

**AYS COMPANION TOUR**  
**(7 Persons traveling with the AYS)**  
**Brazil Tour 2006**  
**May 29 – June 10, 2006**  
**Final Itinerary**

May 8, 2006

Tour Director: Kristine Purrington

Total Number of Participants: 7 Persons

Dye (1), Renfro (1), Rowan (1), Sears (1), Yen (1) = 5 names plus 2 no names (Williams cancellation) = 7 Persons

Total Coach Miles in Brazil:

Escort: Dieter Patsch

DATE	ORIGIN/ DESTINATION	TIME	EVENT
May 29 Monday	Albuquerque/ Dallas Ft Worth/ Miami (by plane) (Overnight flight)	04:00/ 4:00am	Assemble at Albuquerque airport. <b>7 Persons</b>
		06:40/ 6:40am	Check in American Airlines flight #AA1752. Board the plane and depart Albuquerque. <b>Aircraft: M 80</b> <b>Air miles: 574</b> <b>Actual flight time: 1:37</b> <b>Meal(s): None</b>
		09:17/ 9:17am	Arrive in Dallas/Ft Worth.
		11:15/11:15am	Connect with American Airlines flight #AA1614. Board the plane and depart Dallas/Ft Worth. <b>Aircraft: 777</b> <b>Air miles: 1115</b> <b>Actual flight time: 2:41</b> <b>Meal(s): Snack</b>
		14:56/ 2:56pm	Arrive in Miami.
		21:45/ 9:45pm	Check in TAM Brazilian Airlines flight #JJ8091. Board the plane and depart Miami. <b>Aircraft: Airbus 330</b> <b>Air miles: 4070</b> <b>Actual flight time: 8:00</b> <b>Meal(s): Dinner and Breakfast.</b> Overnight on board the plane.

May 30  
 Tuesday

Sao Paulo ,  
**BRAZIL/**  
 Brasilia/  
 Manaus,  
**State of**  
**Amazonas**

06:45/ 6:45am

09:00/ 9:00am

10:36/10:36am

11:20/11:20am

13:10/ 1:10pm

14:00/ 2:00pm

15:00/ 3:00pm

17:00/ 5:00pm

18:00/ 6:00pm

20:00/ 8:00pm

Breakfast on board the plane.

Arrive at Sao Paulo's International Airport Guarulhos. Clear Customs. Connect with TAM Brazilian Airlines flight JJ#3744.

Board the plane and depart Sao Paulo.

**Aircraft: Airbus 320**

**Air miles: 524**

**Actual flight time: 1:36**

**Meal(s): Snack**

Arrive in Brasilia.

Please stay on the plane.

Depart Brasilia.

**Air Miles: 1201**

**Actual flight time: 2:50**

**Meal: Snack**

Arrive in Manaus.

Board the Companion Tour coach and commence a 1 hour guided sightseeing tour of the city. Sightseeing tour ends at the theater of Manaus (entrance fee included in the tour price).

Board the coach and transfer to the local "Mercado" for shopping of indigenous crafts.

Board the coach and transfer to the "zona franca", where you will have some time to shop.

Board the coach and transfer to the hotel.

Check in time.

Dinner at hotel.

Overnight at:

**Hotel Tropical**

**Estrada da Ponta Negra, s/n**

**69037-000 Manaus, AM**

**Phone #:011 (55) 92 2123-5000**

**Fax #: 011 (55) 92 3658 5026**

### About Sao Paulo...

The largest city of Brazil (19 million inhabitants), this city grew too fast for urban planners to keep up with its subsequent urban problems. Often called the "New York of South America", Sao Paulo drew immigrants from the beginning of the century, especially from Italy, Portugal, Spain, Japan and Germany, as well as other parts of Brazil proper to put their talents and energy to work. It is this very energy that has turned Sao Paulo from a sleepy Jesuit mission post into the financial hub of South America.

