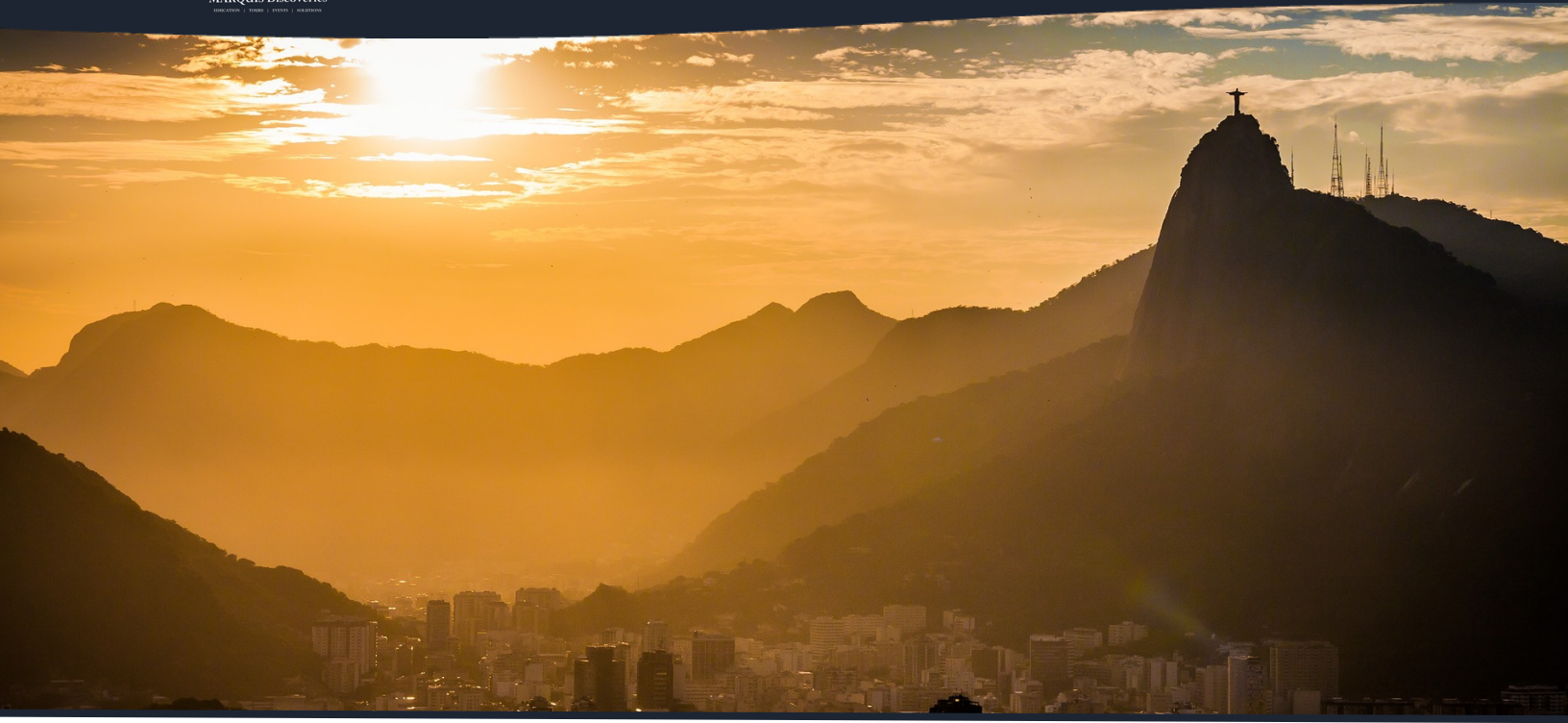




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Your custom tour adventure to Exotic Brazil *awaits ...*



## Blue Ridge Virginia Governor's School

June 15, to June 23, 2024

### Exotic Brazil Adventure

9 Days | 8 Nights | Private Coach | Christ The Redeemer Statue | Sugarloaf Mountain |  
Trekking | Horse Riding | Boat Rides | Trekking | Piranha Fishing | Birdwatching | Photo Safari |  
Nocturnal Viewing Of Caymans | Bodoquena Mountain Range | Waterfalls | Snorkeling



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## Blue Ridge Virtual Governor's School Tour June 2024


### Your Custom Adventure!

### ITINERARY

**Proposed Date**  
Saturday, June 15


**City**  
Washington D.C.

#### Itinerary

 Today you will have an overnight flight from Washington D.C. to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

 Welcome to Brazil!

 Arrival at the airport. Meet guide and driver and transfer to the hotel, (Copacabana or Arena Leme Hotel) near the beach in Rio de Janeiro. This afternoon we will have time to hike and explore the area.

