



Culture

Historic Tour

Declared National Heritage in 1958, the Historic Center of Paraty has the beauty of a living monument, dedicated to gastronomy and the arts. The colonial history of Brazil can be read in the details of its architecture. In just two hours, the Historic Tour, or city tour, promotes a journey in time: Masonry, Arab, Iberic and English influences, facts and legends of the charming Paraty are narrated by the architecture and the layout of the streets.

Arts

The Historic Center is one of the Brazilian neighborhoods with more art studios per square meter. This may explain the fascination that Paraty has upon Europeans. The Tour of the Arts, good for shopping and assessment, promotes the artistic circuit of the historic center and vicinity, including the Fine Arts such as painting, sculpture and pottery, as well as the local traditional crafts such as Guarani basketry and papier mache masks.

The Gold Trail

The pavement preserved near to beautiful waterfalls of the rainforest reveals a trail from the pre-colonial Guaiana Indians. It came to be the main entry into the countryside, and for many years this trail was responsible for disposing of production of gold and coffee into the Port of Rio de Janeiro, and from there to Europe.

We offer a moderate round trail with 2 km of paving stones in the midst of the Serra da Bocaina. It has some upwards and the average duration is two and a half hours. The tour leader tells the historic process of utilization of the trail, from the Guaiana Indians before colonization, until the Cycle of Coffee, in the nineteenth century. It is prohibited to visit without the presence of a tour guide registered in the Bureau of Tourism of Paraty and accredited by the Brazilian Ministry of Tourism.

Educational Tours

Our educational tours offer the opportunity for the student to experience in loco what is taught in the classroom. The activities provide the contact with native people of the region, which have the empirical knowledge of nature and its cycles. The experience of traditional knowledge together with the knowledge acquired at school promotes multiculturalism and enhancement of biodiversity; so that the student can experience such knowledge, and become interested in preserve it. Our team consists of biologists, historians, students in these areas, and natives trained as environmental guardians in the region.

Quilombo do Campinho

Quilombo means the villages settled by slaves during the colonial times. The community of Campinho is located in Road Rio-Santos, 20 km from the city of Paraty. The tradition tells Campinho was founded by the sisters Antonia, Marcelina and Luiza, in the nineteenth century.

With the abolition of slavery and economic decadence of the region, these slave women received the land where the community is located, currently home to about 80 families.

The programme for ethnical tourism developed by this community includes the following attractions: ecological trail, agroforestry, traditional families and storytellers, manioc mill, house of crafts, lunch and cultural presentations of percussion and jongo dance.