

2014 FIFA WORLD CUP TOUR: BRAZIL 11 – 27 June

TOUR INTRODUCTION

With the draw in Sauipe done and destinations known, we can now look forward to what we have in our upcoming tour.

For the football purists, this is a great draw, as it gives Australian supporters an opportunity of seeing 3 of the most exciting teams in the world, an opportunity most of us would relish. But it is a tough one. With the other teams in group B being Chile, Netherlands and Spain, this is one of the harder ones (even though they are all tough).

But the bonus for us, is the opportunity of seeing these 3 teams play, and it just means that we need to play some really good football to progress to the next round.

With our first game in Cuiaba, we have decided that due to a lack of suitable accommodation, we will spend our first 6 nights in Rio. This is an absolute bonus, as we were not sure if we could get there at all, but now we will have the opportunity of spending nearly a week here, and plan to do a day return trip to Cuiaba for the match against Chile. The fellow South Americans will come across in their numbers and the spectacle and vibrancy will make for a really great atmosphere.

The hotel in Rio, as absolutely beach front and absolutely brand new (it is not even open yet), but we have inspected it and it is ready to go. Located in the southern suburbs of Barra da Tijuca, this area is the most affluent and safest area of Rio and an area you will be delighted with this location. It is the home of movie stars and footballs stars and a really friendly and comfortable environment.

After a week on the Rio beaches, we then move to our second match destination of Porto Alegre. Now to be quite honest, Porto Alegre is not the most exciting of cities, but their one big claim to fame, is that it is the gateway to one of Brazil's most famous resort towns of Gramado. Having inspected all areas, we had no hesitation in deciding to base ourselves in this great location, just over an hour from the stadium, and a location I can assure you, will not disappoint, and is also regarded as possibly the safest area in all Brazil.

And if the match against Chile was tough, the Netherlands will be even tougher. Having being the losing finalist in 2010 in South Africa, the Dutch will surely be looking to go one better, and will be strongly backed by their army of orange supporters. Again the atmosphere will be exhilarating, and this is what makes this event so special.

Our third destination is Curitiba, and if our second match against the Netherlands was tough, then this one is against Spain, the current World Cup holders, and the current world No 1 ranked team. The Spanish are passionate about their football, and the expectations on their team are high, so hopefully we can spoil their party.

The city of Curitiba is regarded as the green city and Brazil's most liveable city. But rather than spending a week here, (as this is probably too long) we have decided to spend our last couple of nights in Sao Paulo, the biggest of all Brazilian cities and the commercial and business hub of the country. The areas we have chosen have been carefully selected for their security and safety, I have stayed and walked around these areas, and am comfortable with our decision to stay here, but our driving into and out of these areas will give you a different perspective on what we have seen on this tour, and in many ways an opportunity of catching a glimpse of the real Brazil.

Please note that all our hotels and flights are contracted, confirmed and deposited, so we are locked in.

TOUR ITINERARY

Tuesday 10th June, 2014 Depart Australia on your Emirates flights to Rio, via Dubai.

Wednesday 11th June, 2014 Depart Australia on your Qantas flight to Rio, via Santiago. On arrival in Rio de Janeiro, both flights will be met, and you will be transferred to your hotel, the brand new Mercure hotel. For those on land only packages, you will need to make your own way to the hotel.

Thursday 12th June, 2014 After a leisurely start, we get into football mode, with our welcome party hosted by the Four Diegos. All this while watching the opening ceremony and opening match Brazil v Croatia from Sao Paulo.

Friday 13th June, 2014 This morning we transfer to the airport and our confirmed GOL flights to Cuiaba and our late afternoon game against Chile at Estádio Verdão. After the match, our return GOL flight back to Rio and back to our beachside base.

Saturday 14th June, 2014 Today is a bit of a recovery day, to either rest and relax beachside, explore the local Barra area, wander a little further, or find a nice bar to watch the other games.

