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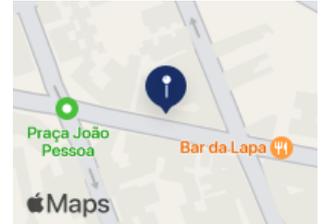


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Nova Capela

"Food for the Party People"

This unpretentious bar in the heart of Lapa is a lifeline for hungry party-goers. Open 18 hours a day, seven days a week, the 100-year-old bar serves wonderful bar snacks such as crispy bolinhos do bacalhau (codfish balls) as well as hearty main meals. The lamb with brocolli rice and garlic has been named best bar dish in Rio by the Brazilian guidebook Guia Quatro Rodas and makes a perfect stomach-filler before a night out in the clubs and bars of Lapa. Head here at the start of the night for a tasty dinner, then do as the locals do and pop back in again at 4a for a sunrise beer and snack before making your way home.



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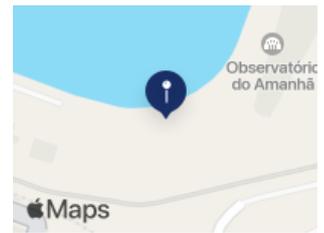


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Helisight

"A Different Perspective"

Explore the stunning landscapes of Rio de Janeiro as you soar over its skies with Helisight. Established in 1991, the operator offers eight thrilling and unique tours that take you around some of the city's most popular attractions including the breathtaking Christ the Redeemer Statue. The tours start from four different points in the city and offer numerous durations based on your preference.



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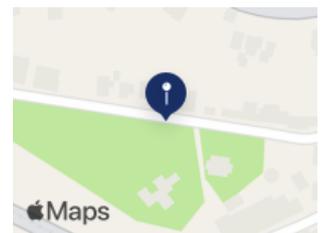


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Museu Chácara do Céu

"Beauty in Santa Teresa"

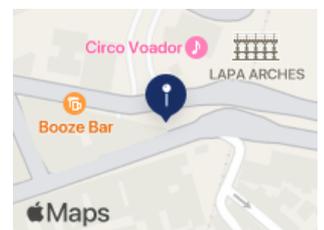
This museum with 360 degree views of the city and the Guanabara Bay is worth visiting just for the location alone. The present structure was created in 1954 by famed architect Wladimir Alves de Souza and the art contained inside is primarily European, but with works from some famous names like Modigliani, Matisse, Miró and the pointillist Seurat. Aside from the Europeans, the museum also has plenty of works from local Brazilians, both famous and not-so famous. This is another museum that falls under the patronage of the organization Castro Maya, named after the philanthropist and empresario extraordinaire, Raymundo Ottoni de Castro Maya.



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Leviano

"At Home in Lapa"

Lapa is an area of Rio famed for its nightlife, and Leviano has quickly established itself as one of the most popular nightspots here. Brightly lit and with a large patio that spills out onto the street, Leviano is not easily missed. It's quite difficult to find place on the upstairs dance floor, where tourists and locals alike groove to the beats of Música Popular Brasileira (Brazilian Popular Music), funk and samba. Cocktails like the apple mojito are popular.

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Le Spa at Hotel Santa Teresa

"Tropical Retreat"

Exuding a lovely tropical vibe, Le Spa is a luxurious haven of relaxation at Santa Teresa Hotel. The spa menu features a range of procedures designed to soothe and invigorate, be it a candle massage or perfumed hammam treatment. Those who have just landed in Rio are sure to love the 40-minute Jet Lag massage, and those looking to enjoy a local specialty should try the Banho Amazônia, a revitalizing bath with Amazonian aromas, followed by a massage with Amazonian oils.



