

ALBUQUERQUE YOUTH SYMPHONY
 BRAZIL CONCERT TOUR 2006
 MAY 29 – JUNE 10, 2006
 Working itinerary #5

February 10, 2006

Tour Conductor: Amir Kats
 Music Director: Dale E. Kempter
 Total Number of Participants: 102
 Total Coach Miles in Brazil:
 Escort: Ilse Roderick
 Assistant Escort: (tba)

DATE	ORIGIN/ DESTINATION	TIME	EVENT
May 29 Monday	Albuquerque, NM/ Miami/ En Route		GROUP "A" – 60 PERSONS – DOMESTIC FLIGHTS
			Assemble at Albuquerque Airport. Check in American Airlines flight # AA2202. Board the plane and depart Albuquerque. Arrive in Dallas/Ft. Worth. Connect with American Airlines flight #AA1614. Board the plane and depart Dallas/Ft. Worth. Arrive in Miami.
		07:17/ 7:17am 09:55/ 9:55am	
		11:18/11:18am 02:59/ 2:59 pm	
			GROUP "B" – 40 PERSONS – DOMESTIC FLIGHTS
			Assemble at Albuquerque Airport. Check in American Airlines flight #AA1648. Board the plane and depart Albuquerque. Arrive in Dallas/Ft. Worth. Connect with American Airlines flight #AA1899. Board the plane and depart Dallas/Ft. Worth. Arrive in Miami.
		09:18/ 9:18 am 12:00/ noon	
		13:10/ 1:10pm 16:59/ 4:59pm	

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GROUP "C" – 10 PERSONS – DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

Assemble at Albuquerque Airport.

Check in American Airlines flight # AA2202.

07:17/ 7:17am

Board the plane and depart Albuquerque.

09:55/ 9:55am

Arrive in Dallas/Ft. Worth.

Connect with American Airlines flight #AA1614.

11:18/11:18am

Board the plane and depart Dallas/Ft. Worth.

14:59/ 2:59pm

Arrive in Miami.

ENTIRE GROUP IS TOGETHER – INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

Connect with TAM Brazilian Airlines flight #JJ8091.

21:15/ 9:15pm

Board the plane and depart Miami.

Aircraft:

Air miles:

Actual flight time:

Meal(s):

Overnight on board the plane.

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 30
Tuesday

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

About Manaus...

The capital of the State of "Amazonas" has a population of over one million inhabitants. The city gained notoriety at the turn of the 20th century, a time when the rubber plant (latex) was discovered. Manaus enjoyed a great era of prosperity between the end of the 19th and the first quarter of the 20th century because this region was the only one in the world to produce rubber. Plants were smuggled out of the region and before long, other parts of the world became competition to Brazil. Today, Manaus is undergoing a successful revival attempt.

May 31
Wednesday

Manaus/
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*.

06:10/ 6:10am Breakfast on board the plane.
Arrive at Sao Paulo's International airport Guarulhos. Claim luggage and instruments. Clear Customs.
Connect with TAM Brazilian Airlines flight JJ#3744.

09:00/ 9:00am Board the plane and depart Sao Paulo's Guarulhos airport.
Aircraft:
Air miles:
Actual flight time:
Meal(s):
Arrive in Brasilia.
Stay on board the plane.
Depart Brasilia.

13:10/ 1:10pm Arrive in Manaus.
Board the 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 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, followed by an indigenous live show (tba).
Overnight at:
Hotel Tropical
Estrada da Ponta Negra, s/n
69037-000 Manaus, AM
Phone #:
Fax #:

11:00/11:00am Breakfast at the hotel.
Morning rehearsal at the hotel or the theater.
Assemble at lobby, walk to the pier.
Board the boat and depart Manaus. (Take overnight bag, not suitcase).
Luncheon on board.
Arrive at Lago Salvador or vicinity.
Indigenous programs such as jungle walk, crocodile spotting, begins immediately upon arrival.
Dinner on the island followed by a short narration of the Amazon region, followed by some beautiful local music played and sung by locals.
After dinner board the boat. Boat will ride all night. Remember, you are still on the Rio Negro, not the Amazon river.
Overnight on the boat.