### About Brazil...

Nowhere in South America is the catch phrase "land of contrasts" more appropriate than in Brazil. From one end to the other of this continent-size nation, you will go from tropical rain forest to urban jungle, from primitive native culture to modern high rises, from distressing poverty to embarrassing wealth. With the largest continuous coastline of any nation in the Americas (4,600 miles), Brazil differs itself from the rest of South America in that it is the only country to have been colonized by the Portuguese, therefore, the language spoken is Portuguese, not Spanish. To understand Brazil as a country, it is necessary to always keep in mind its awesome size. It ranks fifth worldwide, is bigger than the continental United States, twice the size of India or four times as large as Mexico with only 176 million inhabitants.

May 31                      Manaus/  
 Wednesday              Lago Salvador/  
                                   **(By boat)**

**About Lago Salvador...**  
 This island in the middle of the *Rio Negro* is one of the two largest confluents that form the Amazon River. The other river is the *Rio Solimoes*.

08:00/ 8:00am  
 09:00/ 9:00am  
 10:00/10:00am

Breakfast at the hotel.  
 Assemble at lobby, walk to the pier.  
 Board the boat and depart Manaus. (Take overnight bag, not suitcase).  
 Luncheon on board (included in the tour price).  
 Arrive at Lago Salvador or vicinity. Indigenous programs vary each time. Each boat will have their own canoes (with life jacket for each person), which will be used to execute the indigenous program.  
 Dinner at the restaurant *rainha da Selva*, situated (literally) in the middle of nowhere. During dinner you will be entertained by a trio from the region. They will sing, accompanied by guitars, songs synonymous of the area.  
 After dinner board the boat. Boat will ride all night.  
 Boat will anchor to allow you to board the canoe and commence your indigenous program. Remember, you are still on the Rio Negro, not the Amazon River.  
 Return to the boat.  
 Overnight on the boat.

23:00/11:00pm

12:00/midnight

June 1                      Lago Salvador/  
 Thursday                Manaus  
                                   **(By boat)**

**About the Theater of Manaus...**  
 The *Teatro de Manaus* is a theater that is copied after the La Scala in Milan, it was built in 1897 during the rubber boom in the Amazon region. Caruso sang there, as did Carreras, Domingo and Pavarotti.

05:00/ 5:00am

When you wake up, the boat will be in a totally different area, much closer to the *Meeting of the waters*, where the Amazon river is born. You will be awakened by a knock on your cabin door. Then you will hear a very loud voice of Luciano Pavoratti, belting out some of his loudest songs!!!!!!

07:00/ 7:00am

Board the canoe and embark on a special, very early morning sightseeing tour of a different kind. The guide will be a local who speaks fluent English. You will witness as the *selva amazonica*, awakens before your very eyes.  
 Return to the boat for breakfast.  
 This morning you will be for the first time on the Solimoes River. You will notice that the color of the water no longer is black but very red (mud like). Remember, we still have not seen the Amazon River.  
 Luncheon on the boat (included in the tour price).  
 At this time you should have finally arrived at the *Encontro das Aguas*, or the Meeting of the Waters, where the river Negro and Solimoes meet and “finally” form the Amazon River.  
 Begin your ride back to Manaus and then to the pier where you started the journey the day before.  
 Boat arrives at pier. Walk back to the hotel.

12:00/ Noon

16:00/ 4:00pm

18:00/ 6:00pm

**19:00/ 7:00pm**

**20:00/ 8:00pm**

**21:30/ 9:30pm**

Dinner at the hotel.  
**Board the coach and transfer to the theater, teatro de Manaus.**  
**Concert begins.**  
**Concert ends.**  
 Board the coach and transfer to hotel.  
 Overnight at the hotel.