 For the next three (3) nights you will be staying in a local area hotel in Rio de Janeiro. All accommodation is based on hotels with twin rooms (occasional triple) with private facilities guaranteed throughout.


 Tonight, dinner is included (Pizza Party).


**Sunday, June 16**

**Rio de Janeiro**

**Monday, June 17**

**Rio de Janeiro**

 This morning you will have breakfast in the hotel.

 After a delicious breakfast in your hotel, you will head out on a trip to see the world-famous Christ the Redeemer statue on top of Corcovado Mountain. A specially designed and environmentally friendly train will take you from the foot of the mountain along a winding road through the magical Tijuca rainforest where if you are lucky, you can see some of the enchanting tropical wildlife on constant display in Rio, such as toucans, monkeys and armadillos. At the summit of Corcovado, 800m above sea level, proudly stands the iconic image seen around the world – a 38m high statue of Christ the Savior. But that is not the only breathtaking thing about this place –you will be overwhelmed by the stunning panoramic view of the city, so high up it seems as though you are truly flying with the birds around you. From the far reaches of Guanabara Bay, to the Maracanã Stadium, all along to Sugarloaf Mountain, Copacabana, Ipanema and Gávea





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**Tuesday, June 18**

**Rio de Janerio**

- Mountain, you can see all of Rio de Janeiro. Our touring continues with an exciting journey through the center of Rio de Janeiro.
- Tonight you will return to your hotel in Rio de Janeiro.
- Today Breakfast is included. Lunch and dinner is on your own.

**Wednesday, June 19**

**Rio de Janerio  
&  
Campo Grande  
&  
Pantanal**


- This morning you will have breakfast in the hotel.
- Today we make our way to Sugarloaf Mountain where you can enjoy a beautiful view of Rio, Copacabana beach, Guanabara Bay, the surrounding mountains, islands in the ocean, Niteroi bridge, and the statue of Christ on Corcovado Mountain. After descending by cable car, we have a bit of free time for hiking, to spend on the beach and dinner on our own.
- Today Breakfast is included. Lunch and dinner is on your own.
- Tonight, you will return to your hotel in Rio de Janeiro.
- This morning you will have breakfast in the hotel. Before checking out and continuing your adventures to Campo Grande and the Pantanal.
- Transfer to the airport, flight Pantanal. Transfer to hotel.
- Another memorable day awaits us! We take a flight to Campo Grande where our driver is waiting for us. Pantanal is located in the center of the South American continent. This is a unique world conservation area located in Brazil. Wetland covered with dense flowering vegetation is the main landscape of the area. Here, lakes and rivers with crystal clear water provide shelter for the rarest specimens of birds and animals. Travelers stay in small, modern lodges which provide complete comfort and convenience. The Pantanal is for nature lovers, scientists, fishermen, photographers,





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and anyone tired of the rhythms of modern, urban life. Here you find peace, watching the birdlife and the huge butterflies, listening to the sounds of nature and absorbing its spirit. During our stay, we will participate in the following tours: horse riding, boat rides, trekking, piranha fishing, photo safaris and nocturnal viewing of caymans.


 For the next two (2) nights, you will be staying in a local area hotel in Pantanal at either Pousada Aguape or Araras Eco Lodge. All accommodation is based on hotels with twin rooms (occasional triple) with private facilities guaranteed throughout. Due to the remote nature of this area, quad rooming maybe required.


 Today, Breakfast and Dinner are included.

**Thursday, June 20**

**Pantanal**


 This morning you will have breakfast in the hotel.


 Today we participate in the tours mentioned above as we explore Pantanal. The trips are carefully selected to make the most of your time and depend on the climate and time of year. All are guided by locals that will share information about the flora and fauna. To avoid the intense heat of midday, most tours will be early in the morning and later in the afternoon and the possibility of seeing the movement of more animals is improved.

 Today, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are included.

**Friday, June 21**

**Pantanal & Bonito**

 This morning you will have breakfast in the hotel.


 Early morning departure towards the Bodoquena Mountain Range, brings us to Parque das Cahciueiras waterfalls where we have a tour. Here a walk across the preserved woodland along safe trails will take you to seven waterfalls, of which beautiful caves hide behind the wall of water. Indulge in the translucent natural pools and refresh yourself in the transparent






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crystal-clear river. Pause to observe the woodlands and the huge limestone walls. After getting so much from nature, it's time to return to the reception area. The afternoon can be spent at the natural swimming pools before heading to Bonito and check in at our hotel.


 Today Breakfast and Lunch are included and Dinner is on your own.


