



# MEET THE TEAM



**Lawrence McLean** 

# CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT TRIP HOST

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



**Andrea McLean** 

### SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER HOST ASSISTANT

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style, She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around , there is always laughter.



William McLean

# SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER HOST ASSISTANT

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last foreverr.

"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."

# THE ITINERARY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22** 



**ARRIVE IN RIO DE JANIERO** 



HILTON COPACABANA

3:00 PM CHECK IN



8:00 PM

**BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER** 

**MONDAY, JUNE 23** 



# **FREE TIME**

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

## HANG GLIDING

(For those who booked)

9:00 AM

DEPART FOR HANG GLIDINGZ

11:00 AM

RETURN TO HOTEL



# **CHRIST THE REDEEMER &** SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN

12:00 PM

DEPART FOR TOUR

5:00 PM

RETURN TO HOTEL

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24** 



# **FAVELA & SELARON** STEP TOUR

DEPART FOR TOUR

RETURN TO HOTEL

# **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25**



# **FREE TIME**

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

### **COOKING CLASS**

(For those who booked)

9:00 AM

DEPART FOR COOKING CLASS

12:00 PM

RETURN TO HOTEL

# **DANCE CLASS**

(For those who booked)

1:00 PM

DEPART FOR DANCE CLASS

4:00 PM

RETURN TO HOTEL

# **THURSDAY, JUNE 26**



# **FREE TIME**

(For those who didn't book add-ons)



# **FLY TO IGUAZU FALLS**

(For those who booked)

12:30 PM

CHECK OUT / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

3:35 PM

DEPART FOR IGUAZU / via Gol Flight G31990

5:50 PM

ARRIVE IN IGUAZU AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL



FALLS IGUAZU HOTEL & SPA

5:50 PM CHECK IN

# FRIDAY, JUNE 27



# **FLY TO RIO DE JANIERO**

(For those who booked Iguazu Falls)

4:00 PM

CHECK OUT / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

6:30 PM

DEPART FOR RIO / via Gol Flight G31991

8:25 PM

ARRIVE IN RIO / TRANSFER TO HOTEL



HILTON COPACABANA

8:25 PM CHECK IN



# THE EXTENSION

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29** 



**FREE TIME** 

(For those who didn't book add-ons)

# **MONDAY, JUNE 30**



### **FLY TO BAHIA**

11:00 AM CHECK OUT / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

2:00 PM DEPART FOR BAHIA / via GOL G13776

4:05 PM ARRIVE IN BAHIA AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL



**IBEROSTAR RESORT** 

4:05 PM CHECK IN

# TUESDAY, JULY 1



## **BAHIA CITY TOUR**

9:00 AM DEPART FOR TOUR

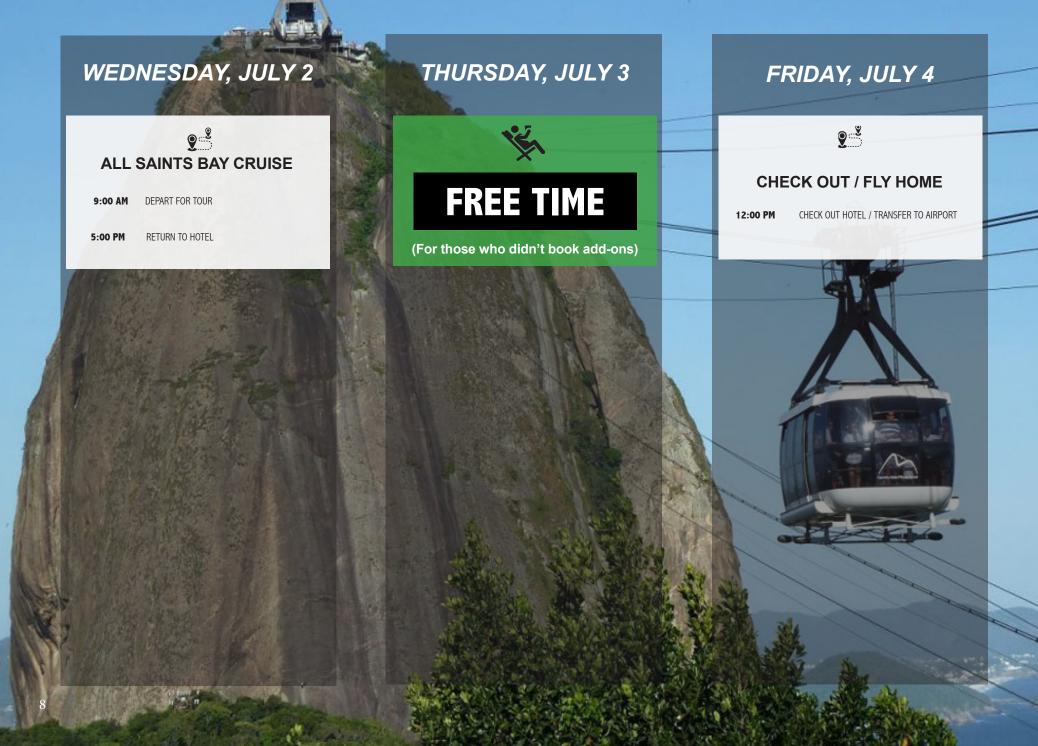
12:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**CULTURAL DINNER & SHOW** 







