

## A SUMMER FIELD COURSE TO:

# **RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**

July 31, 2002 - August 8, 2002  
Total Travel Costs Starting at \$1583

Dr. Kenneth Johnson and Dr. Tracy Allen, faculty members in the Geography Department of the State University of New York, College at Oneonta, are pleased to announce that they are planning a field course to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from July 31 - August 8, 2002. The course will be entitled: International Studies 394 - Brazil: Cultures and Environments. (In the past, Dr. Johnson has led similar group tours to Italy, Greece, France, Germany and the United Kingdom.) This program is open to participants from all backgrounds and ages. Also, please note that participants who wish to stay longer for independent travel may do so for a nominal extra fee.



### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

International Studies 394 - Brazil: Cultures and Environments (Cross-listed as Interdisciplinary Studies 394). A field study of the human and physical geography of the city of Rio de Janeiro and its surrounding region. Topics to be covered will include: cultural geography, urban and regional planning, architecture, economic development and the physical environment (including the climate, tropical vegetation, landforms and environmental issues in the Rio region).



*Rio De Janeiro Beaches – Day 1*

### **ITINERARY:**

#### Day 1 (Wednesday):

The group will depart from New York City on the evening of Wednesday, July 31, 2002. (Connecting flight arrangements can be made for participants flying to New York City from other cities.)



#### Day 2 (Thursday):

Arrival in Rio, check-in to hotel and meet our bi-lingual tour director who will remain with the group for our entire trip. In the afternoon we will have a guided sightseeing tour of Rio and then a visit to Sugar Loaf Mt. We will take a 1,200 foot cable car to the top of Sugar Loaf for a panoramic view of the city, its world-famous beaches (Copacabana, Ipanema, Botafogo, and Flamengo), Guanabara Bay and its many islands.

#### *Sugar Loaf Cable Car- Day 2*

#### Day 3 (Friday):

Group excursion to Corcovado Mountain. This mountain is 2,400 feet high and is on the edge of Tijuca National Park just 15 minutes drive from Rio. We will take an incline cog wheel train to the top where we will see the famous landmark statue of “Christ the Redeemer” (weighing over 1,000 tons.) From this mountain-top we will have a 3600 panoramic view of the natural beauty of the Rio region including Guanabara Bay and the Tijuca Rainforest. We will also have lunch at one of the area’s fine international restaurants.

#### *Christ the Redeemer – Day 3*



#### Day 4 (Saturday):

Today the group will participate in an excursion by jeep into the heart of the Tijuca Rainforest National Park. Enjoy the lush vegetation, waterfalls and wildlife of the park.

#### Day 5 (Sunday):

The group will travel to the city of Petropolis high in the mountains 40 miles behind Rio. It is named for Dom Pedro II, Emperor of Brazil who used to spend the summer months here in the cool mountain air. We will visit the cathedral and various other historic sites and monuments from the 19th and 20th centuries including the Imperial Museum (which displays the crown jewels from the reign of Dom Pedro II).

#### Day 6 (Monday):

Today the group will be joined by a local expert to tour the historic colonial section of Rio parts of which date from 1586. We will visit the former Imperial Palace as well as various plazas, churches, monuments and other structures of colonial and neoclassical architectural style which endure amidst the soaring modern skyscrapers of Rio.

### *Rainforest Excursion and Study - Day 4*



#### Day 7 (Tuesday):

Today we will take an excursion by sailing vessel to a group of tropical islands in the Atlantic Ocean (the Costa Verde Islands off the coast of Rio). The trip will be a traditional Brazilian two-masted schooner called a Saveiro. We will have lunch on the islands. (This trip is included in the program price.)

#### Day 8 (Wednesday):

Free day. Then evening transfer to airport for our overnight flight home (unless you have made arrangements to stay longer and return home later).

#### Day 9 (Thursday):

Arrive home in the morning.



*Saveiro": A Traditional Wooden Schooner – Day 7*

#### **TRAVEL PROGRAM EXPENSES:**

Youth Rate: For participants who will be 25 years of age or younger at the date of departure, the total fixed price is \$1,571. This includes round trip airfare (2 night flights), all airport fees, ground transportation in Rio, 6 nights at tourist class hotel with private bathrooms, continental breakfast and evening dinner every day, full-time bi-lingual tour director, cable car to Sugar Loaf Mt., cog wheel train to Corcovado Mt., in-depth sightseeing and entrance fees to select attractions. Youth-fare participants will be grouped together at 3 or 4 persons per room. (Participants should budget at least \$300 for out-of-pocket expenses such as lunches, entertainment and souvenirs.)

**Adult Rate:** For participants who will be 26 years of age or older at the date of departure, there is an adult supplement of \$285 for a total adult rate of \$1,868 per person. This rate includes everything listed above for the youth rate. However, it is based upon adults grouped 2 per room in either double or twin beds. Please note: All travel payments will be made directly to the tour operating company.

**Academic Fees:** The academic fees for this program consist of the following: 1) A \$25 application fee charged to all participants; 2) Participants enrolled for 3 academic credits will pay a total tuition fee of \$137 per credit for New York State residents or \$346 per credit for non-residents. Participants who choose to take the program on a non-credit basis will be charged a participation fee of \$350 in lieu of tuition. Participants who take this program for academic credit will be required to maintain a daily journal during the trip and will submit a term paper on a topic relevant to the course after the trip is over. There are no exams in this course. (Of course, participants who enroll on a non-credit basis do not have to do any of the academic assignments.)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

To qualify for the exceptionally low rates described above, your completed application and total payment should be received by **April 17, 2002**. After that date, applications will still be accepted on a space-available basis but there might be an additional fee. Individuals who plan to stay longer in South America for independent travel are welcome but should make these special arrangements as early as possible. Application forms and further information may be obtained from: Dr. Kenneth Johnson, Department of Geography, State University of New York, College at Oneonta, Oneonta, NY 13820-4015. Telephone: (607) 436-3379 or FAX: (607) 436-2656 or via the web from Dr. Tracy Allen at: [allenth@oneonta.edu](mailto:allenth@oneonta.edu).



*Major Roads and Sites - Rio De Janeiro*

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

We will use the largest provider of educational tours in the U.S. as the travel/tour company for this course. Each year they take more than 70,000 travelers on various tours throughout the world. The travel company offers various types of optional insurance which are explained in the application materials. Temperatures in late July and early August average in the range of 75<sup>0</sup>-80<sup>0</sup>F during the day and 60<sup>0</sup> - 70<sup>0</sup>F at night. July and August are also the driest months of the year with a minimal number of days of rain. (Incidentally, the flight from New York to Rio is 4801 miles which is twice the distance from New York to Los Angeles.)

Please note that this program is subject to cancellation or modification as a result of underenrollment or any other unforeseen circumstances.

