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# World Youth Day 2013 IN RIO DE JANEIRO

*Including Rio de Janeiro City Tour & Christ the Redeemer Statue*

★ **10-DAY ITINERARY** ★ July 21 to 30, 2013

## **SUN, JULY 21, DAY 1: DEPART USA**

Today, we depart for World Youth Day 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil! By joining our brothers and sisters from around the world in this celebration of World Youth Day, we answer Christ's request to "Go and make disciples of all peoples"

Brazil is the country with the largest Roman Catholic community in the world. Tradition says that the first Mass celebrated in Brazil took place on Easter Sunday of the year 1500. The country itself is one of the biggest in the world. Officially known as Brasil or Republica Federtiva do Brasil, it is also the most populous countries in Latin America. Its official language is Portuguese. Brazil has been a Colony, an Empire, a Republic and has been under the Military rule. Today it's a democratic nation. The seasons in Brazil are opposite to those of the United States. As a result, July is cooler than December.

## **MON, JULY 22 DAY 2: RIO DE JANEIRO: VISIT OF THE CITY**

We arrive in Rio de Janeiro and are met by our representative of Catholic Travel Centre. Boarding our waiting motor coach, we proceed to downtown Rio for a tour of the city.

Rio de Janeiro is the most visited city in the southern hemisphere and is known for its spectacular natural setting. Rio is also home to the giant statue of Christ the Redeemer, atop Corcovado mountain, the statue has been named one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. The city is also known for Sugarloaf mountain with its cable car and Maracana Stadium one of the worlds largest.



We will enjoy a panoramic tour of the city and its beautiful beaches with some time at leisure for lunch on our own before checking in at our hotel to rest from our journey. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. (D)

## **TUE, JULY 23, DAY 3: RIO DE JANEIRO: VISIT OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER STATUE & OPENING MASS**

This morning, after an early breakfast, we enjoy a visit of the Christ the Redeemer statue. After our visit, we continue to our World Youth Day Opening Mass. Afterwards we return to our accommodations. (B)

## **WED, JULY 24 AND THU, JULY 25, DAYS 4-5: RIO DE JANEIRO: CATECHETICAL SESSIONS**

Each morning, after breakfast at our hotel, we will make our way to our catechesis location for the day, with the remainder of the meals taken on site as part

of the WYD Registration package. Our escort will assist us in negotiating the public transportation system to make our way back to our accommodations each evening. (B)

### **FRI, JULY 26, DAY 6: RIO DE JANEIRO: CATECHETICAL SESSIONS & WAY OF THE CROSS**

After breakfast, with the assistance of our tour escort, we will make our way to our catechesis location for the day, with the remainder of our meals taken on site as part of the WYD Registration package. We will also have the opportunity to participate in the Way of the Cross. (Pending final schedule) (B)

### **SAT, JULY 27, DAY 7: RIO DE JANEIRO: LEISURE & PILGRIMS WALK**

This morning is at leisure to sleep in a bit in preparation for our pilgrimage walk this afternoon. With the assistance of our tour escort, we make our way to the site of the Evening Vigil (subject to final scheduling). Meals will be made available as part of our WYD Registration Package. We sleep out under the stars as we pray at the vigil with thousands of youth from around the globe – and with His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. (B)

### **SUN, JULY 28, DAY 8: RIO DE JANEIRO: CLOSING MASS**

Wake up this morning to the rustling of thousands of youth greeting the morning sun! Today we will experience one of the most awesome liturgies of our entire life as we celebrate the Eucharist with hundreds of thousands of our brothers and sisters from around the world, along with His Holiness Pope



Benedict XVI. (Subject to Holy Father's schedule). After Mass, we make our way back to the hotel. This afternoon is free to rest and pack. Tonight we gather for a special farewell dinner. (D)

### **MON, JULY 29, DAY 9: RETURN TO THE USA**

This morning, after breakfast, we have some time at leisure to explore this charming city on our own. Some of us may wish to stroll the beautiful beaches, take the cable car to the top of Sugarloaf, or perhaps do some last minute shopping. Later today, depending on our flight schedule, we transfer to the Rio de Janeiro airport for our flight to the USA. (B)

### **TUE, JULY 30, DAY 10: ARRIVE IN THE USA**

Today we arrive in the USA filled with wonderful memories of the best World Youth Day ever.

*B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner*



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