## Saturday, June 22

### Bonito

 This morning you will have breakfast in the hotel.


 After breakfast, we visit the Gruta do Lago Azul. The trail will start with a 40-minute walk to the cave, then, after descending 100 meters, you will see the lake with its crystal-clear water. The depth is 72 meters and, in the morning, when the sunbeams hit the lake, the water will have an intense blue color. In late morning we continue to the Rio Sucuri, where lunch will be served. After lunch we start our snorkeling tour. The tour starts with a visit to the river spring, where you can see the water boiling out of the ground. You are taken to a wooden deck where you start the snorkeling tour along the crystal-clear river. The 750- meter-long trip you can observe the rich subaquatic flora and fauna. It is an unforgettable experience. For those who do not want to go snorkeling, it's possible to stay in the boat and descend the river by support boat and enjoy the flora and fauna at the river edges. (B, L)

 Tonight you will return to your hotel in Pousada Arte Da Natureza.

 Today, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are included.

## Sunday, June 23

### Washington D.C.

 Today you start your journey back to the USA full of great memories and experiences, ready to share your stories of your adventures with your family and friends. Depending on your flights, we may arrive home today or tomorrow.





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## Price Breakdown

### What's Included

-  Air Tickets National and International (*final price subject to published airfare*).
-  Accommodation in hotels according to the program with breakfast or similar.
-  Excursions according to the program in group with English speaking guide.
-  Full Time Tour Director.
-  Private Transfers in destination country.
-  Meals as indicated in itinerary.
-  Basic health insurance and post departure travel protection for all guests while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$25,000), \$150,000 of coverage for Non-Medical Emergency Evacuation and, \$100,000 of coverage for Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation.
-  Use of our online registration portal for registering participants, sharing information, collecting medical, dietary and contact information, designed to make your trip safer and easier.

Minimum of **40** Full Paying Participants

#### Double

**Approximately \$4,350**

Based on 40 Full Paying Participants in Double rooms and 4 Staff.

#### Single

**+385 (Single Supplement)**

For adults who would like Single Rooms there is a single person supplement of \$TBA in addition to the double price. Total single room package \$TBA

**Total Group size 40 + 4 Teachers MAX 75 guests (group size can increase if needed).**










**Prices subject to final published airfare.**

There is a 2% fee for Registration Portal. Payments via check are at the above cash prices.





## What's not included

-  Additional Excursions.
  -  Additional Baggage or overweight Baggage.
  -  Visa's.
  -  Beverages other than those mentioned.
  -  Meals not mentioned in itinerary.
  -  Tips and Gratuities for Restaurants, Guides and Drivers.
  -  Personal Charges.
  -  Any COVID-19 travel requirements such as testing, masks, hand sanitizer etc.
  -  Pre-departure Travel Protection (post-departure is included). MARQUIS Discoveries offers and recommends Student deluxe, speak to us for further details:  
Based on approximate individual cost of tour being under \$4,500 per person
- |                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Deluxe                | \$121.50 |
| Cancel For Any Reason | \$181.50 |

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## Safety Assured

When MARQUIS Discoveries LLC builds your adventure, you can rest assured knowing that we have taken every precaution to ensure the safety of your group. With more than 40 years combined experience, we know the value of personally vetting each of our coach companies, admissions and restaurants ensuring that the most appropriate and highest standards of safety are in place where they need to be. MARQUIS Discoveries central team is on hand and can be reached by all our touring groups 24/7. We are here to smooth away all the rough edges of your adventures, giving you the peace of mind and energy to focus on having the real experience of a life time. With our Insurance partners at Travel Insured International, your group and their families will have access to a 24 hour emergency telephone line whilst the group travels aboard as well as travel alerts for your destinations.

## Sustainable

We care about the environments and cultures we touch, the memories we make and the memories we leave behind. All our tours have ways to give back. Speak with our team to learn about ways that you can give back to the experience of your adventure.

## Experienced

Our team has over 40 years combined experience of educating and bringing to life high quality educational tours, giving our team the expert knowledge your group needs. MARQUIS Discoveries specializes in designing and building custom deluxe travel programs for schools and intrepid group travelers to destinations across all seven continents.

## Customized

No two programs are the same. We custom build your dreams into your perfect travel reality, so every tour is uniquely you. We custom build every itinerary around your Destination's, Your Objectives and Your Themes. With MARQUIS Discoveries your dreams no longer need to stay in the pages of a book. MARQUIS Discoveries, is committed to bringing them to life! Partnering with you, with our unrivaled combination of both expertise and personal service, our team will, custom build your travel dreams into a reality.

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