June 2 Friday	Manaus/	09:00/ 9:00am	Breakfast at the hotel.
	Sao Paulo/		Morning at leisure for independent activities.
	Belo Horizonte/	11:30/11:30am	Board the coach and transfer to the airport.
	(by plane)		Independent lunch at the airport.
	Ouro Preto	14:00/ 2:00pm	Check in TAM Brazilian Airlines flight #JJ3745.
	(by coach)		Board the plane and depart Manaus.
	(100km/62miles)		<b>Aircraft: Airbus 320</b>
			<b>Air miles: 1201</b>
			<b>Actual flight time: 2:41</b>
			<b>Meal(s): Lunch</b>
	17:41/ 5:41pm	Arrive in Brasilia.	
		Connect with TAM Brazilian Airlines flight #JJ3845.	
	18:35/ 6:35pm	Board the plane and depart Brasilia.	
		<b>Aircraft: Airbus 320</b>	
		<b>Air miles: 376</b>	
		<b>Actual flight time: 1:10</b>	
		<b>Meal(s): Snack</b>	
	19:45/ 7:45pm	Arrive at Belo Horizonte's Confins Airport.	
	20:30/ 8:30pm	Board the coach and depart the airport.	
	21:30/ 9:30pm	Dinner at restaurant <i>Faz de Conta</i> in the Belo Horizonte area.	
	22:30/10:30pm	Board the coach and depart Belo Horizonte.	
		You will have a 1.5 hour ride ahead of you.	
	24:00/ Midnight	Arrive in Ouro Preto.	
		Transfer to the hotel.	
		Check in the hotel.	
		Overnight at:	
		<b>Estalagem das Minas Gerais</b>	
		<b>Rodovia dos Inconfidentes, km 90</b>	
		<b>Cep 35400-000 Ouro Preto</b>	
		<b>Phone #: 011 (55) 31 3551 2122</b>	
		<b>Fax #: 011 (55) 31 3551 2709</b>	

**About Minas Gerais...** Brazil's mountainous central region is dominated by the state Minas Gerais, which means "general mines" in Portuguese. The name refers to its great mineral wealth, typified by its once vast reserves of gold, which in the 18<sup>th</sup> century provoked a gold rush that for a time made Minas Gerais, particularly Ouro Preto, the de facto capital of the Portuguese colony. The legacy of that period of gold, diamond and semiprecious stone trading is preserved in the so-called historical cities scattered throughout the mountains, with their abundance of Baroque churches and artwork. Exploration of Minas Gerais began in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, when bands of adventurers from the coastal areas came in search of Indian slaves and gold. The explorers found a black stone near the town of Vila Rica that was later verified to be pure gold (the black coloring was the result of the result of the iron oxide in the soil of Minas). Vila Rica thus came to be called Ouro Preto (black gold), and at the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Brazil's first gold rush began.

June 3                      Ouro Preto  
 Saturday

**About the restaurant Casas dos Contos....**  
 This 18<sup>th</sup> century restaurant incorporates its architectural beauty as well as the great, great food that the State of Minas Gerais has to offer. The building was built back in the 18<sup>th</sup> century as slavery quarters. The building is preserved in its original style.

09:00/ 9:00am  
 10:00/10:00am

Breakfast at the hotel.  
 Board the coach and transfer to the *Rodoviaria*.  
 Walk the rest to downtown Ouro Preto (about 15 minutes).  
 Commence a 2 hour guided sightseeing tour of the city.  
 Beginning of guided sightseeing tour.  
 Sightseeing tour ends.  
 Independent lunch.  
 Afternoon at leisure for independent activities. Great town to shop.  
 Board the coach and transfer to hotel.  
 Resting time or time at leisure.  
**19:00/ 7:00pm      Board the coach and transfer the rodoviaria.**  
**19:30/ 7:30pm      Board one of the 4 vans to take you to the theater Vila Rica.**  
**20:30/ 8:30pm      Concert begins.**  
**No intermission.**  
**Concert ends.**  
 Board one of the 4 vans and transfer to the restaurant *Casa dos Contos*.  
 Dinner at restaurant.  
 Board one of the 4 vans and transfer to the *Rodoviaria*.  
 Board the coach and transfer to the hotel.  
 Overnight at the hotel.

