



COPACABANA PALACE

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# RIO GAY - OUT & ABOUT



RIO DE JANEIRO - BRAZIL

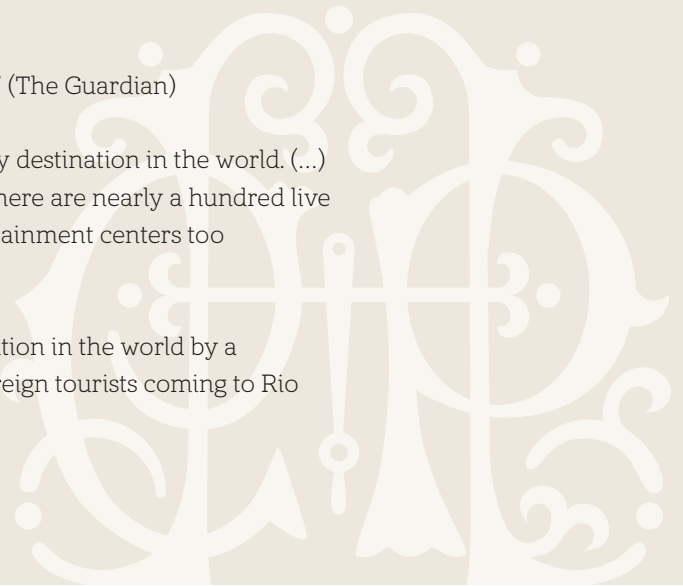
# WELCOME TO RIO!

## Why to visit our city?

“Rio de Janeiro aims to become world capital of gay tourism” (The Guardian)

“Rio de Janeiro was recently selected as the most popular gay destination in the world. (...) gay and lesbian tourism has climbed over the past decade. There are nearly a hundred live theaters, sixty-plus museums, night clubs, and evening entertainment centers too numerous to count.”(www.gaytravel.com)

“Rio has recently been selected the most popular gay destination in the world by a prestigious LGBT magazine. An estimated 1 out of every 4 foreign tourists coming to Rio are supposedly gay or lesbian.” (www.riogayguide.com)



### FARME DE AMOEDO

What will you find there?

Farme de Amoedo is the name of a street in Ipanema that marks the “gay area” of the city. Do not think that this is the only place with gay friendly establishments, but here they are majority. In the end of the street is one of the best gay beaches in the world, part of the famous Ipanema Beach.



### GAY PARADE

Join our LGBT Pride Parade

The first Rio’s parade happened in 1995. Now it’s the second biggest in Brazil (first is São Paulo). In 2012 there were more than seven hundred thousand people in Copacabana.



## **THE WEEK**

Famous house facing the GLBT audience, The Week is located in an old house in the harbor area of Rio. Like any club, the night is always very excited!

The place has five bars, GOGO boys, special lighting and a dance floor. Saturdays, TW gets the party. Cosmopolitan and electronic music takes space. Still there is an outdoor area with pool and wooden deck. The place gets an audience shirtless quite beautiful and the sculpted body guys.

*Where: Rua Sacadura Cabral, 154 - Saúde*

*When: Saturdays, from 00:00 – 07 am*

## **OO**

It is one of the best clubs in Rio. The gay public is more evident on Thursdays and Sundays. But the day that rocks are Sundays. Where the beauty appears more! They also have a nice restaurant and a beautiful bar by the garden.

*Where: Padre Leonel França street, 240 - Gávea*

*When: Tuesdays to Sundays, from 07 pm – Last Client*

## **LE BOY**

Le Boy is the classic Gay Club in Rio. Sunday nights get more frenetic, but Tuesday nights the Stripers are very popular. Spacious, Shinning and go-go boys and the clients are always in the mood. It used to be one of the best Clubs in the world.

*Where: Raul Pompéia St. 102 - Copacabana*

*When: Sundays to Sundays, from 9 pm – 05 am*

## **TV BAR**

In homage to the great personalities of television from the 1970s until today, the choice of music is retro, without deleting the current pop. VJs keep the videos rolling all night with a lot of fun and fever.

The audience is mostly gay, but straight guys excited and unprejudiced are always welcome, of course. Many artists and models choose the place for closed parties, and also show up some times.

