



Professional Education Society

Since 1980

Carnival in Rio! Pre-Cruise Package: February 17 – 20, 2012



Professional Education Society Package Includes:

- Three nights at the JW Marriott Hotel Rio de Janeiro in ocean front view rooms
- Daily breakfast buffet and two dinners including a festive welcome dinner
- Prime seating for the Official Carnival Samba Parade in the Sambodromo
- Half Day tour of Sugarloaf and Rio city tour
- Half Day tour of Corcovado and Christ the Redeemer statue
- Free time to explore Rio on your own
- All airport and ship transfers with luggage handling
- Gratuities for guides, meals and tour manager
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Professional Education Society group escorts

Price: \$4,500 per person based on double occupancy

JW Marriott Rio de Janeiro ~ Ocean Front View Rooms

Rio de Janeiro is a state of mind - an endless celebration of life, exquisitely captured by the JW Marriott Hotel Rio de Janeiro, one of the premier Copacabana hotels in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Rio's magic can be enjoyed from the rooftop pool, with sweeping views of Sugar Loaf and Corcovado, the most famous Rio de Janeiro attractions. Copacabana's newest 5-star Rio de Janeiro Brazil hotel, the JW Marriott Hotel Rio de Janeiro offers luxury accommodations designed for supreme comfort. For hours of relaxation, visit our Rio de Janeiro Spa & Fitness Center. Temptation awaits at Terraneo with Mediterranean cuisine or at Taiyou Sushi Bar.



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Friday, February 17, 2012 ~ Arrive Rio de Janeiro

Upon arrival, you will check into your hotel room and drop off your luggage, before we head off on our half day tour of **Sugarloaf Mountain** and **Rio city tour**.

This afternoon enjoy a city tour of Rio including downtown and a visit to Sugarloaf Mountain. Reachable by a two-stage cable car, Sugarloaf is a highlight for many visitors to Rio. From the top you can take in spectacular views of the bay, mountains and city. From there, see some of the highlights of downtown including the Metropolitan Cathedral, Theater and open squares.



Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight JW Marriott (D)

Saturday, February 18, 2012 ~ Rio de Janeiro

Following breakfast, we will be met by the motor coach for our half day tour of **Corcovado Mountain** and **Christ the Redeemer**.

This morning visit Corcovado Mountain and the famous Christ the Redeemer statue that overlooks the city. A 25 – minute ride on a cogwheel train takes us to the top of this mountain, to the base of Brazil's iconic statue. Take in the 360 degree view of Rio and then take the train back down the mountain. From there, we will drive past some of the beaches that make Rio famous – Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana.



After our half day tour of Corcovado Mountain and Christ the Redeemer statue, we will return to the JW Marriott and you will have the remainder of the day on your own to explore Rio.

Overnight JW Marriott (B)

Sunday, February 19, 2012 ~ Rio de Janeiro / Carnival

Enjoy the day at your leisure.

We will meet for dinner at 5:00 pm. We will be treated to one of the best churrascarias, also known as a Brazilian BBQ restaurant, in town.

Following dinner, we will be transferred to **Rio's official Carnival Samba parade** in the Sambodromo. As a group, we will be seated in the bleacher section of the parade. The parade starts at 9:00 pm and goes until 4:00 am, which each school parading for an hour and a half.



Overnight JW Marriott (B, D)

Monday, February 20, 2012 ~ Rio de Janeiro / Embark the Crystal Symphony

Spend the morning relaxing at the hotel or exploring Rio.

In the afternoon, we will be transferred to the Crystal Symphony to begin our Samba Serenade cruise from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires.

Overnight Crystal Symphony (B, L, D)