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# Pocket Guide

## RIO DE JANEIRO





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## City Overview



- Located on the Brazilian coast, north of the Tropic of Capricorn on the Atlantic Ocean & second largest city in Brazil
- Home to one of the New 7 Wonders of the World (Christ the Redeemer Statue)
- The name Rio de Janeiro means "river of January" which is actually a bay and not a river in the city
- Rio is celebrating the biggest carnival of the world every year
- The city has the world's biggest urban forest, it's called Tijuca
- More than 2.2 million tourists visit this famous city every year
- Rio was the capital of Brazil for more than 200 years (until 1960)
- The sky in Rio was chosen to be the bluest sky in the whole world
- The city has 159 urban districts and over 700 favelas - It is estimated that half of the residents of Rio live in favelas



# General Information



**INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT:**  
ANTONIO CARLOS JOBIM



**BEST TIME TO VISIT:**  
MAY- OCTOBER



**RECOMMENDED TIME:**  
5-7 DAYS



**CURRENCY:**  
BRASILIAN REAL



**SAFETY:**  
HIGH CRIME RATE



**LANGUAGE:**  
PORTUGUESE



**GETTING AROUND:**  
UBER, TAXI, WALKING

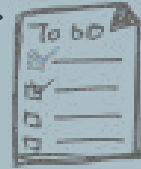


**TRAVEL BUDGET:**  
LOW BUDGET - MID  
RANGE



**ACCOMMODATION:**  
HOSTELS, HOTELS,  
APARTMENTS

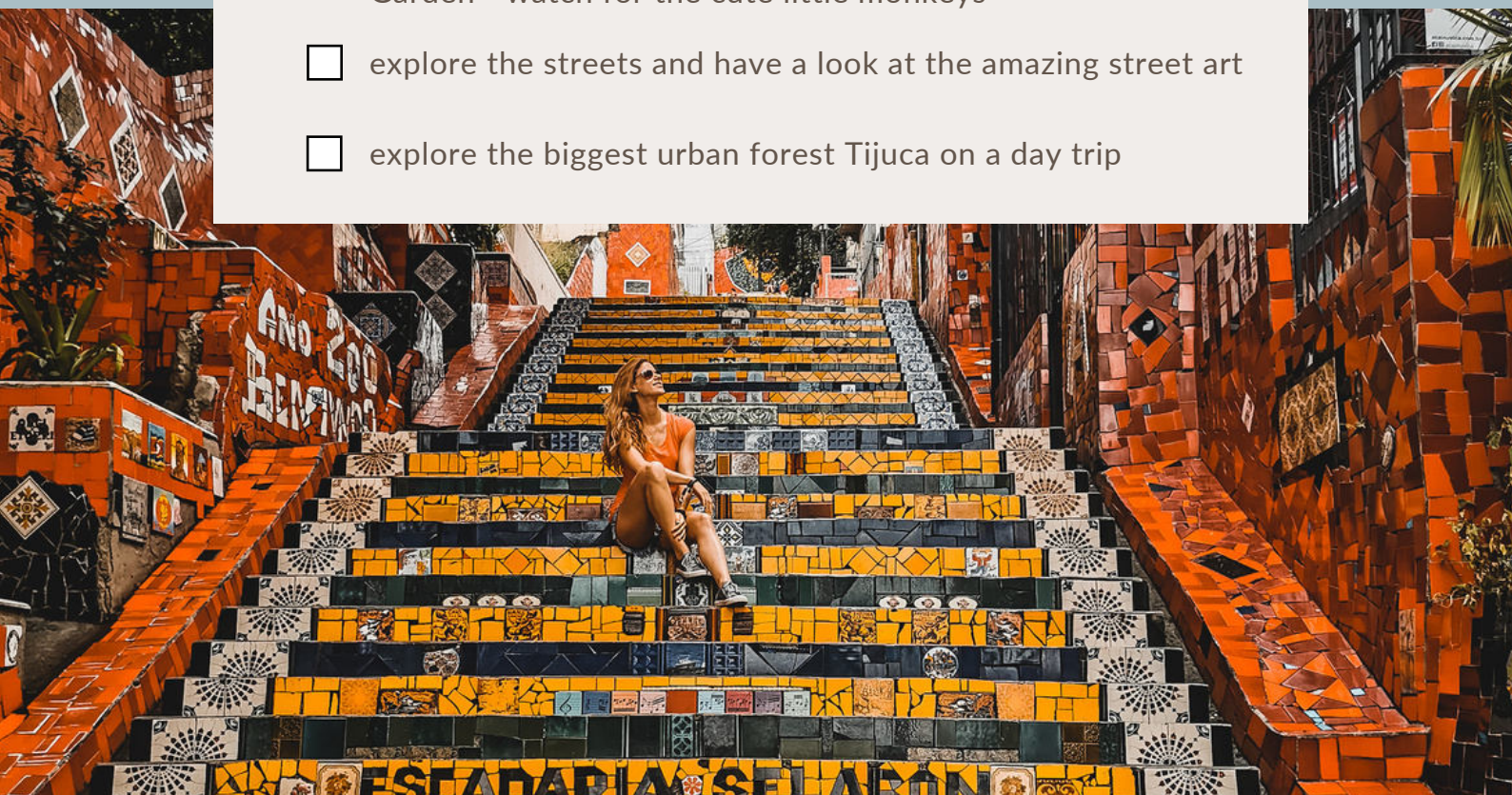
# Rio de Janeiro



## TOP 10 THINGS TO SEE

- ☐ visit the famous stairs "Escadaria Selaron" in the district of Lapa - recommended time: early in the morning before 8 am
- ☐ enjoy a fresh and healthy acai bowl on the beach
- ☐ walk along the famous Copacabana and soak in the brasilan attitude of life
- ☐ watch the sunset on sugarloaf mountain
- ☐ visit Christ the Redeemer - one of the 7 wonders of the world - recommendation: use the first train to go up
- ☐ book a tour into the Favela Santa Marta to get a real inside into how people live in Rio's Favelas: only recommend Favela Santa Marta Tour
- ☐ hike up to the Two Brothers Mountain Lookout and enjoy the best view over the whole city
- ☐ take a rest and stroll around the beautiful Botanical Garden - watch for the cute little monkeys
- ☐ explore the streets and have a look at the amazing street art
- ☐ explore the biggest urban forest Tijuca on a day trip

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## How to get around?