June 1
Thursday

Lago Salvador/
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.

16:00/ 4:00pm

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.

Breakfast on the boat.

Departure for the big event, *o Encontro das águas* (the meeting of the waters). Ride for about 2 hours up stream and witness the meeting of two major, major rivers *Solimoes and Negro*. **Paid lunch on the boats.**

Boat arrives at pier. Walk back to the hotel.

Check in the hotel.

Board the coach and transfer to the theater, teatro de Manaus.

Set up and rehearsal time begins.

Set-up and rehearsal time ends.

Concert begins.

Concert ends.

Board the coach and transfer to hotel.

Dinner at the hotel or nearby restaurant.

Overnight at the hotel.

About the Amazon... For both outsiders and inhabitants of the Amazon, there is a mystical attraction to this legendary region and its two great constants, the river and the jungle. The Brazilian Amazon is the largest tropical rain forest in the world, larger than all of Western Europe and accounts for 60% of the nation's total territory-and yet it is inhabited by only 16 million people, like metropolitan New York. A trip on the Amazon River, especially between *Belem* and *Manaus* is unmatched anywhere in the world. In some spots the Amazon is so wide that neither bank is visible, giving the impression of traversing an inland sea. At night, the only light that can be seen is that of the moon and stars, reinforcing the sense of being in one of the world's greatest wilderness areas.

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 18th 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 17th 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 18th century, Brazil's first gold rush began.

June 2
Friday

Manaus/
Brasilia/
Belo Horizonte
(By plane)
Ouro Preto
(100km/62miles)

The restaurant
**Casas dos
Contos** dates
back to the
slavery days of
Brazil, about 200
years ago.
Remnants of that
era can be seen
very vividly to
this day.

14:00/ 2:00pm
17:41/ 5:41pm

18:35/ 6:35pm
19:45/ 7:45pm

Breakfast at the hotel.
Morning at leisure for independent activities.
Board the coach and transfer to the airport.
Independent lunch at the airport.
Check in TAM Brazilian Airlines flight JJ#3745.
Board the plane and depart Manaus.
Arrive in Brasilia. Stay on the plane.
Connect with TAM Brazilian Airlines flight JJ#3845.
Board the coach and depart Brasilia.
Arrive at Belo Horizonte's Confim Airport.
Board the coach and depart Belo Horizonte.
Arrive in Ouro Preto.
Transfer to the hotel.
Check in time.
Dinner at hotel.
Overnight at:
Estalagem das Minas Gerais
Rodovia dos Inconfidentes, km 90
Cep 35400-000 Ouro Preto
Phone #:
Fax #:

June 3
Saturday

Ouro Preto

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.

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.
Board the coach and transfer the concert venue.
Set up time.
Rehearsal time.
Concert begins.
Concert ends.
Walk to the restaurant *Casa dos Contos*.
Dinner.
Walk to the coach.
Board the coach and transfer to the hotel.
Overnight at the hotel.

June 4 Sunday	Ouro Preto/ Belo Horizonte (100kms/62 miles) (by coach)	Breakfast at the hotel. This morning there will be a friendly!!!! Volleyball game with the Brazilian team. The game will take place on the grounds of the hotel. Volleyball game begins. Volleyball game ends. Coach will bring Brazilian volleyball players to the bus stop. <i>Capoeira</i> will be presented as well. Independent lunch at the hotel. Board the coach and depart Ouro Preto. Arrive in Belo Horizonte. Commence a one hour guided sightseeing tour of the city. Guided sightseeing tour ends. Board the coach and transfer to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Evening at leisure for independent activities. Overnight at: Hotel Parthenon- Vila da Serra Alameda da Serra – 405 Bairro Vila da Serra Nova Lima, MG Phone #: 011 (55) Fax #: 011 (55)
June 5 Monday	Belo Horizonte	Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure for independent activities. (Program (tba).) Independent lunch. Afternoon at leisure for independent activities. Board the coach and transfer to the Palacio das Artes. Set up of instruments. Rehearsal time begins. Rehearsal time ends. Beginning of concert. Concert ends. Board the coach and transfer to the restaurant Xapuri, Pampulha. Dinner. Board the coach and return to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

