car ride to the summit. Best combo for travelers who want both nature and Rio's signature view.</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>2 pts</p> <p>\$36/person</p>
<p>Lagoa Sunset Bikes</p> <p>Rent bikes around Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas at golden hour. 7.5 km loop, food trucks and quiosques the whole way. The most relaxed two hours in Rio, Christ visible the entire ride.</p>	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$15/person</p>
<p>A Day at Rasta Beach</p> <p>Chairs, cooler, BBE staff on the beach so you can actually swim. Optional volleyball lesson with Jonas (former pro player) or soccer with Eze (former pro footballer).</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>2 pts</p> <p>\$50 group</p>
<p>Posto 9 Ipanema · Gay Beach Scene</p> <p>The rainbow-flag stretch of Ipanema beach. Daily gay social scene for decades, mixed international and local crowd. Posts 8-9 + Farma de Amoedo street after-beach. Chairs and beach service handled.</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$25 group</p>
<p>Leme Beach · Young Black Gay Scene</p> <p>Posto 1 at the end of Copacabana. Rio's most vibrant gay beach for young Black Brazilians, quieter than Ipanema, more local, more music. Where Bryant goes when he's not working.</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$25 group</p>
<p>Beach Volleyball or Soccer Lesson</p> <p>30-60 min lesson on the sand. Volleyball with Jonas (former pro player). Soccer with Ezequiel (former pro footballer since age 16, still connected).</p>	30-60 min	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Free w/ team</p>
<p>Arpoador Outdoor Gym Session</p> <p>Workout at the Flintstones-style outdoor gym with Eze. Includes content creation.</p>	2 hrs	Up to 4	<p>2 pts</p> <p>\$50 content</p>
<p>Guided Hike with Waterfall</p> <p>Scenic trail to a little-known waterfall. Safe, guided, worth every step.</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Free</p>
<p>Pedra do Telégrafo Hike</p> <p>The famous cliff hike with the hanging photo. Bryant's route, with water and a guide who knows the trail.</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Free</p>
<p>Christ the Redeemer + Secret Waterfall</p> <p>Full experience with a waterfall stop on a route most tourists never take. 2-person minimum.</p>	Full day	2-4	<p>2 pts</p> <p>\$40/person</p>

Sugar Loaf Mountain Cable car to the summit at sunset over Guanabara Bay. Logistics and context handled.	Half day	Up to 4	1 pt \$36/person
Botanical Gardens 350 acres with orchid house and giant water lilies. The calmest place in Rio.	Half day	Up to 4	1 pt \$8/person
Parque Lage The mansion at the foot of Corcovado. Café in the courtyard. Iconic.	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	1 pt Free + guide
Hang Gliding from Pedra Bonita Tandem flight off the mountain over São Conrado beach. Once-in-a-lifetime.	Half day	Up to 4	3 pts \$175/person
Tandem Paragliding from Pedra Bonita Same launch site, parachute-style flight. Calmer than hang gliding.	Half day	Up to 4	3 pts \$175/person

Water Sports 6 experiences

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	GROUP	PTS · PRICE
Surf Lesson on Copacabana or Ipanema Lesson with a local instructor. Board, rashguard, beach setup handled.	1-2 hrs	Up to 4	1 pt \$60/person
Stand-Up Paddleboard Calm-water SUP in protected coves. Lesson included.	1-2 hrs	Up to 4	1 pt \$60/person
Kayak on Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas Single or tandem kayaks on the lagoon. Stunning views of Christ.	1-2 hrs	Up to 4	1 pt \$40/person
Jet Ski Experience Personal watercraft rental in Guanabara Bay. Brief instruction included.	30-60 min	Up to 4	2 pts \$125/person
Snorkeling at Cagarras Islands Boat trip to the islands off Ipanema. Clear water, fish, easy snorkeling. Gear included.	Half day	Up to 4	2 pts \$125/person
Scuba Diving Day Trip · Arraial do Cabo Day trip to the diving capital of Brazil. Two tanks, lunch, transport included.	Full day	Up to 4	3 pts \$225/person

