



# NCE 11 DAY SOCCER TOUR TO RIO DE JANEIRO

Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> to Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Including games and training sessions with  
Botafogo, Fluminense and Madureira*



CHRIST THE REDEEMER



# FRIENDLY GAMES AGAINST TOP BRAZILIAN OPPOSITION



# TRAINING SESSIONS WITH ACADEMY COACHES



**ATTEND TWO LIVE  
PRO GAMES IN  
RIO DE JANEIRO**

MARACANA STADIUM



## FUTSAL AND BEACH SOCCER IN RIO



*Play Vs Fluminense FC, club that  
developed Marcelo*

# PLAY VS FLUMINENSE AND OTHER TOP ACADEMY CLUBS IN RIO




# SIGHTSEEING EXCURSIONS & CITY TOURS

SUGAR LOAF





**AND BEAUTIFUL  
BEACHES**



Ronaldo Luiz Nazário de Lima

*Ronaldo*

*"Fenômeno"*

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**BEHIND THE SCENES  
TOUR OF MARACANA  
STADIUM**  
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# TOUR OF BRAZILIAN SOCCER FEDERATION (CBF) MUSEUM









# ACCOMMODATION

All accommodation is selected to ensure comfort and satisfaction for our touring group. During our stay in Rio, we will be staying at Windsor Tower Hotel Address: R. Martinho de Mesquita, 150 - Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22620-220 Windsor Tower Hotel: +55 (21) 2195-3000






# YOUR ITINERARY

Please note all itineraries are subject to change

	Day 1 Friday, Mar 31	Day 2 Saturday, April 1	Day3 Sunday, April 2	Day 4 Monday, April 3	Day 5 Tuesday, April 4
Morning		Arrive at Rio de Janeiro at 8:00  Transfer to hotel  Lunch  Check in at hotel	Visit Sugar Loaf   Lunch at Monte Libano Club in the Lagoon area	<b>Professional Training Session #1</b>  at Fluminense FC, 	Visit CBF Museum  
Afternoon/ Evening	Flight to Brazil	Free to explore Rio de Janeiro Barra da Tijuca Beach	<b>Professional Game #1</b>  Watch a Professional Game at Maracanã Stadium, home of the 2014 World Cup Finals  	Lunch at Fluminense  <b>Game #1</b>  Vs Fluminense FC  	<b>Game #2</b>  Vs Serrano FC  

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	Day 6 Wednesday, April 5	Day 7 Thursday, April 6	Day 8 Friday, April 7	Day 9 Saturday, April 8	Day 11 Sunday, April 9	Day 11 Monday, April 10
Morning	Free morning then transfer to Botafogo Youth Complex	Visit Christ the Redeemer 	Beach Training Session with former Brazilian National Team Coach  Lunch	<b>Game #4</b> Vs. C.R. Flamengo 	Free morning to relax at the Beach before checking out hotel	Arrive in the USA
Afternoon/ Evening	<b>Game #3</b> Vs. Botafogo 	<b>Social project visit</b> Parents may stay in Ipanema for Buteco Belmont	Free afternoon	Time to explore Ipanema Beach	Lunch Flight back home	

**Note:** training sessions and games are to be confirmed according to availability of youth academy teams.



## PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 8 nights accommodation in Rio de Janeiro hotel based on twin, triple or quad rooms in the Barra da Tijuca or Copacabana area
- Breakfast and lunch daily
- 1 x Training session in Brazil at a Youth Academy
- 4 x Games in Brazil vs local competitive clubs including at least 2 of the top four clubs in Rio
- 1 x Admission ticket to CBF Museum Tour
- 1 x Admission ticket to Professional Game
- Admission ticket to Christ the Redeemer
- Admission ticket to Sugar Loaf in Rio de Janeiro
- Transfer to and from all activities in Brazil
- Bi-lingual speaking tour Liaison Officer in permanent attendance
- NCE Coaching Staff

### PLAYERS ALSO RECEIVE:

Complete international uniform package including NCE NIKE tracksuit, polo shirt, short, socks and 2 numbered game shirts.

### NOT INCLUDED:

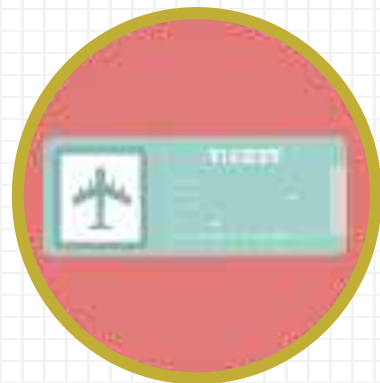
- International flights to Brazil
- Laundry
- Tips for driver and tour guide
- Additional events not included in itinerary
- Travel insurance

# Flight to Brazil



## NCE Group Flight Program

Group should plan to arrive at the airport 3 hours before departure time and meet NCE Staff coaches. Location TBC.



## Independent Fliers

Independent travellers are responsible to meet up with the NCE group in Brazil. Location TBC.



## First day arrival

Once through customs and immigration, we will meet up and connect with our bus driver and follow itinerary.



## Itinerary and check in

Hotel check in is usually 3.00pm but we will attempt to get an earlier check in.

# Some Important Points

## 1. Our Expectations

- a) Players should understand they are representing themselves, their family, NCE Soccer and the USA and we expect them to act in a way that reflects the behavior expected at a professional academy. NCE Soccer will take the necessary steps to address any issues or concerns which could include removal from the tour.

## 2. Independent Travelers

- a) We can not provide tickets for events or transportation for those supporters who are not part of the NCE Supporters tour.
- b) We will inform you of locations for training and games so you can make your own way to the location.