*Where: Av. Nossa Senhora de Copacabana, 1417.*

*When: Wednesdays to Sundays, from 10 pm – 05 am*

## **GALERIA CAFÉ**

Galleria Café is one of those places you can stay years without going, but when you are back you feel like home. Perhaps the small and cozy place, some known faces are always there, even with new options through the city.

*Where: Teixeira de Mello, 31 - Ipanema*

*When: Wednesdays to Saturdays, from 10 pm – 05 am*

## **CASA DA MATRIZ**

With a lot of rock, Matriz has become preferred among the young locals. Eclectic place with different ambient.

*Where: Henrique de Novaes, 107 – Botafogo*

*When: Wednesdays to Saturdays, from 11 pm – 04 am*

## **RAINBOW QUIOSQUE**

*Where: Copacabana, just in front of Copacabana Palace*

Rio also has thematic gay parties along the city and in different places during the year!





## SIGHTSEEING



### CHRIST REDEEMER CORCOVADO MOUNTAIN

The largest and most famous Art Décor statue in the world. The Corcovado was voted as one of the seven new wonders of the world.

*Open daily from 8:30 am – 6:30 pm*

*Options: By train every 30 min*

*By Car (with reservations only) - from 8:30 am – 6 pm*



### SUGAR LOAF PÃO DE AÇÚCAR

The Sugar Loaf set between two smaller hills overlooking the Guanabara Bay, is without a doubt, one of the most beautiful sights in Rio. Its place in Rio's history and its spectacular view, has made it a real icon of the city.

*Open daily from 8 am – 7:50 pm*



### BOTANICAL GARDEN JARDIM BOTÂNICO

The Botanical Garden shows the diversity of Brazilian and foreign flora. There are around 6,500 species (some endangered) distributed throughout an area of 54 hectares, and there are numerous greenhouses. The Garden also houses monuments of historical, artistic and archaeological significance. There is an important research center, which includes the most complete library in the country specializing in botany with over 32,000 volumes.

*Open daily from 8 am – 5 pm*

*Note: Tours in electric cars available every hour (with reservations only), from 9 am – 12 pm / 1 pm – 4 pm*



## SIGHTSEEING



### SITIO BURLE MARX

Roberto Burle Marx (1909-1994) was a ground-breaking artist and designer working in Brazil. He became interested in plants and gardens in his youth but his first public commission was in 1935 in Recife. More public and private commissions followed, during which time he developed his ideas about using native plants in bold block planting. In 1949 he acquired a house, now called Sitio Roberto Burle Marx, about 50km (30 mi) southwest of Rio de Janeiro which he used to propagate promising plants he found during expeditions to the forests and savannahs, and where he experimented with plant associations and designs for the rest of his life.

*Open Tuesdays to Saturdays*

*Address: Estr. Roberto Burle Marx, 2019 – Barra de Guaratiba / Tel.: (21) 2410-1412*

*Note: Visits by appointment only*

*Options: 9:30 am or 1:30 pm*



### HELICOPTER TOUR

*Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm*



Best Brazilian Designers are located in Ipanema and Leblon:

## SHOPPING LEBLON

Woman's Store

Animale / Maria Bonita / Les Lis Blanc / Bo.Bô

Man's Store

Richard's / Osklen

Shoe Store – Schutz / Constança Basto / Swains

Jewelry – Antonio Bernardo / Sara

Restaurant – Ráscal

*Address: Av. Afrânio de Melo Franco, 290 – Leblon / Tel. (21) 2430-5122*

*Open Mondays to Saturdays, from 10 am to 10 pm*

## FORUM IPANEMA

Beach Wear – Salinas / Bum Bum Ipanema / Lenny/ Blue Man

*Open Mondays to Fridays, from 8 am to 8 pm / Saturdays, from 8 am to 6 pm*

*Address: R. Visconde de Pirajá, 351 – Ipanema / Tel.: (21) 2523-2140*

## RUA GARCIA D'ÁVILA

A street where you can find some Brazilian brands in clothes, masculine and feminine styles.







# GAY FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

## Our Restaurants



### CIPRIANI

#### Italian Fine Cuisine

Open for lunch and dinner, the award winning Cipriani offers the best of cuisine from the north of Italy. Its chef, Nicola Finamore is responsible for its menu with is made up of traditional dishes as well as the latest in Italian cuisine.