Cultural & Heritage 14 experiences

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	GROUP	PTS · PRICE
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<p>Escadaria Selarón</p> <p>The mosaic staircase in Lapa, made by Jorge Selarón over 23 years from tiles sent from around the world.</p>	1-2 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Free + guide</p>
<p>Pequena África Walking Tour</p> <p>Pedra do Sal, Valongo Wharf, the Pretos Novos cemetery. The history walked, not read. Pairs perfectly with AquaRio or Museum of Tomorrow.</p>	Half day	Up to 6	<p>2 pts</p> <p>Free</p>
<p>Flamengo Game with Real Jersey</p> <p>Tickets, official jersey, escort to and from Maracanã, full cultural context. The most-requested experience for first-time visitors.</p>	Full day	Up to 4	<p>3 pts</p> <p>\$150 jersey · \$100 shirt</p>
<p>Fluminense Facility Tour</p> <p>Behind-the-scenes tour of the Fluminense FC training complex. For football fans who want depth.</p>	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$25/person</p>
<p>Capoeira Class</p> <p>Real capoeira lesson with a mestre. Music, movement, history all in one session.</p>	1-2 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$100 group</p>
<p>Favela Barbershop*</p> <p>Cuts and lineups inside the favela with the barber Bryant uses. Real community access.</p>	1-2 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>R\$50/person</p>
<p>Favela Football Game*</p> <p>A real community football match inside the favela. Drinks and local food provided. One-on-one or up to two travelers. Your guide briefs you on rules and what to expect before you go in, this is access, not a tour.</p>	Half day	1-2	<p>2 pts</p> <p>\$50 solo · \$75 pair</p>
<p>Barber Comes to You</p> <p>Same barber, brought to your hotel or rental. Premium tier for groups on a tight day.</p>	1-2 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>R\$150/person</p>
<p>Hair Braiding</p> <p>Cornrows, box braids, knotless. With Bryant's stylist who works on diaspora hair.</p>	2-4 hrs	Up to 2	<p>2 pts</p> <p>\$75 cornrows · \$150+ long</p>
<p>Tattoo by Matheus · Specialist in Melanated Skin</p> <p>Bryant's personal tattoo artist. Work that holds color and reads sharp on dark skin.</p>	2 hrs+	Solo	<p>1 pt</p> <p>R\$200-4,000</p>
<p>Feira do Glória · Sunday Market ★ ALSO IN: Food · Shopping</p> <p>The Sunday market under the Glória arches. Antiques, food, music. Where cariocas eat, shop, and hang on a Sunday, a triple-threat experience that fits Cultural, Food, AND Shopping.</p>	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Free + guide</p>
<p>AquaRio</p> <p>One of South America's largest aquariums, in the port district near Pequena África.</p>	Half day	Up to 6	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$30/person</p>

Museum of Tomorrow

Striking modern museum on Praça Mauá by Santiago Calatrava. Free Tuesdays.

2-3 hrs

Up to 6

1 pt
\$15/person

Madureira Saturday Morning*

Mercadão de Madureira (the original Black-Brazil market) + Parque Madureira + lunch with locals. The single best Saturday morning in Black Rio, herbs, fabrics, candomblé supplies, fresh fish, music. Visiting any favela carries inherent risk; we move with the people, not through them.

Half day

Up to 4

2 pts
\$25 group + food
own expense

* **On Favela & North Zone Access** Asterisked experiences (*) take place inside favela communities or the North Zone. Visiting any favela carries inherent risk that no guide can eliminate. BBE only operates in communities where we have established relationships and standing access, built over years. We monitor conditions ahead of your visit and on the day. **If a community isn't safe to enter, we pivot in real time** to another community where we have access, or to a substitute experience of equivalent value at no additional charge. We don't enter communities we don't have a personal relationship with, and we don't override a "no" from someone on the inside.

Afro-Brazilian Spirituality

EXPERIENCE

DURATION

GROUP

PTS · PRICE

Candomblé Terreiro Visit

Respectful access to a Candomblé ceremony at a real terreiro through Bryant's personal contacts. Includes guide, transport, an offering, and a brief intro to the mãe or pai-de-santo.

Half day

Up to 4

2 pts
\$125/person

Umbanda Gira

Sister tradition to Candomblé. Different rhythms, different energies, equally powerful.

2-3 hrs

Up to 4

2 pts
\$100/person

Nightlife 16 experiences

Drinks at venues are at your own expense. Tier-2 entry tickets and section reservations carry a 20% service fee on top of the venue rate (covers concierge work, the negotiated rate, and ensuring your team gets in clean).