About Belo Horizonte... Brazil's third largest city with a population of 2.5 million, 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. 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
**State of Rio
de Janeiro**
(499km/308 miles)

Breakfast at the hotel.
Board the coach and depart Ouro Preto.
This morning you will pass by some very beautiful scenery.
Paid luncheon at restaurant *Fartura*.
Board the coach and depart.
Arrive in Rio de Janeiro.
Drop off the instruments at the Candelaria Church.
Transfer to the hotel.
Check in the hotel.
Dinner at the hotel or nearby restaurant.
Remainder of evening at leisure for independent activities.
We suggest you take a stroll down the most famous sidewalk in the world, the *Copacabana beach* and bargain with the vendors (see above box). The vendors close at midnight
Overnight at:
Othon Hotel Copacabana
Avenida Atlantica 3264
Rio de Janeiro, RJ Brazil
Phone #: 011 (55) 21 2525 1500
Fax #: 011 (55) 21 2522 1697

About Rio de Janeiro...

Rio, the city most known outside of Brazil, is one of the former capitals and an important tourist and Latin American cultural center. With graceful urban architecture, mountain resorts and beaches lying between the rolling hills and Guanabara Bay, Rio has one of the strongest hotels systems in the country uniting the two principal forms of leisure sought by the tourist; sunny beaches and tropical evenings.

**OR: OPTIONAL SAMBA
SHOW TONIGHT.**

About the climate of Rio de Janeiro...

Rio de Janeiro is located on the Tropic of Capricorn, and its climate is just that, tropical. Summers are hot and humid, with temperatures rising as high as 105 degrees Fahrenheit, although the average ranges between 85-95 degrees. In the winter, temperatures stay in the 70s, occasionally dipping into the 60s. The same pattern holds true for all the Brazilian coastline north of Rio, although in general temperatures are slightly higher year-round in the Salvador area (halfway between Rio and Manaus). Bring your bathing suit. There are 23 beaches in Rio proper.

June 7 Rio de Janeiro
Wednesday

About the vendors...

Each evening after 7:00 pm the vendors set up their booths on the *Avenida Atlantica* (in front of your hotel). They close at 1:00am. Some of the most beautiful crafts, clothes, paintings and sculptures imaginable can be purchased at extremely fair prices. Do not forget to bargain, the vendors expect it.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Enjoy the location of the hotel. Across the street from the hotel, you will find the most famous beach in the world, *praia de Copacabana*, (Copacabana beach). In the evening the beach is illuminated with neon lights, which whiten the waves of the Atlantic ocean even more. The life on the beach at night is as busy as during the day.

Independent lunch in the area.

Board the coach and transfer to the *Corcovado Mountain*.

Ascent to the mountain (entrance fee included in tour price).

Board the coach and return to the hotel.

Dinner at hotel or nearby restaurant.

Transfer to the Candelaria Cathedral where the Albuquerque Youth Symphony will give a full concert tonight.

Set up time.

Rehearsal time available.

Concert begins.

Concert ends.

Board the coach and return to hotel.

Overnight at hotel.

About the Corcovado...

The sheer 1000 ft granite face of *Corcovado* (the name means “hunchback” in Portuguese and refers to the mountain’s shape) offers a beautiful view of Rio and surroundings. A railroad was constructed in 1885, later joined by a road. It was not until 1921, the centennial of Brazil’s independence from Portugal, that someone had the idea of placing a statue on top. The idea was to build a statue of Christ with his arms apart as if he were embracing the city. It took 10 years, but finally on October 12, 1931, the *Cristo Redentor* (Christ the Redeemer) statue was inaugurated.

June 8
Thursday
Rio de Janeiro/
Petropolis/
Rio de Janeiro
(200kms/123 miles)

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.

