



**SALVADOR DA BAHIA:
A SERVICE PARTNERSHIP
IN BRAZIL**

*Sample 13-Day
Student Program*



Summer 2005



Friday

DEPART USA

- ✚ Depart US Point of Origin
(Ten-Hour Evening Flight)

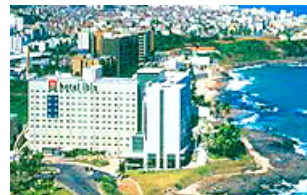
Saturday

ARRIVE IN SALVADOR DA BAHIA

- ✚ Arrive Sao Paulo, Brazil
(Early Morning)
- ✚ Connecting Flight from Sao Paulo to Salvador
(Four-Hour Mid-Morning Flight)



- ✚ Arrive Salvador da Bahia
(Mid-Afternoon)
- ✚ Late Afternoon at Leisure,
Followed by Dinner
- ✚ Accommodation at
Ibis Salvador Rio Vermelho
Or Similar



(Check in for total 10 nights.)



Sunday

SALVADOR DA BAHIA: AN AFRICAN HERITAGE

A Study of Salvador's History & Culture

Salvador is the capital of Bahia state and one of Brazil's cultural highlights. Over a period of 503 years, this city has retained its African soul and developed a unique, vibrant culture – the best of the checkered colonial legacy that the Portuguese left behind.



African heritage has been preserved more than anywhere else in the Americas. Descendants of slaves brought from West Africa beginning in 1538 have largely maintained their food, music, and faith practices. Capoeira, a dance of defiance among the slaves, retains its essential character even today.

Today's activities promote appreciation for the history and unique culture of Brazil's most African region.

Activities include:

A visit to Pelourinho, the old heart of Salvador, featuring colonial-era buildings and winding cobblestone streets. Live music and capoeira dances often fill this neighborhood. We'll visit the delightful – and educational – Afro-Brazilian Museum for background & context.





A guided tour of Mercado Modelo in Salvador's Lower City. Now transformed into a bustling warehouse of handicraft stalls, its lower level once was the site of the city's slave market.



This is where our tour is concentrated, with guided interpretation and on-site

Q&A about the city's complex history of human settlement.

Attendance, as honored guests, at a service of Candomble rites. Candomble was founded among African communities here in Bahia State.



Candomble combines traditional Yoruban practices with elements of Roman Catholicism and other faith traditions. Many scholars and theologians consider that Candomble has served at least two purposes simultaneously: Worship and protest.

Monday

STUDY OF CONTEMPORARY ISSUES & TEAMBUILDING WITH PARTNERS

 Morning Overview of Issues Facing Local Communities



This morning, we'll hear from experts attached to the University of Salvador (Unifacs) on the wide variety of social and historical factors that give Salvador its unique identity.



We'll learn of Salvador's faiths & religions, race relations, cultural traditions, and socio-economic situation. This will be an interactive forum, designed to build on yesterday's visits. We'll have plenty of time for Q&A.

- ✚ Afternoon Orientation & Teambuilding
With Partner Students from Pan American School

*Tuesday –
Sunday*

SALVADOR SERVICE PARTNERSHIP

- ✚ Community Service Learning Partnership
(Six Days)



Our community service will last for six days and will feature two distinct themes.



For three days, our group will address issues pertaining to hunger and malnutrition among Salvador's youth.



Brazil's national government has a fine program underway called "Fome Zero", or Zero Hunger.



Its aim is to eradicate hunger among Brazil's disadvantaged communities during the course of President da Silva's tenure in office.





Zero Hunger has programs underway in Salvador, which we will assist.

We'll work with Zero Hunger staff to prepare, serve, and distribute meals...and to clean up afterward.

We'll also take time to discuss with Zero Hunger leaders the effect that malnutrition, HIV, and other basic challenges have on the lives and education of Salvador's many small children.



For the other three days, our group will help to improve facilities and curriculum at a local primary school, in these ways:

Dig, plant & tend a set of community "food gardens" to meet the direct nutritional needs of school-going children and their families, and to encourage local commitment to sustainable food security.



Provide computer instruction to school-going children (and adults, as requested); assist with English language classes & art classes; assist at AM/PM Kindergarten classes.

Assist staff in meeting additional youth development needs (e.g., reading & literacy). Time permitting and on request, we may also assist with job training for older youth and adult family members.



Help to create a physical space that's more conducive for learning by improving its buildings & grounds in a range of ways, including indoor & outdoor painting, landscaping, and light construction.



Using existing books & periodicals, together with books & periodicals purchased in-country just ahead of our arrival, design a well-stocked library that staff may encourage children to use on a daily basis.

Plan a youth summit, to be held at a local community center early Sunday afternoon, in which we and our partners employ a variety of techniques to increase HIV awareness among Salvador youth. This may involve a skit, music, and other creative presentations.



Farewells With Local Partner Students At Praia do Porto Beach



At the end of Sunday afternoon, we'll engage for a final, festive period with our local partners – to relax a bit, say our farewells, and reflect on our accomplishments during these past six days.



Note ...

Evening cultural activities with our partners are planned at points throughout the period of service.

On other evenings, we may enjoy dinner as a group at the beachfront, observe a children's dance troupe, learn the art & techniques of capoeira, play soccer with young kids, or watch a screening of "City of God".



Monday **ITAPARICA**

Excursion to Itaparica Island

Always visible from Salvador city, this lovely island is considered an appendage of the city. In reality, it's a narrow island that acts as a natural breakwater. It's renowned for lovely beaches and mango trees, whose fruit is prized throughout Bahia state. We'll enjoy our final day here: Bike rental shops are abundant, and we can picnic on the beach!



Tuesday **DEPART SALVADOR**

Depart Salvador at Mid-Day

Connect in Sao Paulo; Evening Flight to USA

Wednesday **ARRIVE USA**

Arrive US Destination Point