EXPERIENCE

DURATION

GROUP

PTS · PRICE

Curated Night Out · Driver + Venues

Your EM picks the right venue for your group's vibe, books the table, holds the door, lines up the ride. Optional upgraded tier: Eze or Jonas joins the night, doors open differently when they walk in.

Night

Up to 6

2-3 pts
From \$200/group

<p>Gay Sauna Tour</p> <p>Brazil's gay sauna tradition is legal, established, professionally run. Pointe 202 and others. Includes 20-min norms coaching beforehand, entry, tipping, valuables, etiquette, so you walk in confident. No fixer inside; vetted driver pickup + return. 21+ only.</p>	Afternoon/Night	21+ only	<p>2 pts</p> <p>Inquire</p>
<p>Adult Termas Tour (non-GP)</p> <p>Heterosexual termas scene, Centaurus, 4x4, Solarium, plus the Copa adult strip (Mab's, Marrakech, Kalabria). Includes 20-min coaching on the Mab's/Copa bill-scram pattern, fair pricing, and tipping. Vetted driver pickup + return. 21+ only.</p>	Night	21+ only	<p>2 pts</p> <p>Inquire</p>
<p>Casa Black Rio*</p> <p>Madureira. Samba, pagode, funk, afrobeats. The North Zone scene. Not on any travel app. Sections available with advance notice.</p>	Night	Up to 8	<p>2 pts</p> <p>Inquire for sections</p>
<p>Zê-êne · Meet Marlon</p> <p>A bar, club, barbershop, <i>and</i> clothing store under one roof, owned by Marlon (also runs YOLO and partners with Everyday People for the Rio takeover each November). Personal tour + meet-up with Marlon if booked in advance.</p>	Day or night	Up to 6	<p>2 pts</p> <p>Inquire</p>
<p>Boate Save</p> <p>Lapa. Open bar venue, no VIP tables. Friday has 4-5 rooms running like separate clubs. Saturday adds pagode and a massive dark room. Open until 6-7am.</p>	Night	Up to 8	<p>2 pts</p> <p>R\$80 entry</p>
<p>The Home</p> <p>One of the biggest gay parties in South America. Big production, runs until 1pm Monday. BBE guests get free VIP entry. Tickets sell out.</p>	Night → afternoon	Up to 6	<p>3 pts</p> <p>Ticketed</p>
<p>Club Florida</p> <p>After-hours gay club. Lapa. Stays open until the sun is up.</p>	After hours	Up to 6	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Inquire</p>
<p>Gay Nightlife Tour</p> <p>A curated multi-venue gay night with someone who has been in this scene for 7+ years.</p>	Night	Up to 6	<p>2 pts</p> <p>\$100 base + \$50/person</p>
<p>Black Cat · Botafogo</p> <p>Thursday-night LGBTQ+ favorite in Botafogo. Mixed crowd, strong music programming, walkable from the metro. Tickets, line skip, and a guide who knows the door.</p>	Night	Up to 6	<p>1 pt</p> <p>R\$60-80 entry</p>
<p>Pink Flamingo</p> <p>Thursday queer party with a younger, fashion-forward crowd. Drag, pop, Brazilian funk. We handle the list and the safe ride home.</p>	Night	Up to 6	<p>1 pt</p> <p>R\$60-100 entry</p>
<p>Posto 9 · The Gay Beach</p> <p>Daytime move, not nightlife technically, but Posto 9 (rainbow flag side) is the gay social anchor of Rio. Chairs, cooler, BBE staff on the sand, and intros if you want them.</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$50 group</p>

<p>Pedra do Sal Monday</p> <p>Saúde. The birthplace of samba. Live music every Monday at this historic site. Late-night roda, show up by 11pm, music runs till ~3am. Free, outdoor, no reservations.</p>	Evening	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Free + guide</p>
<p>Samba Glória Sunday</p> <p>Outdoor samba roda under the Glória arches. Smaller, more intimate than Pedra do Sal.</p>	Evening	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Guide only</p>
<p>Favela Party Access*</p> <p>Real favela parties, funk, baile, the actual community scene. Two tiers depending on whether drinks are included.</p>	Night	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$50 w/drinks · \$20 no drinks</p>
<p>High Access Favela Experience*</p> <p>Bryant-led, restricted access. São João in June. Christmas Eve in December. 2-person max.</p>	Night	Up to 4	<p>2 pts</p> <p>\$100/group</p>