Optional Event

Breakfast at the hotel.
Board the coach and depart Rio de Janeiro.
Arrive in Petropolis, a very historic city.
Commence a guided sightseeing tour.
Guided sightseeing tour ends.
Independent lunch in Petropolis.
Afternoon at leisure for independent activities OR a visit to the Imperial Museum in Petropolis.
Transfer to **the theater Quitandinha, once the imperial theater of Brazil.**
Set up time.
Rehearsal time available.
This evening the Albuquerque Youth Symphony will give a concert in conjunction with the Petropolis High School Youth Orchestra.
Beginning of concert.
Concert ends.
Dinner at restaurant across the street.
Board the coach and depart Petropolis.
Arrive in Rio de Janeiro, transfer to the hotel.
Overnight at hotel.

About Petropolis...

Just an hour drive from Rio de Janeiro is the Cidade Imperial, that was the former summer residence of the emperor Don Pedro. His son Don Pedro II developed and founded this city, now known as Petropolis. It is now a pleasant mountain resort Cariocas love to escape to this area for a weekend during the summer because temperatures are cool and amicable and the air lacks the humidity in Rio.

Founded in 1845 by Julius Koler under the auspices of the emperor of Brazil. The place was previously known as Corrego Secco, which Dr. Garner described in 1837 as a small miserable village. The emperor planned to establish there a German colony, but the plan was not realized until 1845, when about 2700 colonists from Germany were located there. Its growth was slow, but the choice of the place by the emperor as a summer residence drew thither many of the wealthy residents of the capital. The railway opened in 1854, and the macadamized road opened in 1883. Petropolis has since become the summer residence of the diplomatic corps and of the higher officials of the Federal government, and was the capital of the state of Rio de Janeiro from 1893 to 1903.

June 9 Friday	Rio de Janeiro/ Sao Paulo/		Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure for independent activities. Independent lunch. Board the coach and transfer to Rio de Janeiro's domestic airport called Santos Dumont. Check in TAM Brazilian Airlines flight #JJ3935. 15:00/ 3:00pm Board the plane and depart Rio de Janeiro. 15:52/ 3:52pm Arrive at Sao Paulo's domestic airport called Congonhas. Board the coach and transfer to the international airport Guarulhos. Arrive at Guarulhos international airport. Connect with TAM Brazilian Airlines flight #JJ8090. 22:25/10:25pm Board the plane and depart Sao Paulo. Aircraft: Air miles: Actual flight time: Meal(s): Overnight on board the plane.
June 10 Saturday	Miami/ Dallas/ Ft. Worth/ Albuquerque	05:30/ 5:30am	Breakfast on board the plane. Arrive in Miami. Claim luggage, clear Customs.
			GROUP "A" – 60 PERSONS – DOMESTIC FLIGHT Check in American Airlines flight #AA493. 09:52/ 9:52am Board the plane and depart Miami. 11:54/11:54am Arrive in Dallas/Ft. Worth. Connect with American Airlines flight #AA649. 13:40/ 1:40pm Board the plane and depart Dallas/Ft. Worth. 14:26/ 2:26pm Arrive in Albuquerque.
			GROUP "B" – 40 PERSONS – DOMESTIC FLIGHT Check in American Airlines flight #AA523. 09:04/ 9:40am Board the plane and depart Miami. 11:05/11:05am Arrive in Dallas/Ft. Worth. Connect with American Airlines flight #AA369. 11:40/11:40am Board the plane and depart Dallas/Ft. Worth. 12:26/12:26pm Arrive in Albuquerque.

GROUP "C" – 10 PERSONS – DOMESTIC FLIGHT

	Check in American Airlines flight #AA523.
09:04/ 9:04am	Board the plane and depart Miami.
11:05/11:05am	Arrive in Dallas/Ft. Worth.
	Connect with American Airlines flight #AA369.
11:40/11:40am	Board the plane and depart Dallas/Ft. Worth.
12:26/12:26pm	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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