### RIO DE JANEIRO

Locals call it the "Marvelous City" and once you visit Rio de Janeiro, you'll understand why. Nestled on the tropical cliffs of the southeastern coast of Brazil, this cosmopolitan ex-capital is the second largest city in Brazil and is well-known for its annual Carnival celebrations, sexy samba music, and hotel-lined beaches such as the gorgeous Copacabana stretch. The capital of the Portuguese Empire during the 1800s, today, this vivid and extremely dense city never sleeps, with restaurants, discothegues, and bars open at all hours to keep up with the lively nightlife. Day time in Rio is just as varied, with excellent art galleries and museums showcasing contemporary and ancient Brazilian and international art in this city that considers itself the cultural center of the country.



## HANG GLIDING

Soar above the city of Rio de Janeiro aboard a hang glider during this adventure. Accompanied by a fully certified instructor, launch from the Tijuca Forest National Park, and glide over the lush, verdant Mata Atlantica (Atlantic Forest). Take in views of some of Rio's most famous landmarks, such as Sugar Loaf Mountain, the Rocinha Favela, and the Christ the Redeemer Statue atop Corcovado Mountain.



## **CHRIST THE REDEEMER**

Towering 2,310 feet above the city of Rio. the Christ the Redeemer statue has fascinated experts and historians for nearly a hundred years. It's the fourth largest statue of Jesus Christ in the world, the largest Art Deco-style sculpture on the planet, and to top it all off, in 2007 the statue was deemed as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World along with Machu Picchu, the Great Wall of China and the Roman Colosseum. Perched on the summit of Mount Corcovado in Rio, the statue stands at a whopping 98 feet (or 30 metres) tall (making it twothirds the height of New York's Statue of Liberty), and its outstretched arms reach to 92 feet (or 28 metres) horizontally.

Not only is the statue the most recognizable landmark of Rio, it's become a cultural icon of Brazil as well. But most importantly, however, the statue has become a global symbol of Christianity that attracts millions of believers and non-believers to the top of Mount Corcovado every year.



### SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN

Standing high above Rio's bustling metropolis at 1,296 feet, Pão de Açúcar, or the Sugarloaf Mountain, cascades over the picturesque Guanabara Bay. From Praia Vermelha (Red Beach) in the residential Urca district, you can take a three-minute cable car ride up to Morro da Urca and then hop on another cable car up to the top of Sugarloaf. From the glass-enclosed bondinho (cable car), you'll get a dazzling view of the city, the sea and Rio's tree-covered mountains.



