

Portugese

Both ll and y are pronounced like a french J (zsh),
so its pa-ree-zha (parrilla) or ka-zsao (Callao)

Good morning	Bom dia (BOM JI-ah)
Good afternoon	Boa tarde (BO-ah TAR-dji)
Good night	Boa noite (BO-ah NOY-tchi)
Goodbye	Tchau (<i>chow</i>)
Please	Por favor! (poorh pha-vohr)
Thank you	Obrigado (oh-bree-GAH-doh)
You are welcome	De nada! (chee nah-dah)
Do you speak English	Fala inglês? (fah-la een-glaysht?)
Excuse me	Com licença! (co-lee-sensah)
Sorry/"I didn't get that"	Como?
How are you?	Tudo bem? (too-doh <i>bang?</i>)
I don't/cant understand	Não entendo! (naw en-tehn-doo)
How much	Quanto? (<i>kwahn-too</i>)
Yes	Sim
No	Nao

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Morning

First order of business: caffeine! Do as Brazilians do and pair a *cafezinho* (little espresso) with a *pão de queijo* (cheese bread). There's an excellent café in Leblon called [Cafeína](#) to do just that.

Beaches

The best beaches are [Ipanema and Leblon](#). Here *posto* (post) 9 is where you'll find Rio's *mauricinhos* and *patricinhas* (the rich, bronzed and beautiful), with a section in front of Rua Farme de Amoedo that draws the GLBT crowd; and posto 11 is for families. Choose accordingly and let the beach *caipirinhas* (Brazil's national drink, with *cachaça*, limes and sugar) commence. Until lunch, it's all sizzle, sun and samba.

Lunch

A favorite beach day lunch is *açaí*, the purple, iron-and-antioxidant-rich berry that's usually blended with honey, granola, bananas and *guaraná*, a natural Amazonian relative of caffeine, into a refreshing, über-Brazilian treat. There's no better than [Bibi Sucos](#) (Leblon). Alternatively, a quick and scenic taxi ride down Av. Atlântica – one of the world's most famous beachfront thoroughfares – lands you at [Cervantes](#), a Copacabana institution famous for its filet mignon, cheese and pineapple sandwiches.

Historic Downtown

See here our suggestions to see the best of the downtown historic sights in a half-day tour. Start with a taxi to Mosteiro de São Bento, an impressive 17th century church (Rua Dom Gerardo 68, opens everyday from 8 to 11am and from 2:30 to 6pm, with a special Gregorian choir in the Sun 10am mass). From there take a quick taxi to Praça Quinze to visit the Paço Imperial, the palace of the Portuguese royal family after the court was moved to Rio in the early 19th century (open from 12 to 6pm everyday except Mon). Then walk into Arco do Telles (an arch on the left side of the square) to see a few blocks of colonial architecture. Make sure to visit the Casa França-Brasil and Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil (there may be interesting expos). In the same block you will also find the Cais do Oriente, a very charming and stylish restaurant. On Sun and Mon they serve only lunch (closing at 4pm), so check the opening hours before heading over (located at Rua Visconde de Itaboraí 8)

Make sure you visit downtown on a weekday when the district is busy and bustling with locals.

Botanical Garden

Favela Tour

The idea of organizing a tour to show the visitors what life is like in a favela was a creation of Marcelo Armstrong in the early 90's, and it was viewed by most people in the tourism business as a crazy dream which would never sell. Check www.favelatour.com.br for more info.

Nightlife

Any night take a taxi to the Lapa district – even if you're tired, go for just a beer or «caipirinha» and an hour of good live samba or chorinho.

Rio is a city that gets started late. There is music for all tastes but one of the most interesting places for visitors are the bars in the old area of downtown named Lapa. On any night of the week, you will find a variety of very talented musicians playing live Brazilian music. You will see people from 18 to 80, dancing and singing the old songs that everyone knows by heart. If you have only one night to go out, choose Rio Scenarium (Rua do Lavradio 20, opens Tues-Sat), the most interesting of all places. It is a 3-storey old warehouse, where furniture and artwork of different decades are beautifully set together with great lightening. If you can't get a table with stage view, don't bother to sit, just stand by the stage on the first floor, or on the balcony on the second floor.

Carioca da Gema (Rua Men de Sá 79) is also a great place, with air conditioning and very good service. It is the only place open on Mondays, and gets crowded on Fri and Sat. The only night of the week that most of these places are closed is Sunday.