

Sample Itinerary to Brazil¹

Day 1: Saturday

- Participants arrive by noon in Rio and will be transferred to the hotel for check in, greeted by expert Global Imprints' staff.
- Welcome reception by the pool at 2 pm.
- Welcome dinner in the evening with host counterparts at Brazilian barbeque restaurant, a churrasceria.

Day 2: Sunday

- Orientation activities designed to introduce participants to the country and to each other.
- Explore the intricacies of life in Rio through embarking on a City Tour, highlighting key historical and cultural sites (including Corcovado, *the Christ Statute*, Sugar Loaf Mountain, Tijuca National Rainforest, Museums, and an Arts and Crafts Market).
- Social activities planned in the afternoon with our local professional counterparts in an informal setting.

Day 3: Monday

- Host counterparts will provide an overview of historical, cultural and socio-economic background of Brazil, which will serve as the context for the service learning project to be undertaken.
- An introduction to our case study will be provided, as we explore some successful models of poverty alleviation and economic development projects during an interactive morning session.
- Informal lunch joined by host counterparts (from the private sector, grassroots organizations and government) at local restaurant.
- Afternoon field visit to the site of one of the case studies (ex., women receiving micro-credit finance in a favela to grow a business idea).
- Dinner accompanied with live music and dance performance.

Day 4: Tuesday

- Working sessions at one of our international counterparts' office (NGO, private sector, international aid agency, etc.) to address specific issues raised during the field visit and previous discussions on the case study.
- Participants commence **hands-on** service learning project.
- Dinner with small groups at various restaurants throughout Rio.

¹ This itinerary is for illustrative purposes only. Each international experience is customized to reflect the professional skill sets and interests of the participants, therefore the actual projects and specific site locations may change

Day 5: Wednesday

- Participants commence the day with a series of brain-storming sessions to discuss specific challenges, local approaches and other possible solutions to issues raised.
- Continue working with **hands-on** service learning project.
- Free time in late afternoon for optional shopping, relaxing or local pampering.

Day 6: Thursday

- Participants travel to Salvador, Bahia to commence the second phase of their journey.
- Orientation will be given on this cultural center in northern Brazil.
- In the afternoon, participants will join a tour of the lively cultural center of Salvador, Pelourinho.
- In the evening, we will join host counterparts who will share their experiences of lessons learned in promoting development, education, social responsibility and sustainability.

Day 7: Friday

- Participants engage in new hands-on service learning project in Salvador.
- Dialogue with key representatives of the organization highlighted in the selected case study.
- During the day-long encounter, the participants will have the opportunity to interact and learn from the people on the ground.

Day 8 Saturday - Day 10: Monday

- For three days, the participants will witness some of the natural beauty of Salvador and its surrounding area including beaches (Praia Forte, Lencois, or Morro de Sao Paulo), waterfalls and historic towns.
- Participants will explore how the successful tourism industry is affected by the issues highlighted in our selected case study (i.e. education, technology, micro-finance, etc.) through encounters and discussions with relevant community leaders.
- Participants also have the option of enjoying leisure/cultural activities such as taking Samba classes with renowned dancers, watching capoeira (a Brazilian form of martial arts), embarking on island-hopping cruises, snorkeling, enjoying spas or taking cooking classes featuring local favorite dishes.

Day 11: Tuesday

- Working session in Salvador with host counterparts.

- Conclude with final report identifying potential areas of partnership and next steps.
- Wrap up sessions with host counterparts.
- Participants will enjoy free time to continue to explore the city and her secrets.

Day 12: Wednesday

- Departure breakfast.
- Return to Rio to catch international flight home or participants have the option to join a post- excursion trip to locations inside of Brazil, including Fernando de Noronha or the Amazon.