Special Events & Sections 16 experiences

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	GROUP	PTS · PRICE
<p>Carnival Trip · Full Week (Late Jan → Early March)</p> <p>The big one. Carnival is a 6-week season, not a 5-day weekend. The blocos run for ~6 weeks; the official 5-day parade is the eye of the storm. Minimum 1 week in Brazil for Carnival. 10-14 days is ideal, rest days are not optional. Includes coordinated daily blocos, Sambadrome (sector or camarote), specialty-party access (YOLO/Kilario/Batekoo/Candyland), hotel coordination, transport, and a guide every day. Book 2-4+ weeks ahead, tickets move fast and prices climb daily.</p>	7-14 days	Up to 8	<p>Full trip</p> <p>Inquire · varies by year</p>
<p>Sambadrome · Sector Ticket</p> <p>Standard sector tickets to one parade night (Sunday or Monday of official Carnival). Sweatier, grittier, equally legendary. We pick the sector based on your group.</p>	7 hrs (overnight)	Up to 8	<p>3 pts</p> <p>\$80-300/person</p>
<p>Sambadrome · Camarote VIP</p> <p>The premium box experience, open bar, AC, raised view, costume. Mainstream camarotes (Allegría, Sunset, Brahma) or specific themed ones. The experience most people picture.</p>	7 hrs (overnight)	Up to 8	<p>5 pts</p> <p>\$600-2,000+/person</p>
<p>Sambadrome · Candyland (Gay Camarote)</p> <p>The dedicated gay camarote. Pink shirts (Andy Boy collab), drag, the energy of Rio's gay scene with the parade as backdrop. Bryant has been multiple years, knows the staff and the right entry.</p>	7 hrs (overnight)	Up to 6	<p>5 pts</p> <p>\$600-1,500/person</p>

<p>Bloco Day · Curated Walk</p> <p>1-2 blocos per day, walked with a guide who knows the crowd. Pre-Carnival weekends (Jan-Feb), official Carnival (1-2/day), or post-Carnival tail (March). Pick the energy you want, morning Beatles cover, Saturday chaos, Sunday community party.</p>	Half day	Up to 8	<p>1 pt \$25 group · drinks own expense</p>
<p>Specialty Party Access (YOLO · Kilario · Batekoo)</p> <p>The biggest production parties of the year drop inside the Carnival window. Tickets disappear 2-4 weeks ahead and prices climb daily. We hold spots before they sell out. (For Candyland the gay camarote, see Sambadrome row above.)</p>	Night	Up to 6	<p>3 pts \$80-250/person ticket</p>
<p>Everyday People Rio (November · Annual)</p> <p>★ Marquee weekend. The Everyday People crew brings their flagship to Rio every November around US Thanksgiving, partnered with YOLO. Not a gay party, but accepting of everyone and the gay scene shows up in force. Mixed crowd, big production, the kind of event straight and gay travelers fly down for. Venue varies year to year — BBE tracks the drop.</p>	Weekend	Group-friendly	<p>3 pts November · Ticketed</p>
<p>Gaupô · Gay-Circuit Anchor (★ Founder pick)</p> <p>Bryant's favorite Rio gay-circuit party. 4 editions/year (NYE, Carnival, Pride, late-winter Aug/Sept). Rio's circuit is meaningfully more diverse than other major gay scenes worldwide. Venue varies every edition.</p>	Night	Up to 6	<p>3 pts Ticketed</p>
<p>Black · Gay-Circuit Anchor</p> <p>Anchor #2 of Rio's gay-circuit calendar. Same 4-edition rotation as Gaupô, on separate weekends in the same windows.</p>	Night	Up to 6	<p>3 pts Ticketed</p>
<p>Treta · Gay-Circuit Anchor</p> <p>Anchor #3 of Rio's gay-circuit calendar. Separate production team and DJ booking from Gaupô and Black. Distinct energy.</p>	Night	Up to 6	<p>3 pts Ticketed</p>
<p>Oculus · Gay-Circuit Anchor</p> <p>Anchor #4 of Rio's gay-circuit calendar. With Gaupô, Black, and Treta, these are the four production parties that anchor the gay calendar. Same 4-edition rotation, its own weekends.</p>	Night	Up to 6	<p>3 pts Ticketed</p>
<p>Club Section Reservation</p> <p>Bottle service section at the venue of your choice. Negotiated rate + 20% service fee. Range depends on club.</p>	Night	Up to 8	<p>2 pts \$250-1,500</p>
<p>Private Boat with Brazilian BBQ</p> <p>Half day on Guanabara Bay. Captain, churrasco, drinks. Up to 12 people. Range depends on boat size.</p>	Half day	Up to 12	<p>5 pts \$400-2,500</p>
<p>Iemanjá Festival · Salvador (Feb 2)</p> <p>The single biggest Candomblé celebration in Brazil. Dawn at Casa de Iemanjá in Rio Vermelho, white-clad faithful walking offerings to the sea, sometimes 500,000 people by afternoon. BBE coordinates respectful access through Sivaldo's network. White clothes, head covered if possible, no plastic in your offerings, we brief you fully.</p>	All day	Small group	<p>3 pts Feb 2 annual</p>

