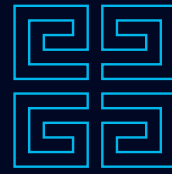


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Bahia is a tropical paradise covered with dense vegetation of coconut and banana trees. It is one of the 26 states of Brazil, situated on the northeastern Atlantic coast and enjoys a year round tropical climate with little seasonal temperature variation, averaging 27°C and complimented by warm, soft breezes. The coastline with its calm seas is considered to be one of the most beautiful in Brazil.

Garapua Beach Resort will be situated on Ilha de Tinhare, a pretty little island 60km south of Salvador in the Baia de Todos os Santos (the Bay of All Saints). The island is considered to be one of the most desirable tropical destinations in the world and is the tenth most visited place in Brazil. With beautiful beaches and calm, crystalline, warm waters, Atlantic rainforest, mangroves and coconut groves that are home to a stunning array of flowers, colourful birds, monkeys and marine life. The island is home to a few small fishing villages, the largest of which is Morro de Sao Paulo, with beautiful colonial architecture and historical monuments.

Salvador is the third largest city in Brazil and was the first colonial capital of Brazil, renowned for its cuisine, music and architecture. Each February it is home to a week long Carnival which is considered to be the biggest street party in the world. 2 million people celebrate throughout 15 miles of streets, avenues and squares and an average of 800 thousand visitors descend on the city to participate.



## KEY FACTS ABOUT BRAZIL

**Population** 196,000,000.

**Capital** Brasilia

**Area** Brazil covers 47.3% of South America's territory, and covers 8.5 Million sq m.

**Geography** Brazil has extensive low-lying Amazon Rainforest in the north, and hills and low mountains to the south. The highest peak is Pico da Neblina at 3,014m (9,735 ft). The Amazon river, the second longest in the world runs through Brazil. Mainland Brazil is divided into five regions: North, Northeast, Central-West, Southeast and South.

**Time difference** GMT -4.

**Language** Official language is Portuguese.

**Monetary unit** Brazilian Real.

**Airport** Salvador International Airport. Located 32km from downtown.

**Flight times** Daily flights from most destinations. UK to Brazil in 14 hours.

**Climate** Located mainly within the tropics, Brazil's climate has little seasonal variation. Precipitation is abundant in the humid Amazon Basin, but more arid landscapes are found as well, particularly in the northeast.

**Location** Brazil is the largest and most populous country in South America, and the fifth largest in the world in both area and population. Spanning a vast area between central South America and the Atlantic Ocean, it is the easternmost country of America and borders on every other South American country except Ecuador and Chile.

**Government** The election of President Lula Da Silva in 2003 has resulted in inflation currently standing at about 7.6 % with the North-eastern coastal area of Brazil enjoying increased investment focus as inflation has decreased to manageable levels and Brazil is now politically more stable than ever before.

**Economy** Brazil has the ninth-largest economy in the world. As an emerging property market, Brazil currently sits on the brink of a boom period with investment growth inevitable.

**Tourism** Tourism is one of the fastest growing industries in Brazil with a growth of over 20% last year. Although the vast majority of tourism is still home grown, this proportion is changing substantially as more and more tourists are considering Brazil as their holiday destination.

## THINGS TO DO

- Visit Pelourinho, the colonial district of Salvador, a UNESCO World Heritage site, located in the Cidade Alto. There are several historic churches, many restaurants and bars, museums and venues for music and theatre. One of the best times to party with the locals is at the Tuesday night bencao.
- Immerse yourself in history at Morro de Sao Paulo. One of Brazil's oldest colonies, it has clean sand, warm water, mangroves and rainforest as well as virtually deserted beaches. It is the perfect place to take a break and relax during the day, and as evening draws in you can party to the Brazilian beat.
- Get in touch with nature at Encanto "The Enchantment" Beach. Separated from the Fourth Beach by a small mangrove, which can be easily crossed during low tide, there are two kilometres of almost deserted beach. There are deep ocean pools, which are great for bathing at low tide.
- Take a walking tour, or follow the Lighthouse Trail. The most outstanding construction in Morro de Sao Paulo, is the "Farol do Morro Lighthouse" that stands on the headland. It is the perfect place for photos, or just admire the beautiful landscape, from the port at Ponta do Curral to the Gamboa Beach.
- Soak up the beauty and colour of the Brazilian landscape on a visit to the Turtle Conservation area in Praia do Forte. Visit the Tamar Turtle Conservation project, and swim in the warm waters and tide pools at Praia de Guarajuba.
- Watch the whales as they migrate to Abrolhos. The whale watching season, between July and November, is the perfect time to watch these incredible creatures in their natural habitat.
- Celebrate at the Carnival in Salvador. This takes place on Ash Wednesday, and kicks off a five-day Ressaca (Hangover) with post carnival parties on both First and Second Beach.

