

# waterfalls expedition, brazil



**This spectacular challenge takes you through Chapada Diamantina, Brazil's most beautiful mountainous region. After trekking you will fly to Petrolina to see the Save the Children project.**

**You will trek to the waterfalls of Funil and Lajedo and on to a quartz grotto for a fantastic sunset.**

**Trekking through the tough, rocky terrain of the Cachoeirão Valley you will be rewarded after a strenuous day with the stunning sight of the 200m Cachoeirão Waterfall.**

**Your trekking challenge will end at Andaraí and its pool of crystal blue waters you will then transfer back to Salvador.**

## **Day 1: (Mon 13 June) Arrival in Salvador**

Your flights will be booked by Reckit and Benkiser to arrive today. Overnight and dinner at hotel in Salvador.

## **Day 2: (Tue 14 June) Meet at Hotel in Salvador then to Lençóis**

Meet the guide in the morning at your hotel in Salvador, Brazil. local agent who will transfer you (approx 6hrs) by local vehicle to Chapada Diamantina. You will have lunch in Lençóis at your hotel. And then transfer to Morro do Pai Inácio (Father Inácio's Hill) where you can stretch your legs and walk for about 15 minutes to the top of the hill and enjoy being at 1240m altitude! From there you will have some of the most spectacular views of Chapada, with a series of flat mountains that are characteristic of this landscape. The light enhances the beauty of this relief and although it is very windy up there, there are still some rare plants and

flowers." Dinner and overnight at Hotel de Lençóis.

## **Day 3: (Wed 15 June) Lençóis to Capão– approx 15kms trek**

Today is a full day trek from Lençóis to Capão Valley Lunch box on the way. You will then transfer by minibus to trek to the Cachoeira da Fumaça (Smoke Falls) – a thunderous waterfall with a 340m drop. The wind spreads the water and carries it upwards, forming a curtain of droplets - thus the name 'Smoke Falls'. You will have lunch at the falls and the chance to paddle in its pool. You will then trek around it and up to the top of the whole cascade. In the afternoon you will have dinner and spend the night at the Pousada Vale do Capão, in the Capão Valley, with one of the most beautiful views in the Chapada Diamantina.



## **Day 4: (Thurs 16 June) Gerais Do Vieira – 17kms**

Today your challenge begins with the most beautiful trekking in Brazil. You will walk to the Patí Valley, through the beautiful altitude fields of

'Gerais do Vieira' and 'Ruinha' (approx 1100m altitude), the old community center. You will be trekking upwards to begin with then over the flat fields along dry bush tracks. By the end of the afternoon, you will arrive at Mr. Wilson's house (a native house), where you will have dinner and spend the night.



#### **Day 5: (Fri 17 June) Morro do Castelo (16km)**

After breakfast, we'll continue hiking through the Pati Valley, up to Mr. Jóia's house visiting "Morro do Castelo" in the morning, after lunch you will continue your trek towards Mr. Jóias's house. Lunch box (included) during the trekking. Overnight and dinner at Mr. Jóia's house.



#### **Day 6: (Sat 18 June) Blue Pools – 18kms**

Today you will need to wake up early (0500hrs). You will start to trek to the finish of the last trail on the Pati Valley. You will arrive in Andaraí at midday where a jeep will be waiting for you. From here you will be transferred 1 ½hrs to the Poço Encantado - Enchanted Pool. This is one of the most visited places in Chapada, a pool of crystal clear blue waters, formed on limestone. The pool is around 100m long and 50m wide, and with a maximum depth of 61m. The sun's rays bounce on the surface of the pool giving it an even more magical atmosphere. Poço Encantado, is a conservation site so swimming is not allowed

however you will enjoy a picturesque lunch here. This afternoon you will transfer to Xique-Xique de Igatu, a small village - the Brazilian "Machu Picchu". Overnight at Pousada Pedras de Igatu. Dinner and overnight.

#### **Day 7 : ( Sun 19 June) Igatu to Salvador -5km trek**

After breakfast, you will have a morning trek (3-4hrs) and then transfer back to Salvador (7hrs) by van or minibus having lunch en route. Overnight and dinner at Salvador hotel

#### **Day 8: (Mon 20 June) Salvador Project visit**

Today you will have a presentation on the community challenge and hear firsthand about the successes of your colleague's project visit. You will also learn more about Save the Children's work in Brazil and be given an opportunity to do some sightseeing. You will have a celebratory dinner in the evening.

#### **Day 9: (Tue 21 June) Salvador International Departure**

After breakfast you will make your way to the airport for your return flights

N.B. The itinerary is there as a guide and may change due to unusual weather patterns, wildlife movements, the strength of the group and so on. We will do our very best to keep to the set itinerary however we cannot be held responsible for any last minute changes that might occur. In all such circumstances, your expedition leader will have the final say.