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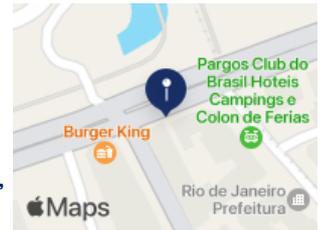


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Centro Excursionista Brasileiro

"Exploring Rio & Beyond"

Outdoor types itching to explore Rio's lush, mountainous terrain should make a beeline for this one-stop-shop in the city's downtown area. Here you can register for guided treks, mountain-climbing excursions and more, and there's equipment for hire as well. The dense nature of the jungle surrounding Rio makes guides a must for all but the most experienced of explorers, and the English-speaking guides here will make sure your adventures are risk-free.



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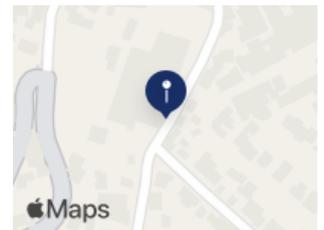


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Santa Teresa

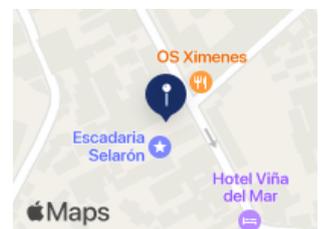
"Old, Traditional Neighborhood"

Named for Santa Teresa Convent from the 1750s, this neighborhood, with its winding streets and hilltop views, is a major attraction for tourists and artists alike. Although no longer the affluent area it once was, Santa Teresa is still home to some mansions, one of which is the Chácara do Céu, which was once home to art collector Raimundo Otoni Castro Maya. It now serves as the Museu da Chácara do Céu. Visitors should definitely take the tram ride that starts at the city center and takes them through the streets of Santa Teresa.



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Ladeira de Santa Teresa, Rio de Janeiro



Escadaria Selarón

"A Tribute to Brazil"

The Escadaria Selaron, or Lapa Steps as they are widely known, were created as a tribute to the people of Brazil by Chilean artist Selaron. He has decorated the long, wide stairway between Lapa and Santa Teresa with green, blue and gold (the colors of the Brazilian flag) ceramic tiles to create a stunning mosaic. The walls of the stairway are a similar color, with the artist using tiles from around the world as a base on which to paint his own, unique images. U2, along with Snoop Dogg and Pharrell, are among the famous artists to have filmed here.

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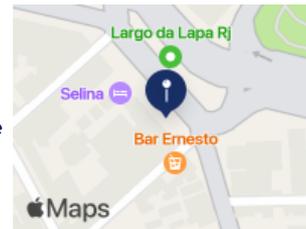


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Museu da Imagem e do Som

"Fantastic Collections"

Museu da Imagem e do Som (Museum of Image and Sound) in Rio was the first of its kind in the country and was established in 1965, after which several others followed suit in other cities. It has an impressive collection of images and sound that includes in various forms such as caricatures, recordings, gramophones, musical instruments, drawings, books and discs that are related to the cultural history of Brazil. Most of these media documents were donated to the museum. There are also some personal mementos of artists such as Ernesto Nazareth's piano, Elizeth Cardoso's costumes and more. The exhibits also showcases forgotten artists belonging to Brazil's Golden Age of Radio such as the Batista sisters. Museu da Imagem e do Som regularly conducts educational videos, lectures and other activities to promote cultural awareness among Rio's citizens.



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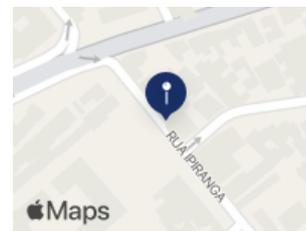


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Pé de Boi

"Best of Brazilian Art"

Colorful, beautifully-crafted artesan products from across Brazil compete for space in your suitcase at Pé de Boi. This combination shop and art gallery stocks traditional handicrafts that include hand-crafted vases, jugs and bowls; wonderfully soft hammocks and colourful ceramics, all bought directly from individual artists across the country. Pé de Boi has been a huge success since its inception in 1985, and items sourced by the store have been exhibited at New York's Guggenheim Museum and the Cartier Foundation in Paris. If you're looking for a souvenir that is more than mass-produced tourist tat, Pé de Boi should be your first port of call. - Lucy Bryson