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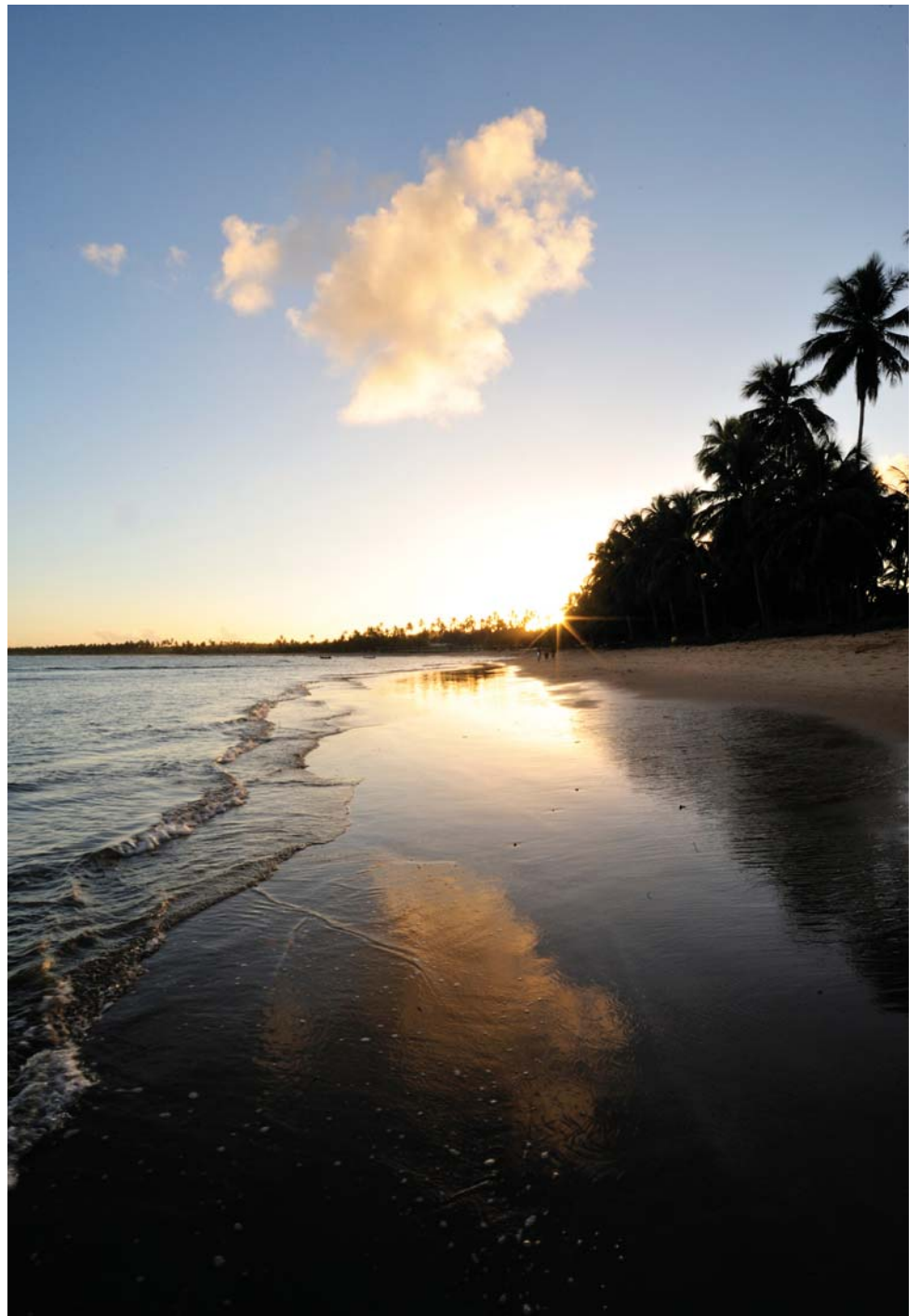
- Take a relaxing tour by Tractor, Boat or Horse, to view the islands and sandbars along the coast.
- Swim, snorkel and dive amongst one of the largest concentrations of fish per square meter on the planet. An eco-tourist's dream destination, where 17 species of coral form an environment that is home to numerous other species of maritime fauna, the archipelago is an excitement-filled shallow water experience. For experienced divers, there are also dive operators who offer boat trips, where you can free dive or use tanks.
- Ride the waves in the little known surfing spots in Bahia. On First Beach, you can find the best waves on the island which come with a swell from the east and break from two to six feet over a coral reef.
- Sail into the sunset from the "Morro de Sao Paulo" sailing club on the picturesque island of Tinhare. Beach Catamarans are available for bay or beach trips to discover the unspoilt vistas of Bahia.
- Take a hike on trails into Brazil's wilderness areas such as the Diamantina National Park in Bahia. Take in the incredible views and take photographs of the wide variety of amphibians, birds and insects which make this park their home.





## GARAPUA BEACH RESORT

Harlequin Hotels & Resorts is purchasing 1,700 acres of land on the island of Tinhare in Bahia, Brazil with a view to creating a 5 star luxury spa resort called Garapua Beach Resort in which it intends to incorporate a Legends Golf Course, Pat Cash Tennis Academy, Football Academy, Trader Vic's restaurant, Senior Pico's and Mai Tai Lounge. Negotiations are underway for these brands to be included in this resort.



## WHY INVEST

Real estate investment is growing due to the increasing popularity of Bahia as the favourite holiday destination of Brazilians because of its year round climate, pristine beaches and the excellent infrastructure already in place. It has excellent accessibility with flights into Salvador from Europe and the USA yet is still underdeveloped as a tourist market internationally and is predicted to grow exponentially. There is a huge demand for tourist accommodation and the property market is booming with foreign investment increasing as there are no restrictions on foreign ownership and inward investment is being actively encouraged by the Government. Brazil is also hosting the 2014 World Cup and is bidding for the 2016 Olympic Games.



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