

The PROBUS Clubs of Mississauga and Tour Design presents

TRANSATLANTIC VOYAGE: BRAZIL & EUROPEAN ISLANDS

March 12 – 31, 2025

20 days / 19 nights

Rio De Janeiro to Lisbon

Onboard Norwegian Star



Day 1 / March 12, 2025 Depart Canada

We meet at Pearson International airport for our flight to Brazil.

Transportation: Copa Air

Tentative flight schedule:

CM 471 / Toronto – Panama City / depart 8:58am / arrive 1:38pm

CM 873 / Panama City – Rio de Janeiro / depart 3:14pm / arrive 12:20am (March 13)

Day 2 / March 13, 2025 Arrival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – Free Day – Welcome Dinner (B,D)

Touch down in the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro shortly after midnight. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by our local tour manager, who will arrange your transfer to the hotel. Your accommodation for the night of March 12 has been pre-arranged for your convenience.

Your hotel Windsor Leme, with front view of the Leme beach, and is just steps away from the edge of Copacabana beach.

Have the full day to catch up on your sleep, take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean or sunbath on the world-famous Copacabana and Leme beaches, and maybe checkout a local bar or restaurant for lunch and explore the area on your own.

Tonight, enjoy a welcome celebration, starting with a local mojito at the pre-dinner cocktail party to cheer the beginning of your wonderful vacation, followed by an early (by local standards) welcome dinner.

If you are still up for more excitement after dinner, checkout some local bars with live music and dancing on your own, either by the beach or downtown Rio via a taxi ride. You will be just in time to experience the liveliness of the city's nightlife.

Accommodation: Windsor Leme Hotel or similar (oceanview room) (3 nights)

Day 3 / March 14, 2025 City Tour, Carnival Experience (B,L)

This morning, prepare to immerse yourself in the infectious rhythm of Rio, a city renowned for its dynamic landscape, beach life, majestic bay, towering mountains, culinary delights and laid-back ambiance. We meet our local guide and coach for a half day city tour, see sights such as the Catedral Metropolitana de Sao Sebastiao, Aqueduto da Carioca, and the Escadaria Selaron. Lunch included at local restaurant.

This afternoon, we invite you to an unforgettable experience behind the scenes of the Rio de Janeiro carnival, and a time travel through the historical streets of Little Africa, which hides the secrets to this party!

Rio is internationally recognized for its grandiose Carnival and Samba Parade. But what most people don't know is how the show is created. On this tour, you will get to know the origins of this famous party visiting different places: the Sambódromo and its cultural center, the revitalized port area where samba has its roots, the charming artistic neighborhood of Morro da Conceição and the historic site Pedra do Sal, birthplace of samba. You will learn about the period of slavery in Brazil and Afro-Brazilian culture, fundamentals of modern Carnival. The highlight of the tour is a visit to a samba school studio to experience the preparations for Rio's carnival behind the scenes. We will witness first-hand the impressive work of design and production of the magnificent floats and costumes used in "The Greatest Show on Earth".

Transfer back to the hotel afterwards. Dinner on your own tonight.

Day 4 / March 15, 2025 Christ the Redeemer – Sugar Loaf Mountain – Embarkation (B,L,D)

Checkout of hotel after breakfast. Meet local guide and coach and see the Christ the Redeemer and Sugar Loaf Mountain.

Set off on a private guided tour to the most emblematic postcards of Rio! We will embark on a 30-minute tram ride uphill to the top of Corcovado Mountain. The summit offers the best views of the entire city and features the iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer, with its wide-open arms.

After a stop for a quick lunch at local restaurant, we will head to the famous Sugarloaf Mountain with a fast pass, from where we'll stop at a lookout point that offers spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean and Rio's surrounding mountains. From Morro da Urca (220m) we take a second cable-car lift to the Sugarloaf hill summit (396m), where we enjoy unparalleled 360-degree views of the surrounding areas and a unique sunset.

Afterwards, join our local assistant for a transfer to the pier for the embarkation process of your cruise. We'll set sail from the port at 5 pm, as our adventure on the high seas commences.

Accommodation: onboard Norwegian Star (16 nights)

Day 5 / March 16, 2025 Buzios, Brazil (B,L,D)

Buzios is a land of beaches, with more than 20 in all. Within walking distance of the tender pier lie the Praia de Armação and the Praia dos Ossos beaches. A "must" for any visitor to Buzios is a stroll along the mile-long Rua das Pedras, named for its beautiful stones. Lined with shops and restaurants, it's right on the ocean and a great place to enjoy refreshments and to people-watch.