June 4                      Ouro Preto/  
 Sunday                    Belo Horizonte  
                                   (100kms/62 miles  
                                   (by coach)

**About Ouro Preto...**  
 The former gold rush capital which has been preserved not only as a national monument but as a World Heritage Site, Ouro Preto is the best known historical city in Brazil. Situated just south of Belo Horizonte, at an elevation of 3,200 feet, Ouro Preto is a city of narrow cobblestone streets and alleys built on a series of steep hills. The true treasures of the city, however, are its 13 colonial churches representing the supreme achievement of Mineiro Baroque architecture.

09:00/ 9:00am

Breakfast at the hotel.  
 Morning at the hotel. Watch the AYS and their Brazilian counterparts play a “mean” game of Volleyball. The game will take place on the grounds of the hotel.  
 10:00/10:00am      Volleyball game begins.  
 11:00/11:00am      Volleyball game ends.  
 Coach will bring Brazilian volleyball players to the bus stop.  
*Capoeira* will be presented as well.  
 11:30/11:30am      Board the coach and depart Ouro Preto.  
 13:00/ 1:00pm      Arrive at restaurant almost in Belo Horizonte.  
 Independent lunch at the restaurant *Faz de Conta*.  
 14:30/ 2:30pm      Board the coach and transfer to the hotel.  
 15:00/ 3:00pm      Check in the hotel.  
 16:00/ 4:00pm      Board the coach and commence a one hour guided sightseeing tour.  
 Guided sightseeing tour ends.  
 17:00/ 5:00pm      Transfer to the hotel.  
 19:00/ 7:00pm      Dinner at the hotel.  
 Evening at leisure for independent activities.  
 Overnight at:  
**Hotel Parthenon Lifecenter**  
**Rua Cicero Ferreira, 10 Serra**  
**30220-040 Belo Horizonte MG Brazil**  
**Phone #: 011 (55) 31 3280 3700**  
**Fax    #: 011 (55) 31 3280 3735**

June 5 Monday	Belo Horizonte	09:00/ 9:00am	Breakfast at the hotel.
		10:00/10:00am	Morning half day excursion (tba).
			Independent lunch.
			Afternoon at leisure for independent activities.
		17:00/ 5:00pm	Board the coach and transfer to the restaurant <i>Xapuri</i> .
		17:45/ 5:45pm	Arrive at restaurant.
		18:00/ 6:00pm	Dinner.
		<b>19:00/ 7:00pm</b>	<b>Board the coach and transfer to the <i>Palacio das Artes</i>.</b>
		<b>20:00/ 8:00pm</b>	<b>Beginning of concert.</b>
		<b>21:30/ 9:30pm</b>	<b>Concert ends.</b>
	Board the coach and return to the hotel.		
	Overnight at the hotel.		

### About Belo Horizonte...

Brazil's third largest city with a population of almost 3million, Belo Horizonte is the capital of the state of Minas Gerais, a state known for its conservative traditions as for its gold, gemstones, and iron ore. Tradition is very important in Minas Gerais. I. The city itself is very young (founded in 1897), therefore, it does not have the historical value that Ouro Preto offers. Ironically, while tourists come to Belo Horizonte to visit the nearby historical region, one of the principal attractions of the city is the *Pampulha* neighborhood, famous for its examples of modern Brazilian architecture. Among the most famous sites is the Chapel of Sao Francisco, completed in 1943 and considered one of the most important works of Brazil's famed architect, Oscar Niemeyer (who designed Brasilia).