*Lunch time:*

*Mondays to Saturdays, from 12:30 pm – 3 pm*

*Sundays, 1 pm – 6 pm*

*Dinner time:*

*Mondays to Saturdays, from 7 pm – 12 am*



### PÉRGULA

#### International Cuisine

The Pergula Restaurant is situated beside the pool in relaxing surroundings.

Breakfast is an extensive buffet service, lunch offers a choice of another extensive buffet or an à la carte service, and dinner is served à la carte.

*Open daily from 7 pm – 12 am*

## Japanese

### SUSHI LEBLON

Sushi Leblon is one of the most “In” restaurants of Rio de Janeiro, attracting famous actors and people who like to be seen.

*Mondays from Midday – 4 am / 7 pm – 1:30 am*

*Tuesdays to Saturdays from Midday – 1:30 am*

*Sundays from 1 pm – Midnight*

*Address: R. Dias Ferreira, 256 – Leblon / Tel.: (21) 2512-7830*



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## Italian

### QUADRIFOGLIO

The Quadrifoglio restaurant is a pillar of Italian cuisine. The restaurant which is a house, has been recently reformed and redecorated. It is run by a very professional team, which made excellence of cuisine and service their one priority.

*Open Mondays to Fridays, from 12 pm – 4 pm / 7 pm – 12 am*

*Saturdays from 12 pm – 12 am*

*Sundays from 12 pm – 6 pm*

*Address: R. J J Seabra, 19 – Jardim Botânico / Tel.: (21) 2294-1433*

### VIEIRA SOUTO RESTAURANT

Vieira Souto's classic Italian cuisine is prepared by a renowned Italian chef. It's located in Ipanema and has all the sophistication and style, mixed with the charm of Rio. Its supply of meat is excellent and its wine list unmatched. It's very close to the gay area.

*Open Mondays to Thursdays, from 7 pm – 1 am*

*Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 13 pm – 12 am*

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## Meat

### GIUSEPPE GRILL

Giuseppe is one of the best options for a restaurant which features meat and fish. The fish is caught daily and the wine list is one of the best in Rio. The service is excellent: well recommended.

*Open daily from 12 pm – 4 pm / 7 pm – 12 am*

*Address: Av. Bartolomeu Mitre, 370 – Leblon / Tel.: (21) 2249-3055*

### CT BOUCHERIE

The newest restaurant of the renowned French Chef, Claude Troisgros. It's specialty is meat, however unlike the Brazilian churrascos, the meat is served on the plate and the rodizio is one of vegetables.

*Open Mondays to Fridays, from 12 am – 4 pm / 7 pm – 12 am*

*Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 pm to 1 am*

*Address: R. Dias Ferreira, 636 – Leblon / Tel.: (21) 2529-2329*

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## Chinese

### MR. LAM

In these times of constant renovations, Mr. Lam surprises us. The tradition is reflected with the careful choosing of ingredients and how they are mixed and blended together. No dish is pre-made, each are prepared at the time of serving.

*Open Mondays to Thursdays, from 7 pm – 12 am*

*Fridays and Saturdays, from 7 pm – 1 am*

*Sundays from 1 pm – 11 pm*

*Address: Rua Maria Angélica, 21 – Jardim Botânico / Tel.: (21) 2286-6661*





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## Brazilian Contemporary Cuisine

### ORO

Oro, considered by the American Magazine, Time Out, to be the last word in contemporary Brazilian cuisine. Chef Felipe Bronze transformed its image into flavors, and now has his own TV program.

*Open Mondays to Saturdays, from 7:30 pm – 12 am*

*Sundays from 1 pm – 6 pm*

*Address: Rua Frei Leandro, 20 – Jardim Botânico / Tel.: (21) 2266-7591*

### ROBERTA SUDBRACK

Respected for her amazing use of ingredients, Roberta Sudbrack from the south of Brazil, was chosen in 2012 to form a team to cook for the Brazilian athletes in the London Olympics.

