



Tour Name

Private Rio: Sugarloaf Mountain & Urca Discovery

Tour City

Rio de Janeiro

Tour Snapshot

Embrace the Carioca lifestyle on this private tour that teaches you how to be a true Rio local! Visit the original city neighbourhood of Urca, where you'll sample local flavours, ride around the local way, and get a whole new perspective on Rio de Janeiro with a view from way up high!

This tour is priced for a minimum group size of two travellers. A solo traveller may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for two travellers.

Highlights

- Get to know the lovely neighbourhood of Urca, where the city of Rio de Janeiro was founded
- Discover why Cariocas love having a beer by the “mureta da Urca”
- Savour some delicious *empadinhas* (stuffed pastries) from a local vendor
- Ride the famous cable car from Praia Vermelha up to Urca Hill and the Sugarloaf summit

- Treat yourself to amazing views of Guanabara Bay, Copacabana, and downtown Rio from the top of Sugarloaf Mountain

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, transportation during the tour, cable car fee up Sugarloaf Mountain.

Exclusions: Food and drinks, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 4 - 4.5 hours
- Meeting point:
Copacabana Palace Hotel, Avenida Atlântica, 1702 - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro. We'll meet right by the statue outside the hotel.

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- Starting time: 1.30 PM, 2.30 PM
- Ending point:
Copacabana Palace Hotel.

Full Itinerary

On this private Rio de Janeiro tour, we'll start where it all began by exploring one of Rio's quieter neighbourhoods, Urca. You'll discover the cosy streets of this district that just also happens to be where Rio de Janeiro was officially founded as a city.

To reach this area of town, we'll take the subway to Botafogo so you can experience how locals get around Rio while also getting an orientation to the city (perfect if you've just arrived!). Hoping off at Urca beach, we'll wander along the coast to one of locals' favourite hot spots in town: the Urca wall, or like Cariocas like to call it, the "mureta da Urca." Here, we'll grab a beer and you'll get to taste Rio's best range of stuffed *empadinhas* — pastries similar to a pie.

Once we're refreshed from our beers, we'll follow along the inner streets of Urca's first houses. Then, it's time to head to the Red Beach for a must-stop at the Claudio Coutinho walking path. This path leads adventurous hikers to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain — but don't worry if you didn't bring your hiking boots, as we'll take the cable car up instead.

On our journey to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain, we'll stop first atop Urca Hill, where you'll get your first breathtaking moment enjoying the Botafogo inlet right below us.

We'll then proceed to the second cable car for another ride to reach the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain. This is the perfect finale for your very special private tour, as the stunning 360-degree view will show you why Rio is known as 'the Marvelous City.'

(If you'd prefer to travel as part of a regular group experience, please book our [Sugarloaf Mountain & Urca Discovery group tour](#).)

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Additional information

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Dress standard: Please wear light, comfortable clothes for walking, and bring a hat and sunscreen.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Closure of sites: If the Sugarloaf cable ride is not available for any reason, we will refund the entrance fee.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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