### **SELARON STEPS**

One of Rio de Janeiro's most popular attractions is the colorful 'Selaron Steps', the work of Chilean-born artist Jorge Selarón as a tribute to the people of Brazil. These 215 steps, covered in colorful tiles, ceramics, and mirrors are the work of a lifetime for Selarón who began to renovate the dilapidated steps in front of his house in 1990. More than 2.000 tiles cover the 'Selaron Steps', including about 300 hand-painted tiles by Selarón himself, plus hundreds more donated by visitors from their homelands. More than 60 countries are represented in what Selarón described as an ever-evolving piece of art. The Selaron Steps stretch from Santa Teresa to the foot of the iconic Arcos da Lapa, Rio's organic arts & entertainment districts.



# **IGUAZU FALLS**

Welcome to Iguazu Falls! One of the most important destinations in Argentina, Brazil and South America! Every year, millions of people come to visit this beautiful natural attraction that Argentina and Brazil have to offer. During 2019, the park received 1,640,000 visitors, both local and foreign. And everyone is amazed with this destination. The Iguazu Falls consists of two national parks, one in Foz de Iguazu (Brazil) and the other one in Puerto Iguazu (Argentina). The curious thing is that although one only sees the falls as the main attraction, the park has a size of 252,982 hectares (67,720 on the Argentine side and 185,262 on the Brazilian side). These falls in Argentina and Brazil managed to attract so much attention that almost at the same time they were declared National Parks (1934 in Argentina and 1939 in Brazil). And after some years and millions of visitors fascinated by the landscape and the sound of this natural attraction, UNESCO declared them as World Heritage Site in 1984, and reaffirmed as Exceptional Universal Value (their cultural and nature it's so important that it's conservation should be of worldwide interest) in 2013.



### ANGRA DOS REIS

Century-old churches, ruins, and monuments make this a unique destination. Renowned for its sublime beaches, Angra dos Reis is home to lots of history, even at the bottom of the ocean. This extraordinary region will simply amaze you! Located about 160 km from the city of Rio de Janeiro, Angra dos Reis and its clear blue-green waters offer tourists the possibility to visit a different island every day of the year. The region includes more than 360 islands and approximately two thousand beaches covered in lush native Atlantic Forest vegetation, which makes it a favorite spot among visitors who enjoy sunshine and beach activities.



## **ILHA GRANDE**

Right outside vibrant Rio de Janeiro is a tropical paradise calling locals and backpackers alike for an island getaway. Ilha GrandeHotels in Ilha Grande, Brazil.

Great savings on hotels in Ilha Grande, Brazil online. Good availability and great rates. Read hotel reviews and choose the best hotel deal for your stay. Check Availability is a Brazil must-see in my opinion, it's accessible to those passing through Rio and has everything a traveler could want: beautiful beaches, lush hiking trails, adventurous activities, island culture, good food, and immaculate vibes. The town is established enough that you'll have everything needed including restaurants, markets, and shopping,



### **BAHIA**

The soul of Brazil is said to be north, in the state of Bahia. When you stand in the center of its capital, Salvador, listening to the rhythmic beat of African drums, you'll know it's true. The birthplace of samba and capoeira, Bahia is the country's pulsing epicenter of Afro-Brazilian culture. So while everyone is flocking to Rio and its famed Copacabana Beach to soak up the sun, head north to Bahia to soak up a warm, vibrant culture.



# **ALL SAINTS BAY**

The Bay of All Saints, also known as All Saints' Bay and Todos os Santos Bay, is the principal bay of the Brazilian state of Bahia, to which it gave its name. It sits on the eastern coast of Brazil, surrounding part of Bahia's capital Salvador and opening to the Atlantic Ocean. It covers 1,223 square kilometers, making it the largest bay in Brazil. Farol da Barra, on the site of a historic fort, stands at the entrance of the bay. The Bay of All Saints is shallow along much of its area with an average depth of 9.8 meters. The Paraguaçu River travels 500 kilometers to empty into the bay and the coastal lowlands of the Reconcavo Basin are at its mouth. It contains 91 islands, the largest being Itaparica Island at its entrance. Other important islands include the Ilha dos Frades, ilha de Maré, ilha de Bom Jesus, and the small Ilha do Medo.

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