*Open Tuesdays to Thursdays, from 7:30 pm – 12 am*

*Fridays from 12 pm – 3 pm*

*Saturdays from 8:30 pm – 1 am*

*Address: Rua Lineu de Paula Machado, 916 – Jardim Botânico / Tel.: (21) 3874-0139*

### ZUKA

Located in a charming street, Rua Dias Ferreira in Leblon, Zuka is a delightful restaurant with excellent cuisine. The dishes bring out many Brazilian flavors. Good food, in a cozy atmosphere.

*Open Mondays from 7 pm – 1:30 am*

*Tuesdays to Fridays, from 12 pm – 4 pm*

*Saturdays and Sundays, from 1 pm – 12 am*

*Address: R. Dias Ferreira, 233 – Leblon / Tel.: (21) 3205-7154*

### IRAJÁ

Irajá has its own special cuisine with a strong Brazilian influence.

*Open Tuesdays to Saturdays, from 8 pm – 1 am*

*Address: Rua Conde de Irajá 109 – Botafogo / Tel.: (21) 2246-1395*

### BAZZAR

Bazzar has a special Brazilian contemporary cuisine that explores all the flavors. The Bubble Bar is a space dedicated to serving the best champagnes by the glass, craft beers and a nice selection of sherry and wine "salinity" striking.

*Open Tuesdays to Saturdays, from 8 pm – 1 am*

*Address: Rua Barão da Torre, 538 – Ipanema / Tel.: (21) 3202-2884*

### OO RESTAURANT

The restaurant inside of the best dance club for a Sunday night, OO Restaurant has different options of dishes, from small snacks to special dishes. You can have dinner here and enjoy the club afterwards.

*Open Sundays, from 7 pm – 1 am*

*Address: Rua Padre Leonel França, 240 – Gávea / Tel.: (21) 2540-8041*

*Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 13 pm – 12 am*

*Address: Vieira Souto Av., 234 – Ipanema / Tel. (21) 2267-9282*



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### French

#### OLYMPE

Voted as the best restaurant in Rio by the fine dining Restaurant Guide, Quatro Rodas. Olympe was the first restaurant opened by Claude Troisgros, the famous French chef who came to Brazil in the early 70s, and fell in love with Rio and made it his home. It's a restaurant for especial celebrations.

*Open Mondays to Saturdays, from 7:30 pm – 12 am*

*Fridays from 12 pm – 4 pm*

*Address: Rua Custódio Serrão, 62 – Jardim Botânico / Tel.: (21) 2539-4542*

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### Typically Brazilian SteakHouse

#### CHURRASCARIA PORCÃO RIOS

*Open daily from Midday to Midnight*

*Address: Aterro do Flamengo / Tel.: (21) 3389-8989*

#### ESPLANADA GRILL

*Open Mondays to Thursdays, from 12 pm – 4 pm / 7 pm – 12 am*

*Fridays to Sundays, from 12 pm – 1 am*

*Address: Rua Barão da Torre, 600 – Ipanema / Tel.: (21) 2512-2970*



## BARS

#### TO NEM AI

It's a bar with Brazilian snacks and amazing drinks. They have nice music and nice people.

*Open: Every Day from 12 pm – 4 pm / 7 pm – 12 am*

*Address: Rua Barão da Torre, 600 – Ipanema / Tel.: (21) 2512-2970*

#### MEZZA BAR

It's a bar with Brazilian snacks, small dishes and amazing drinks. Also they have a private place for groups of 10, if someone wants to celebrate with friends. Nice and cozy ambience.

*Open: Every Day from 12 pm – 4 pm / 7 pm – 12 am*

*Address: Rua Barão da Torre, 600 – Ipanema / Tel.: (21) 2512-2970*

#### BAR D'HOTEL

It's a gastro- bar with Brazilian snacks, special dishes and awesome drinks. It's located in the nice area of Leblon and very trendy.

*Open: Every Day from 19 am – 12 am*

*Address: Delfin Moreira Av., 696 – Leblon / Tel.: (21) 2172-1112*



## COPACABANA

Better known as the princess of the sea, Copacabana has long enjoyed a world-wide reputation. The most famous beach in Brazil has a length of 4 km of pure charm. The beach stretches south from Leme to the head-land of Arpoador, which separates Copacabana from Ipanema.

Take a stroll along Copacabana's black-and-white wave sidewalk designed by Burle Marx. Take the opportunity to have fresh coconut water and just relax and enjoy the beach scene.