Olodum Tuesday · Salvador

Evening

Any size

2 pts

Free + guide

Every Tuesday night, the legendary Black Brazilian percussion ensemble Olodum (the drummers who backed Michael Jackson on "They Don't Care About Us") marches through Pelourinho rehearsing for Carnival. Free, public, transcendent. If you're in Salvador on a Tuesday, this is what you do.

Carnival Costume Service

1-4 week
lead

Group or solo

2-4 pts

Inquire

Showing up to blocos in regular clothes makes you the most obvious tourist. Two tiers: coordinated group look sourced from Saara/Glória costume strips (1-2 weeks lead), or custom-designed costume tailored from scratch (3-4 weeks lead) at Sambadrome-camarote-level production. Tell us 4+ weeks before Carnival.

★ **The Carnival Rule:** Plan the rest before you plan the chaos. Schedule your rest days FIRST (boat day, spa morning, long lunch), then layer the blocos and Sambadrome and parties around them. Most travelers stack heavy days back-to-back, make it through Day 3, and are done. Bryant has been through 6 Carnivals, this is the lesson.

Premium Experiences 4 experiences

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	GROUP	PTS · PRICE
Izzra Live · Drag Performance Voice Brasil 2022 winner. Private performance at your hotel, beach, or rental. Eze's twin sister.	1-2 hrs	Up to 4	4 pts \$150 group of 4
Private In-Home Chef Brazilian chef cooks dinner at your rental. Feijoada, churrasco, full Brazilian spread.	2-3 hrs	Up to 8	2 pts \$75/person
Daily Housekeeping Vetted housekeeper for the duration of your stay. Daily maid service. Optional add-on for laundry.	Daily	Per stay	1 pt \$30/day + \$10/bedroom
MasterChef Brasil Chef at Your Villa Private dining with a chef who appeared on MasterChef Brasil. Multi-course tasting menu at your rental.	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	3 pts \$125/person

Food & Dining 8 experiences

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	GROUP	PTS · PRICE
Feira do Glória · Sunday Eats ★ ALSO IN: Cultural · Shopping The Sunday market under the Glória arches has the best street-food row in Rio, pastel de feira (fried dough pockets), caldo de cana (fresh sugarcane juice), tapioca crepes, grilled cheese on skewers. Your guide walks you stall to stall.	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	1 pt Food at own expense

Churrascaria at Palace Best churrascaria in Rio. Reservation, transport, and context handled.	2 hrs	Up to 4	1 pt Food at own expense
Novotel Rooftop Bar Sunset drinks with the Copa skyline. The bartender knows BBE.	2 hrs	Up to 4	1 pt Drinks at own expense
Local Food Tour 3-4 stops across a neighborhood. Padaria, boteco, sweets, açaí. Walking, eating, talking.	Half day	2-4	1 pt Food at own expense
Fresh Oysters at Escama One of Rio's best seafood spots. Reservation, transport, and a guide who'll order in Portuguese.	2 hrs	Up to 4	1 pt Food at own expense
Açaí Bowl Crawl Three stops, three styles. Learn what real açaí is supposed to taste like, the syrupy supermarket version Americans know is a tourist con. Bowls from a beach kiosk, a refined Ipanema café, and a North Zone original. Your guide explains what to ask for.	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	1 pt \$8-12/bowl own expense
Black-Owned Restaurant Crawl Three Black-owned restaurants in one evening, the spots cariocas actually eat at, not the Tripadvisor list. African-Brazilian fusion, North-Zone classics, a Bahia-style stop. Your guide moves between them with you.	Evening	Up to 4	2 pts \$40-70/person own expense
Carioca Cooking Class · In-Home Feijoada Hands-on feijoada from scratch in a local home (or your rental). Your instructor shops with you at a small market, then teaches you the cook. Includes the meal at the end. The recipe you'll bring back and actually make.	Half day	Up to 4	2 pts \$95/person