Day 6 / March 17, 2025 At Sea (B,L,D)

Spend the day sailing in style aboard your hotel at sea. Lounge the day away on our sunny pool deck or take part in other activities around the ship. In the evening, enjoy dining in one of the beautiful main dining rooms, the Aqua or Versailles. Many exciting entertainment options are available to you this evening.

Day 7 / March 18, 2025 Salvador De Bahia, Brazil (B,L,D)

Salvador is one of the Americas' oldest colonial cities, having been founded in 1549 by the Portuguese as Brazil's first capital. Today the city still showcases Portuguese colonial architecture, and you can discover interesting historic sites and monuments while exploring. Salvador has a deep Afro-Brazilian heritage that's reflected in the local music, cuisine and other traditions you can experience.

Day 8 / March 19, 2025 Maceio, Brazil (B,L,D)

Relax, slow down and enjoy a beach day at Maceió. Once a hidden gem, Maceio has recently become a haven for beach goers in Brazil and around the world. When it's time to step out of the sun, shop for handcrafted goods at Mercado do Artesanato or grab a bite at one of the city's many restaurants.

Day 9 / March 20, 2025 Recife, Brazil (B,L,D)

Stretching across three islands, Recife's cityscape is accented with scenic inlets, canals and bridges. What began as a scattering of fishing shacks in the 16th century is now a vibrant city that boasts delicious cuisine, colourful markets and a lively nightlife. Just to the north of Recife, you can dive into the history of the region with a trip to Olinda. Built on steep hillsides overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the small town offers incredible vistas as you tour its 16th and 18th century historic sites. For those interested in the tradition of Brazil's Carnival, stop by the unique Mamulengo Museum to glimpse some of the handmade puppets used in the town's famous parades.

Day 10 – 12 / March 21 – 23, 2025 At Sea (B,L,D)

Immerse yourself in the rhythm of the sea during these leisurely days aboard the ship. Savor the tranquility as you lounge under the sun, dip into the pool, or gaze upon the vast ocean. Indulge in diverse culinary experiences offered onboard or partake in numerous interactive workshops and activities. As twilight descends, the fresh ocean breeze sets the scene for your evenings. Enjoy exquisite dining, engaging live performances, and stargazing dance nights. These sea days provide a harmonious balance of relaxation and entertainment, setting the stage for your continued voyage.

Day 13 / March 24, 2025 Porto Grande, Cape Verde (B,L,D)

Porto Grande Bay, also Mindelo Bay, is considered "Cape Verde's answer to the Riviera". This city welcomes you with a canvas of brightly painted colonial edifices, cobbled lanes, and an eclectic array of energetic bars, cafes, and eateries. Embrace the lively spirit of this city that makes it an epitome of Cape Verde's cultural vibrancy.

Day 14 / March 25, 2025 Santa Maria, Cape Verde (B,L,D)

Santa Maria is located on the small island of Sal in Cape Verde. The area is known for its plentiful beaches, live music scene, colourful people, and beautiful flora and fauna. The island's history is rooted in the salt-trade; visitors can even float on the salty lake! The turquoise waters surrounding the island are home to many animals, including sharks and sea turtles. The region's weather is renowned for boasting over 350 days of sunshine a year.

Day 15 / March 26, 2025 At Sea (B,L,D)

Let the rhythm of the sea set the pace. Today provides perfect balance for relaxation or invigoration. Unwind by the pool, partake in an invigorating fitness class, treat yourself to a rejuvenating spa session, or simply gaze at the endless sea from the deck. These serene sea days offer the chance to create lasting memories.

Day 16 / March 27, 2025 Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands (B,L,D)

Located at the eastern tip of the island of Tenerife, the largest of the Canary Islands, Santa Cruz is a natural cruise destination as over half of its perimeter is shoreline. The beaches are lovely from the yellow sands of Las Teresitas to the black sands of the quieter, clothing-optional Las Gaviotas.

Day 17 / March 28, 2025 Las Palmas, Canary Islands (B,L,D)

Founded in 1478, today Las Palmas is a bustling, cosmopolitan city with plenty of Spanish ambience, culture and history to go around. Explore La Palma, one of Spain's enchanting Canary Islands, often referred to as the "pretty island". Its allure lies in spectacular natural treasures such as the Caldera del Taburiente National Park, Caldera de Taburiente, and El Roque de los muchachos. The island's verdant landscapes are a testament to its nickname, offering a captivating spectacle for nature enthusiasts.