The gay area is exactly in front of Copacabana Palace Hotel.



*Don't miss the Leme Fort a breathtaking view is waiting for you. Open Tuesdays to Sundays, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

## IPANEMA

Cariocas and Visitors alike love to congregate in this laid-back, relaxed and fashionable beachfront area.

Ipanema Beach has almost mythical status around the world. The neighborhood that inspired the song Girl From Ipanema narrow strip of land which separates the Rodrigo de Freitas lake from the Ocean, Ipanema beach scene offers a picturesque glimpse into carioca's lifestyle.

Enjoy the sun set from the Arpoador rocks, you will see one of the most spectacular settings.

A very good tip is to try the Biscoito Globo with Mate Leão, it's the most traditional beach's snack.

The gay beach is in front of Farme de Amoedo Street.







## PRAINHA

This “little” beach, as its name means, is nestled between the mountain and the ocean. Here, you will find clear waters and powerful waves, ideal for surfing or just to dive.

Needless to say its small cluster of kiosks is often full with professional and amateur surfers. Don't miss the round boulders on the shore which almost look as if they had just rolled down from the mountains.

You can't get out of Rio de Janeiro without dive into the sea, it is believed that the saltwater restores the energies.



## GRUMARI

Since you are in Prainha, why not take a stretched until Grumari and then have lunch at the famous and rustic Bira's Restaurant?

Bira is a Brazilian sea food restaurant close to a colony of fishermen in Guaratiba. It worth the experience.

Grumari is one of the few beaches in the area that maintains a truly wild aspect.

Backed by low, rolling hills densely carpeted in Atlantic forest, it forms an environmental protection zone where buses are banned and car access limited.

Right beside it, there is a nude beach where gays get together for drinks.



## CULTURAL PROGRAM



### MUNICIPAL THEATER

Perhaps one of the most beautiful buildings in downtown and a rare surviving example of its period. It is also Brazil's premier artistic venue, with its own choir, symphonic orchestra and ballet ensemble. The Theatre has undergone a complete and thorough reform ever undertaken in its hundred year history. Since its inauguration on July 14, 1909 has received the greatest international artists, as well as reputable names Brazilian dance, music and Opera.

#### *Guided Tours*

*Tuesdays to Fridays at 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm  
Saturdays at 11am, 12 pm, 1 pm*



### MUSEU DE ARTE CONTEMPORANEA (MAC)

On a high promontory that just out into Guanabara Bay, landmark building appears to hover above the water, like a giant white flower on a huge stalk, as architect Oscar Niemeyer likes to describe it. The museum of Contemporary Art is an extraordinary spectacle and justifiably one of the most visited sight in Niteroi.

*Open Tuesdays to Sundays,  
from 10 am to 6 pm*

*Address: Mirante da Boa Viagem, s/nº,  
Boa Viagem – Niterói / Tel.: (21) 2620-2400*



# CULTURAL PROGRAM



## MOSTEIRO DE SÃO BENTO

A few blocks away from Praça XV, atop a steep hill (accessed by foot or by elevator) stands this Benedictine Church and Monastery. The ancient Benedictine Order came to Rio de Janeiro from Bahia in the early 17C, and its devotees were among the first inhabitants of the city. Their church was inaugurated in 1641 and its frontispiece was completed in 1669. On Sundays at 10am a solemn mass is held in the church, followed by Gregorian chants from the monks.

*Open daily from 7 am – 5:30 pm*

*Address: R. D Gerardo, 68 – Centro, Rio de Janeiro*

*Tel.: (21) 2206-8100*



## MUSEU CASA DO PONTAL

Located between the rock of Pedra Branca and the beach of Prainha, this wonderful museum houses an out-standing collection of rural and urban Brazilian folk art. This collection consists of more than 5.000 works created by over 200 artists from 195 until the present day, with new acquisitions all the time. Such a range and depth of information about Brazilian culture is on show that this little treasure has been deservedly described by UNESCO as a true anthropological museum.

*Open Tuesdays to Sundays, from 9:30 am to 5 pm*

*Address: Estr. do Pontal, 3295 – Recreio Bandeirantes*

*Tel.: (21) 2490-4013*