Shopping & Style 12 experiences

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	GROUP	PTS · PRICE
Walk & Shop · Ipanema + Leblon The two best shopping streets in Rio walked end to end, Rua Visconde de Pirajá in Ipanema, then over to Rua Dias Ferreira in Leblon. Brazilian designers, Havaianas concept store, beachwear, jewelry. Your guide negotiates and translates.	Half day	Up to 4	1 pt Shopping at own expense
SAARA · Hagggle-Free Market Tour* The open-air market complex in Centro, anchored at Uruguai metro. Hundreds of stalls, clothing, electronics, beauty, costume jewelry. Open daily. Your guide knows the right vendors, handles all Portuguese, and prices are already low so no haggling needed. Best souvenirs in Rio at honest prices.	Half day	Up to 4	1 pt \$25 group

<p>Shopping Leblon · Upscale Mall</p> <p>Rio's most refined mall. Brazilian designer brands (Osklen, Lenny Niemeyer, Farm Rio), café with view of Dois Irmãos. Closer than Barra and easier to navigate. Your guide is a regular.</p>	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Shopping at own expense</p>
<p>Shopping Rio Sul · Near Leme**</p> <p>The closest mall to Leme/Copacabana. Solid selection of Brazilian and international brands. ** The tunnel walk between Botafogo and Rio Sul has had safety issues, we don't walk it, we drive door to door.</p>	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Shopping at own expense</p>
<p>Shopping Barra · The Biggest Mall</p> <p>The largest mall in Latin America by retail count. Worth the drive only if you want a full retail day or a specific brand we know isn't anywhere else. Best paired with a stop at Pepino Beach on the way back.</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Shopping at own expense</p>
<p>Pre-Trip Swimwear · Local Designer</p> <p>Order your beachwear from a Brazilian designer BEFORE you fly down, sized to you, ready when you land. Standard styles or custom-designed pieces (bikinis, sungas, board shorts, cover-ups). Bryant coordinates fittings and design tweaks remotely.</p>	Pre-trip	Per person	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$60-180/piece</p>
<p>Custom Havaianas Workshop</p> <p>Design your own pair at the Havaianas concept store in Ipanema, pick strap colors, sole patterns, charms, monograms. Done in 15-20 min. Your guide handles the consultation in Portuguese. The most-photographed souvenir most travelers take home.</p>	30-45 min	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$25-60/pair</p>
<p>Vintage · Brechó Crawl</p> <p>Three thrift stores in Santa Teresa, the favorite carioca pastime for designers, stylists, and anyone hunting one-of-one pieces. 80s Brazilian denim, vintage cariocan straw bags, old samba-school memorabilia. Bring cash; some shops don't take card.</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Shopping at own expense</p>
<p>Custom Jewelry Sitting · Centro Goldsmith</p> <p>Bryant's contact in Centro who does name pieces, custom rings, gold/silver work. Sit with the smith, pick your stones and gauge, leave your sizing. Pieces shipped to your accommodation or your home depending on timeline.</p>	1-2 hrs	Solo/pair	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$80-1,200/piece</p>
<p>Sunday Hippie Fair · Ipanema</p> <p>Praça General Osório every Sunday, Rio's longest-running artisan fair. Handmade leather, original art, hand-stitched bags, ceramics, weekend-only finds. Combine with brunch nearby. Sunday only.</p>	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>Free + guide</p>
<p>Specialty Coffee Tour</p> <p>Three third-wave Rio cafés in one morning, Curto Café (Centro, espresso lab), Café 18 do Forte (with a view inside the fort), Tribo Coffee or Iracema. Tasting flight at each, take beans home if you want. The Brazilian coffee scene that exists past the espresso machine at your hotel.</p>	Half day	Up to 4	<p>1 pt</p> <p>\$25 group + drinks own expense</p>

Feira do Glória · Sunday Shopping ★ ALSO IN: Cultural · Food

2-3 hrs

Up to 4

1 pt

Shopping at own expense

Vintage glassware, hand-thrown ceramics, old vinyl, handmade leather, framed prints, the Sunday market under the Glória arches is also Rio's best flea-market shopping. Bring cash. Your guide negotiates the few stalls where prices are flexible.