**Recommendation:** use UBER for long distances in Rio de Janeiro - it is in our opinion the safest & cheapest option to get from A to B **(keep in mind that you need internet for using UBER so buy a local sim card)**

**Areas like Lapa, Inpanema, Copacabana and Santa Teresa can be explored by foot (only recommended during daylight)**

### **Alternatives:**

- Taxi
- Metro
- Bus
- Bike



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## Good to know!

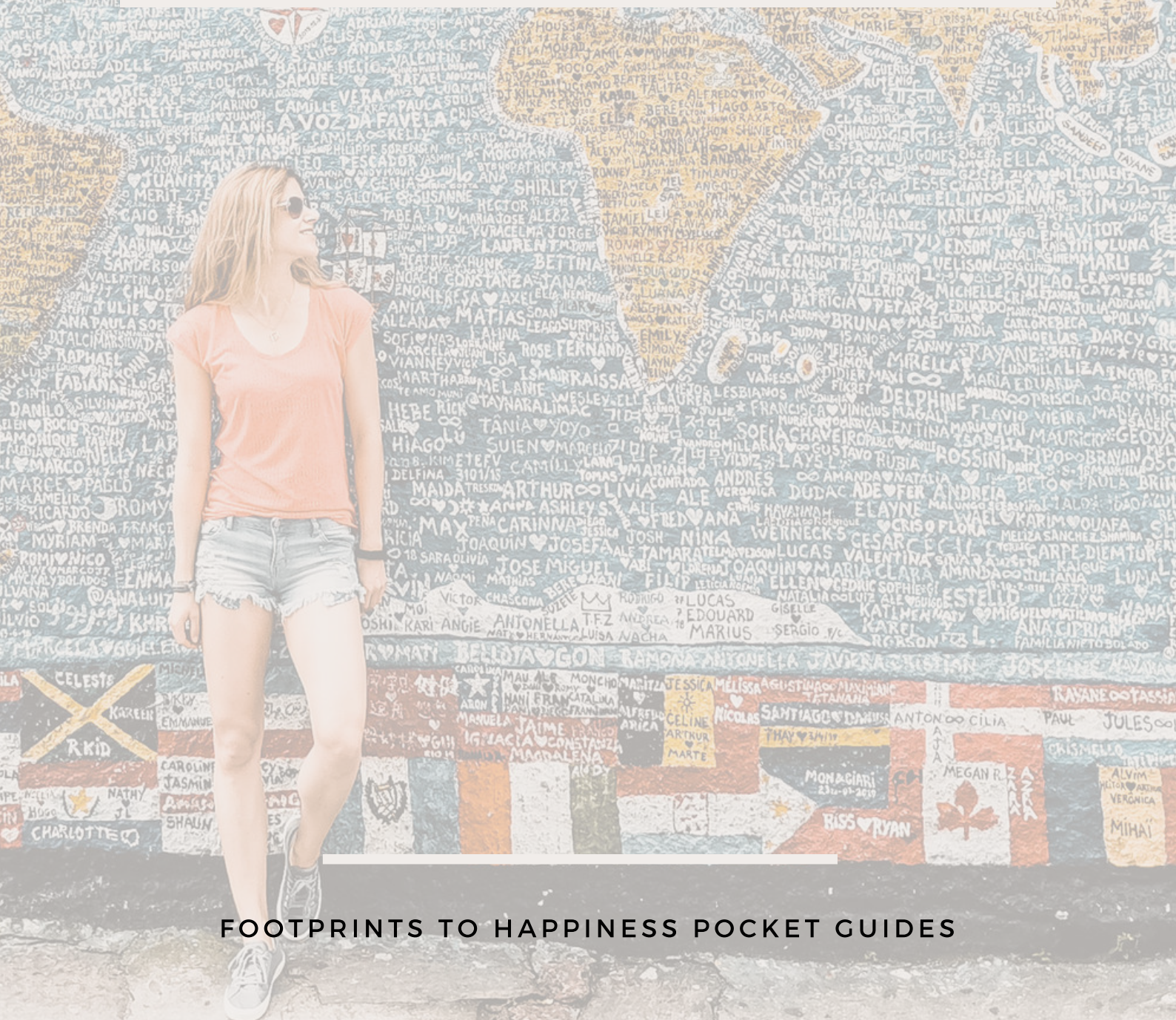
- Rio is quite cheap if you travel outside peak season and special festivals like carnival
- always keep in mind that ATM's are only open during daylight
- never drink tap water - even the locals do not drink it because it is not safe. **(we also recommend you to use drinking water for brushing your teeth)**
- tipping is not common in Rio - there is always a service charge of 10% included in your bill so you do not have to tip extra
- do not forget your mosquito spray - use it on daylight and nighttime - Rio is a **yellow fever, Zika virus & Dengue fever region** (we recommend you to get a yellow fever immunization before visiting Brasil - especially if you travel to other destinations afterwards)
- always keep an eye on your belongings & never walk alone or after sunset - The crime rate and the risk of robbery or other violent crime are high in Rio de Janeiro





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