Day 18 / March 29, 2025 Funchal, Madeira (B,L,D)

Experience Madeira, an island with a fascinating blend of quaint squares, picturesque hamlets, and scenic landscapes. In Funchal, the island's capital, you'll find delightful surprises beyond the traditional charms. From vibrant parks bursting with native flora to the untouched beauty of natural reserves, Madeira weaves a mosaic of diverse experiences, each more appealing than the last.

Day 19 / March 30, 2025 At Sea (B,L,D)

Seize the opportunity to unwind at sea. Today offers the perfect setting to indulge in leisurely pursuits - whether it's enjoying a book under the sun, treating yourself to a culinary delight, or simply absorbing the vast, tranquil beauty of the open sea.

Day 20 / March 31, 2025 Lisbon, Portugal – Disembarkation – Departure (B)

Welcome to Lisbon, one of the world's most historic cities and a bustling cultural hub famed for vibrant festivals, compelling art, and trendy fashion. On disembarking in the morning, we transfer you to the airport, concluding your memorable journey as you board your flight home.

Transportation: TAP Portugal Air

Tentative flight schedule:

TP 257 / Lisbon – Toronto / depart 10:40am / arrive 1:55pm

***** END OF TOUR *****

B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner

For navigational safety reasons, the cruise company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

CRUISE RATE (CAD\$, per person):

Cabin Category	Decks	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
Balcony (BA)	9, 10, 11	CAD\$3,090 per person	CAD\$6,180 per person
Oceanview with picture window (OA)	5, 6	CAD\$1,790 per person	CAD\$3,580 per person

LAND & AIR PACKAGE RATE (CAD\$, per person):

CAD\$4,590 per person, based on double occupancy

CAD\$590 per person for single supplement

LAND AND AIR PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- International flight from Toronto to Rio de Janeiro
- International flight from Lisbon to Toronto
- Pre and post cruise land program tours and transfers as per itinerary
- 3 nights accommodation in Rio de Janeiro, with daily breakfast
- 2 lunches and 1 dinner in Rio as per itinerary
- All gratuities for local guides, drivers, and included meals
- Tour escorted by an experienced Tour Design staff

CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

- 16 nights accommodation onboard Norwegian Star or similar
- All meals onboard in the main dining room
- All entertainment onboard, poolside activities with complimentary beach towel service
- **Onboard Credit** of USD 200 per stateroom, to use towards your onboard spendings
- **Shore Excursion Credit** of USD 50 per stateroom per excursion, to use towards your purchase of shore excursions
- **Photography** by onboard photographer with 10 photos included
- **WIFI Package**, free WIFI access onboard the ship

EXCLUSIONS:

- **Port charges, currently \$505 per person (double occupancy), or \$1,010 per stateroom (single occupancy) subject to change until time of booking, and payable at the time of final payment**

- **Cruise and local government taxes and fees, currently \$430 per person** subject to change until time of booking, and payable at the time of final payment
- **Airport departure taxes for both international flights, currently \$160 per person**, subject to change until time of final payment
- Cruise shore excursions
- Gratuities for cruise ship crew, payable onboard
- Meals in specialty dining venues onboard the ship, and meals not included in the itinerary
- Beverages onboard the ship
- Optional travel insurance

AIR CREDIT:

If you wish to arrange your own air from Toronto to Rio de Janeiro, **an air credit of CAD\$650 per person will be deducted from the tour cost.** And above mentioned airport taxes and fuel surcharges, a portion of \$80 per person will not be applicable.

If you wish to arrange your own air from Lisbon to Toronto, **an air credit of CAD\$750 per person will be deducted from the tour cost.** And above mentioned airport taxes and fuel surcharges, a portion of \$80 per person will not be applicable.

Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy or business class upgrade surcharges.

SPECIAL NOTE:

- Please note that advance seat selection for flights on our group tours is not permitted, as per the conditions of our contract with airlines
- Air tickets for passengers who require advanced seat selection for their flight will be booked and billed separately from the main group and subject to airline terms and conditions at time of booking. Price will be quoted at time of inquiry.
- Names provided at time of booking MUST match exactly your passport
- You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months after your return date
- If you wish to purchase optional travel insurance with us, it MUST be purchase prior to final payment date. Please contact us for a quotation.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:

At time of booking: \$1,000 per person

Final payment: remaining balance due October 11, 2024

CANCELLATION TERMS:

Between time of booking & Oct 11, 2024: \$1,000 per person

Between Oct 12 & Oct 31, 2024: 50% of total cost

Between Nov 01 & Nov 30, 2024: 75% of total cost

Between Dec 01 & Dec 31, 2024: 90% of total cost

Between Jan 01, 2025 & date of departure: 100% of total cost

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