## 3. Make sure you have completed the Information capture Link

- a) <https://ncesoccer.wufoo.com/forms/m4wctgt1eslra9/>
- b) This helps us collect contact information for our WhatsApp group, preferred playing position, airline, roommate, dietary and medical needs.

## 4. Where can I find updated information about the tour?

- a) We will continue to post updates about the itinerary and other important information to the tour web page which can be reached at <https://ncesoccer.com/brazil-tour-info-page/>

## 5. Completing Forms

- a) Make sure you complete the COVID form and send this to [nick@ncesoccer.com](mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com) as instructed. This form can be found on the tour page. Without a completed form US Soccer will not approve your travel.
- b) ALL players traveling without parents need to provide the NCE Staff with a signed Medical Form and Travel Consent Form which can also be found on the tour page and e mailed to [nick@ncesoccer.com](mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com)

## 6. Do I need health insurance?

- a) We recommend you consider health insurance for your travel with options available via our tour webpage.

# Some further Important Points

## 1. What do I do if I have not received my NCE International Uniform?

- a) All players should now have ordered and received their international uniform with number or have a delivery date.
- b) If you have not received the uniform or an expected delivery date beyond the start of the tour, please contact Nick Dunbar [nick@ncesoccer.com](mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com)

## 2. What if I have specific dietary needs?

- a) Please provide details using the information capture form <https://ncesoccer.wufoo.com/forms/m4wctgt1eslra9/>
- b) All locations that we use for meals will be informed of these needs.

## 3. Cell Phones

- a) Check your cell phone provider for international rates. If you do not have an international plan then switch your phone to airline mode for the time you are overseas.

## 4. Packing List

- a) Players to travel in full tracksuit and polo shirt for the flight and pack training gear in your carry on for when you arrive.
- b) We will try to do a laundry during the week but suggest a small bottle of detergent in your checked bag.

## 5. Money

- a) Most meals, lodging and general expenses are covered. Spending money is recommended for additional meals (\$10 to \$20 per meal) shopping, snacks, evening activities, etc. Recommended amount is \$300.00 per traveler.
- b) We suggest having money to tip our driver and guides, about a US dollar a day per person in your party would be a good amount.
- c) Currency is Brazilian REAIS. For todays exchange rate, please go to Universal Currency Converter and convert REAIS to US Dollars.
- d) All major credit cards are accepted. It is not recommended you exchange money in advance or at the airport. Our guide will be able to assist us while in Rio de Janeiro.

## 6. Communications

- a) We will set up a Supporters WhatsApp group to provide notifications and details about the tour. To join that group please click on the following link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HkzN962CNU12dDMj8Ykg5A>

## 7. Trip Preparation

- a) An adaptor may be required in order to use electronic equipment, such as hairdryers, iPods, alarm clocks, razors, computers, etc.
- b) Consider jet lag preventative measures. It is encouraged that each passenger gets up and walks around during the flight to prevent blood clots. Sleeping on the plane will help, as most flights land early in the morning in the time zone of Rio de Janeiro.
- c) It is a good idea to pack prescription medications in your carry-on just in case you have trouble locating your baggage upon arrival.
- d) Check the weather of Rio de Janeiro prior to your trip so you are aware of what additional items may be needed. <https://www.accuweather.com/en/br/rio-de-janeiro/45449/weather-forecast/45449>
- e) Be sure to have luggage tags on which your name, home address, and phone number are written clearly.

# COVID and General Travel Information

USEFUL INFORMATION SITE [COVID Travel Information to Brazil](#)

## IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR BRAZIL

- Is a negative COVID-19 test (PCR and/or antigen) required for entry? **YES**, but only for those who are unvaccinated. (See below for details.)
- Are health screening procedures in place at airports and other ports of entry? **YES**
- To enter Brazil, travelers age 12 and older must present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test as described below:.

### Fully Vaccinated Travelers must present proof of COVID-19 vaccination as follows:

1. Before boarding, travelers must present proof of their vaccination status (electronic or printed) to the airline responsible for their flight.
2. The vaccine must be approved by the World Health Organization or by relevant health authorities in the country where the vaccine was administered.
3. Proof of vaccination may be in English, Portuguese, or Spanish, and must include the manufacturer's name, the lot number, and the date of the dose(s). (Proof of vaccination only in QR-code format or other coded language will not be accepted.)
4. COVID-19 recovery certificates will not be accepted in lieu of proof of full vaccination.
5. To be considered fully vaccinated, the traveler must have received the final dose of the vaccine at least 14 days prior to boarding.

### Unvaccinated Travelers must present negative COVID-19 Tests Results as follows:

1. The COVID-19 test must be a laboratory test (RT-PCR) or antigen test for screening for infection by SARS-CoV-2, with a negative/non-reactive result, performed within one day of boarding;
2. The document must be presented in English, Portuguese, or Spanish;
3. The test must be carried out in a laboratory recognized by the health authority of the country of departure;
4. In the event of travel to Brazil with connections or stopovers where the traveler remains in a restricted area of the airport, the one-day period refers to one day prior to boarding the first flight of the trip. However, if the traveler leaves the restricted area of the airport, and it is more than one day after the RT-PCR or antigen test, the traveler must take a new COVID-19 test, RT-PCR or antigen, and present proof of a negative test result prior to boarding a plane to Brazil
5. **Note: Travelers who have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days and are now asymptomatic but still test positive can enter Brazil but must present the following to the airline before boarding:**
  1. Two COVID-19 RT-PCR tests at least 14 days apart, the most recent performed no more than one day before boarding;
  2. A medical certificate stating the traveler is asymptomatic and able to travel, including the specific date of travel. The certificate must be in English, Portuguese, or Spanish.

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