**** Rio Sul tunnel warning, plain English:** The pedestrian/road tunnel that connects Botafogo to the Rio Sul mall side of Copacabana has been a known mugging risk for years, especially at night. Your guide will always drive you door-to-door for this mall and never let you walk the tunnel alone. Same applies to the Tunel Velho between Copacabana and Botafogo. If you're traveling without us and find yourself near Rio Sul, Uber/99, don't walk.

Fitness & Wellness 3 experiences

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	GROUP	PTS · PRICE
Arpoador Outdoor Gym Premium gym session with content creation. For travelers who want both the workout and the photos.	2-3 hrs	Up to 4	2 pts \$50 content fee
Nutrition Consultation Eze trains pros and influencers. 1-hour consult on Brazilian-style training and nutrition.	1 hr	Up to 2	1 pt Inquire
Sunrise Run with Eze · Beach of Choice 5K oceanside with Eze (former pro footballer, fitness influencer). You pick the beach the night before, Copacabana, Ipanema/Leblon, or the Lagoa loop. Hotel pickup before dawn, run with the Atlantic on your right, post-run coffee at a local padaria. Cleanest start to a Rio day.	90 min	Up to 4	1 pt \$25 group

Beyond Rio 1 experience

EXPERIENCE	DURATION	GROUP	PTS · PRICE
Búzios Overnight (2-3 nights) The fishing-village-turned-chic beach town 2 hours north of Rio. 23 beaches across one peninsula, the most photographed coastline in Brazil after Rio itself, easier nightlife, calmer water. BBE handles the drive, the pousada, the dinner reservations. Add to any package.	2-3 nights	Up to 4	4 pts \$180/person/night + transport

Sample 7-Day Itinerary Por Dentro · 15 points

Here's what 15 points looks like in real life. The standard Por Dentro week. Other tiers (5 points and 30 points) are detailed in the BBE Bundles document.

DAY 1	Arrive. Escadaria Selarón and Parque Lage to get oriented.	2 pts
DAY 2	A Day at Rasta Beach with volleyball lesson.	2 pts
DAY 3	Arpoador outdoor gym with Eze + content creation.	2 pts
DAY 4	Christ the Redeemer + secret waterfall stop.	2 pts
DAY 5	Flamengo game with real jersey at Maracanã.	3 pts
DAY 6	Favela barbershop in the afternoon. Curated Night Out at night.	3 pts
DAY 7	Feira do Glória Sunday market. Local food tour. Rest.	1 pt
Guide and transport included all 7 days.		15 pts

Want It Already Built? See the Bundles

Five prepackaged bundles available as a standalone document. Each is a curated set of experiences that work together as a complete trip.

First Timer's Rio · 5 pts · The classic hits, no overthinking

Black Brazil Roots · 15 pts · Cultural deep dive for travelers coming for connection

Bro Trip · 15 pts · Built for groups of 4-8 men who came to live

Gay Rio Insider · 15 pts · The gay scene with someone who's been in it for 7+ years

The Real Rio · 30 pts · Everything. The ceiling of what BBE does.

Ask us for the BBE Bundles document or download from theblackbrazilexchange.com.

How to Book

- 1 Free 10-minute call with Bryant.** No purchase required. Dates, group size, vibe.
- 2 Pick a bundle or build custom from this menu.** Most people pick a bundle and adjust 1-2 experiences.
- 3 Optional 30-minute consultation (\$59)** to walk through your full itinerary live with Bryant.
- 4 30% deposit secures your dates** and locks in your team. Paid via wire or PIX.
- 5 Balance due 2 weeks before arrival.** Trip dossier sent after final payment with the itinerary, the team, the contacts, and the prep notes.
- 6 Driver inside the arrivals hall holding a sign with your name.** From that moment, you're ours.

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