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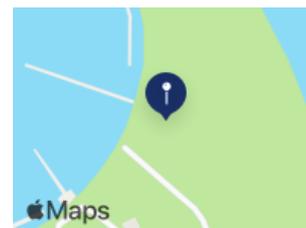


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Saveiros Tour

"Rio by water"

Discover the stunning natural beauty of Rio and its surrounding areas through the fantastic boat tours by Saveiros Tour. From two-hour tours of the Guanabara Bay to group charters that last the entire day, they offer a wide variety of excursions to suit all tastes. Besides this, Give your night out a twist, with the numerous boat parties on offer. The tours depart from numerous points across the city. Check website for more.



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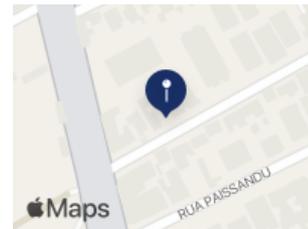


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Rio Hiking

"Outdoor Adventure"

Explore Rio's spectacular natural landscapes through the exhaustive hiking and adventure tours offered by Rio Hiking. Established in 1999, the setup has been delighting adventure enthusiasts with their exciting tours that go beyond most guidebooks. From hiking tours in Tijuca and Pedra da Gavea to scuba diving and hang-gliding, they have something for everyone. Group packages are available, and they can also arrange for accommodation. Check website for details.



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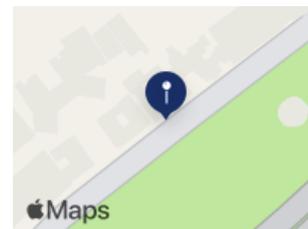


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Museu Carmen Miranda

"Famous Singer's Personal Collection"

Carmen Miranda lovers unite! This small kitsch museum is located at the very southern tip of the Parque do Flamengo. Highlights include memorabilia from the famed singer's life and career. The infamous fruity headdresses are among the singer's paraphernalia and exquisite costumes that are on exhibit. Posters, postcards, T-shirts, and music are on sale as well.



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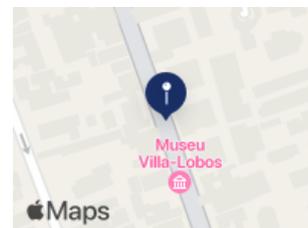


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Museu Villa-Lobos

"Celebrating The Famous Composer's Life"

The life of Brazil's most internationally known classical composer, Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959) is celebrated here. Located in Botafogo, in a century-old building, the exhibit includes some of his personal belongings and original musical scores. You can also listen to an extensive musical archive as well as purchase CDs or tapes of his music. Entry is free.



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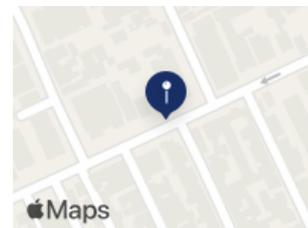


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Bar Bukowski

"Bohemian Hangout in Botafogo"

Named after the famous German-American author, Bar Bukowski is a firm favorite with Rio's young bohemians. The converted colonial building regularly features live music on the top floor, while DJs spin indie and alternative tunes downstairs. The venue also features a large outdoor drinking area with comfy seating and a bar. Those who like narguiles (hookahs) can try out the different flavors offered here.



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Jardim Botânico

"Botanical Garden"

Jardim Botânico or the Botanical garden makes for a fun and educational day trip with your kids. Spread across an area of 140.83 hectares (348 acres) and housing nearly 6000 species of plants and shrubs, it is a must visit attraction, while in Rio de Janeiro. You can also avail services of tourist guides who will take you through the garden and give an in-depth explanation on variety of trees and plant specimens.