June 6 Tuesday	Belo Horizonte/ En route/ Rio de Janeiro <b>State of Rio de Janeiro</b> (499km/308miles)	07:00/ 7:00am	Breakfast at the hotel.
		08:00/ 8:00am	Board the coach and depart Belo Horizonte.
			This morning you will pass by some very beautiful scenery.
		12:00/ Noon	Paid luncheon at restaurant <i>Fartura</i> .
		14:00/ 2:00pm	Board the coach and depart.
		17:00/ 5:00pm	Arrive in Rio de Janeiro.
			Transfer to the hotel.
			Check in the hotel.
		19:30/ 7:30pm	Board the coach and transfer to the <i>Clube Plataforma</i> .
		20:00/ 8:00pm	Dinner at the restaurant next door to where the Samba Show will take place.
21:30/ 9:30pm	After dinner walk upstairs and take your seat.		
22:00/10:00pm	Samba show begins.		
23:30/11:30pm	Samba show ends.		
	Board the coach and return to the hotel.		
	Overnight at: <b>Othon Hotel Copacabana</b> <b>Avenida Atlantica 3264</b> <b>Rio de Janeiro, RJ Brazil</b> <b>Phone #: 011 (55) 21 2525 1500</b> <b>Fax #: 011 (55) 21 2522 1697</b>		

### About the Samba Show...

If you have never seen carnival in Rio de Janeiro, then this show is an absolute must-see. This 2 and half hour show will give you some idea what carnival in Brazil is all about. The costumes with its abundance of feathers and beautiful colors are unique.



June 9 Friday	Rio de Janeiro/ Sao Paulo/ (Overnight flight)	09:00/ 9:00am	Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure for independent activities. Independent lunch.
		12:30/12:30pm	Board the coach and transfer to Rio de Janeiro's domestic airport called Santos Dumont.
		13:00/ 1:00pm	Arrive at airport. Check in TAM Brazilian Airlines flight #JJ3935.
		15:00/ 3:00pm	Board the plane and depart Rio de Janeiro. <b>Aircraft: Airbus 319</b> <b>Air miles: 228</b> <b>Actual flight time: 50 Minutes</b> <b>Meal(s): None</b>
		15:50/ 3:50pm	Arrive at Sao Paulo's domestic airport called Congonhas.
		17:00/ 5:00pm	Board the coach and transfer to the international airport Guarulhos.
		20:00/ 8:00pm	Arrive at Guarulhos airport. Connect with TAM Brazilian Airlines flight #8090.
		22:25/10:25pm	Board the plane and depart Sao Paulo. <b>Aircraft: Airbus 330</b> <b>Air miles: 4070</b> <b>Actual flight time: 8:05</b> <b>Meal(s): Dinner, breakfast.</b> Overnight on board the plane.

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June 10 Saturday	Miami/ Dallas/ Albuquerque (By Plane)	05:30/ 5:30am	Breakfast on board the plane. Arrive in Miami.
		09:41/ 9:41am	Claim luggage, clear US Customs. Connect with American Airlines flight #AA403. Board the plane and depart Miami. <b>Aircraft: 757</b> <b>Air miles: 1115</b> <b>Actual flight time: 3:04</b> <b>Meal(s): Snack</b>
		11:45/11:45am	Arrive in Dallas/Ft. Worth.
		13:43/ 1:43pm	Connect with American Airlines flight #AA649. Board the plane and depart Dallas/Ft. Worth. <b>Aircraft: 80</b> <b>Air miles: 574</b> <b>Actual flight time: 1:44</b> <b>Meal(s): None</b>
		14:27/ 2:27pm	Arrive in Albuquerque.

## **MANY HAPPY MEMORIES**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

All times listed are approximate and subject to change depending on airline schedule, road conditions, etc. Times are based on the average traveling speeds and are local.

Each participant is limited to one suitcase not to exceed 62 dimensional inches (length+width+height) and not to exceed 50 lbs. Any charge levied by the airline and /or coach company for excess baggage must be borne by the participant(s).

All hotels and concert sites are tentative, subject to approval. In the event that such hotels and concert sites are not available, a suitable replacement will be offered.

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