Sunday 15th June, 2014 A half day tour of Rio taking in the spectacular scenery of this amazing city – Christ the Redeemer, Sugarloaf, Copacabana. We are just privileged to get a draw that allows us time in this great city.

Monday 16th June, 2014 Another free day of beachtime, exploring or world cup football.

Tuesday 17th June, 2014 This morning we transfer to the airport for our GOL flights to Porto Alegre, and our transfer to the resort town of Gramado and our accommodation either Alpenhaus, or Laghetto Toscana.

Wednesday 18th June, 2014 Match day in Porto Alegre, and our early afternoon kick-off against the Netherlands, so we'll get the boys from the Four Diegos to entertain us, before we transfer down to the refurbished Esádio Beira-Rio

Thursday 19th June, 2014 A good chance to see the town of Gramado, or catch the bus down to Porto Alegre. Or watch the games in one of the local bars.

Friday 20th June, 2014 Another day of relaxing and taking it easy in this great location.

Saturday 21st June, 2014 This morning we have an early start for our GOL flight to Curitiba. Here we have our accommodation spread over 3 Mercure hotels in town and the Mabu Capivari.

Sunday 22nd June, 2014	A day at your leisure, exploring the city or countryside, or watching some of the games from the World Cup.
Monday 23rd June, 2014	We'll have our normal pre-match function with the four Diegos at the Mercure Batel before a short stroll down to the Estádio Joaquim Americo Guimaraes, for the match against current world champions and No 1 team Spain.
Tuesday 24th June, 2014	This morning we'll take a leisurely drive through the countryside to Sao Paulo, where we have our accommodation for the next 3 nights. We have contracted 5 separate Mercure hotels here, but all are located in the Moema - Iberapuera area, and all within a short and safe walking distance from each other.
Wednesday 25th June, 2014	Today we'll undertake a guided tour of Sao Paulo, to give you a bit of an insight to this huge city.
Thursday 26th June, 2014	A free day to explore Sao Paulo at your leisure or another day watching more group games. Late this evening a transfer to Rio for the early morning Emirates flight to Dubai.
Friday 27th June, 2014	Today we have a second transfer to meet the Qantas flight, or for those staying on for the Round of 16, a transfer back to our Rio beachfront accommodation at Barra.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return Domestic flight from Rio de Janeiro to Cuiaba
- Domestic flight from Rio de Janeiro to Porto Alegre
- Domestic flight from Porto Alegre to Curitiba
- 6 Nights Accommodation in Rio de Janeiro (11 - 17 June)
- 4 Nights Accommodation in Porto Alegre (17 - 21 June)
- 3 Nights Accommodation in Curitiba (21 - 24 June)
- 3 Nights Accommodation in Sao Paulo (24 - 27 June)
- Breakfasts daily
- Airport transfers to meet for the above domestic flights
- Return stadium transfers to all 3 Australian matches
- Bilingual assistance with all transfers
- Four Diegos sombrero, shirt & scarf
- Opening ceremony on arrival hosted by the Four Diegos
- Regular football panels hosted by Four Diegos
- Hosted by the Four Diegos
- Managed by Premium Sport Tours staff

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares into and out of Brazil
- Airline Taxes and Charges
- Match Tickets - Purchase individually on FIFA website (see ticket information below for details)
- All items of a personal nature
- All meals and drinks unless specified
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Visa required for Brazil (currently US\$66.00)

ROUND OF 16 ADD-ON : RIO DE JANEIRO

- 5 Nights 4 star accommodation in Rio from the 27 June - 2 July, 2014
- Breakfasts daily
- Return group airport transfers
- Bilingual assistance with all transfers
- Managed by Premium Sport Tours staff

TOUR COST – PRICE PER PERSON

Tour	Twin pp	Single pp
16 Day Group Tour	\$9,490	\$13,990
Round of 16 Add-On	\$2,700	\$4,300