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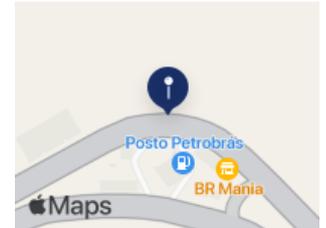
Parque da Catacumba

"Art in the Park"

With exotic gardens, beautiful sculptures, tropical wildlife and wonderful views, Parque da Catacumba is the perfect place to come and escape the heat and pace of life in Rio. Located in the pretty waterside neighborhood of Lagoa, the park is little visited by tourists, which makes a trip here all the more peaceful. As well as offering short hiking trails, the park serves as an outdoor art gallery, with sculptures from local artists dotted around the gardens. You'll also spot little monkeys in the trees, and keep an eye out for parrots and toucans. A clearly-marked trail leads visitors on a quick and easy uphill hike (about 20 minutes), past a lovely bamboo garden to a vantage point with magnificent views over the lake.

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Massagem Alternativa

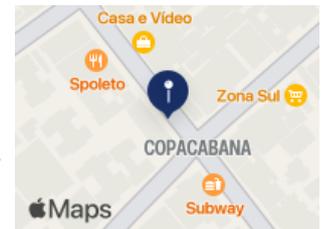
"Oriental Relaxation"

With its soothing Oriental vibe, Massagem Alternativa is a far cry from the hustle and bustle that is characteristic of Copacabana. With the therapists working magic with their hands, it is next to impossible to retain any stress in your body, and you are sure to come out feeling good as new. Ayurvedic, Thai, Tantric and Sports are among some of the massages on offer, and though they concentrate on different areas, all are effective in relieving stress and achieving a peaceful state of mind.

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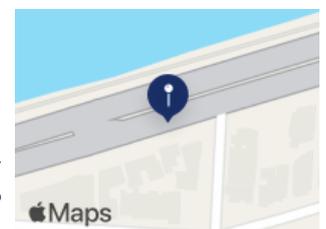
"Super Sleek Club"

This cosmopolitan and trendy nightclub opened its doors in 2012 and is a far cry from the samba clubs of the city. Groove to the beats of the best of global and domestic DJs in Miroir which boasts of the latest technology to enhance your clubbing experience. You will find a hipster crowd here and many celebrities enjoying the night away. Though compact in size, its eclectic decor and service has got plenty of admirers. Located near the scenic Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas and overlooking Christ The Redeemer Statue, it definitely has a unique aura to it.

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Maria Oitica

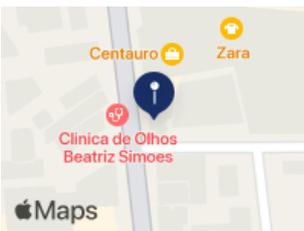
"Natural Jewelry"

Diamond, gold and platinum jewelry is something that we have all heard of. But a neck-piece or a bracelet made of tree barks and seeds is something definitely strange. However bizarre that may sound, the final product looks absolutely gorgeous. The brand Maria Oitica does just that. It makes natural items look spectacular in the form of jewelry. All these elements, which contribute to making a beautiful piece of jewelry, come from the Amazon. Colorful earrings, vivid neck pieces, cute little rings and bracelets are some that you would go gaga over. Just pick up a chunky piece of jewelry to complement your outfit and you are good to go. A selection from their collection makes for a great gift for your special lady.

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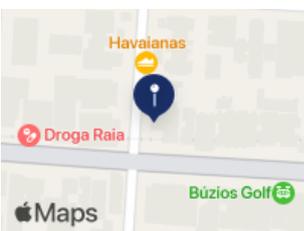
Amsterdam Sauer

"Jewel designs"

This is a chain of traditional jewelers, with several branches in Rio. Following the trends in international design from Europe and the U.S., Amsterdam Sauer offers some of the best fine jewelry in the country. Efficiency, precision and creativity are their claim to fame. Services like valuation, alterations, antique jewelry restoration and cutting and polishing of raw gems are also available. Amsterdam Sauer also has a museum which is a part of the store. This museum boasts of having over 3000 gems, some of which are very very rare. Take a trip down the museum along with guide booklets and get yourself acquainted with the precious world of gems and stones.

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Confeteria Kurt

"Rio's Tastiest Tarts"

If you've got a hankering for sweet treats, Kurt is the place to come. Specializing in deliciously indulgent tarts, this Leblon coffeehouse and confeteria (cake house) offers goodies to satisfy even the sweetest tooth. With a total of 50 different varieties of tart to choose from, reaching a decision will take some time. One of the most popular options is the tart filled with praline, caramelized nuts and whipped cream. There are also 30 different types of biscuits offered, just waiting to be dunked in one of Confeteria Kurt's specialized coffees. - Lucy Bryson

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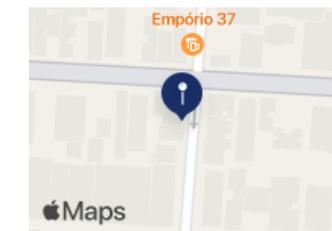


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Brasil & Cia

"Bright & Beautiful"

Colorful ceramics, beautifully-embroidered textiles, intricately-fashioned figurines and more of such delightful objects will catch the eye at the delightful arts and craft store Brasil & Cia. Just one block back from Ipanema Beach, the shop features pieces from local artists and is a real treasure trove of brightly-colored arts and crafts, all of which have been fashioned to resemble some aspect of Brazilian life, from hand-painted wooden parrots to sunbathing beauties fashioned out of recycled cards and paper. Should you find your choices are bigger than your suitcase, the store can arrange to have larger items packaged and shipped.





Tijuca Forest

"For Hikers and Nature Lovers"

The best place to visit to get an idea of what Rio once looked like, with miles of tropical rain-forests, walking trails, stunning views of the city, waterfalls, creeks and greenery. At this huge urban reserve, it only takes about 20 minutes to immerse yourself in nature. Serious hikers can climb to the summit of Pico da Tijuca, while others can simply enjoy the waterfall, Cascatinha Taunay, at the Alto da Boa Vista.

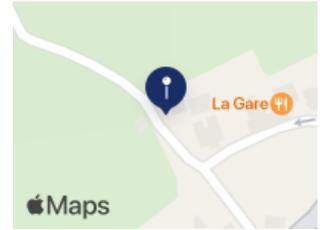
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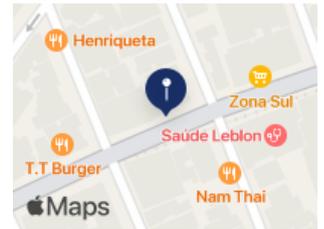
"Beach, Bar & Booze"

The prime location, relaxed ambiance and delicious bar snacks have combined to make Jobi one of the best-loved bars in Leblon. And you've no excuse not to visit the place – with opening hours that extend from 9am to 4am (5am at weekends), there's always a chance to fit in a drink here. The bar has been a favorite post-beach haunt since it opened in 1956, and its location in the lively nightlife strip of Baixo Leblon means Jobi remains packed right into the small hours. Many people rate the bar snacks here as the best in the city – don't miss the bolinhos do bacalhau (deep-fried cod and potato balls).

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Gávea Golf and Country Club

"Among Rio's Most Prestigious"

Tracing its history back to 1926, Gávea Golf and Country Club is one of the most prestigious in the city. The club is located between the Pedra da Gávea and the Parque Nacional & Floresta da Tijuca, almost 900 metres (2952.76 feet) above sea level. Although the course is not a very long one, it hardly matters when the surroundings are so charming. São Conrado Beach is close by.

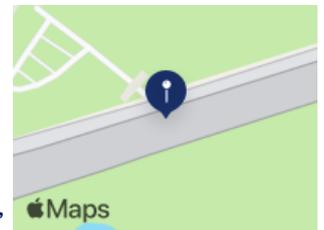
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