

Viver Brasil

Viver Brasil Travel Programs 2011



VIVER BRASIL ANNOUNCES the 14th ANNUAL BAHIA TRAVEL PROGRAM: Roots and Contemporary Development of Afro-Brazilian Dance & Music Workshop

August 6-22, 2011

Package Price: \$3500

Package includes r/t travel to Brazil, all classes and accompanying activities, hotel (based on double occupancy), translators, tour guide, and ground transportation.

Viver Brasil has designed a 15-day trip to Salvador, Bahia. VB offers nine days of classes in both traditional and contemporary Afro-Brazilian dance and music with Bahia's top master instructors. The program is enhanced with visits to Candomblé ceremonies, the São Lázaro Festival, attend the Boa Morte Festival in Cachoeira, participate in a samba de roda party in Saubaura with VB's godmother, Zelita, attend dance and music concerts, and meet with many of Bahia's most unique dancers, musicians, visual artists, researchers and culture makers. You will have time to do your own exploring, sample Afro-Brazilian cuisine, have a cowry shell reading with Iyalorixa Mainha da Bahia, relax at the beautiful beaches, shop for art, gemstones, and enjoy the magic of Salvador, Bahia, the heart of Africa in the Americas.

Viver Brasil Director Linda Yudin, co-leads this immersion program with world-renowned choreographer Rosangela Silvestre and master dancer/percussionist, Luiz Badaró and Paula Santos, tour guide extraordinaire. Linda is a Los Angeles based dance ethnologist and Viver Brasil artistic director with over two decades of experience studying, researching and working in Bahia. She has developed a deep professional and personal involvement with its arts and spiritual community and is committed to providing participants with a unique opportunity to experience Afro-Brazilian culture outside of the usual tourist context.

Registration information & Payment options are available on the website:

www.viverbrasil.com

Full payment due by: June 15, 2011

PLEASE NOTE: A tourist visa (cost NOT included in package price) is required to travel to Brazil. Please visit www.brazilian-consulate.org for new visa instructions.



"Linda Yudin leads you on a magical journey that is not only an encounter with the roots of Samba itself, but opens you to the dance of the Sacred. The land, culture and the magnanimous hearts of the artists of Bahia, will remain with you long after the journey ends. Prepare to be changed forever...You too will learn the meaning of the word Saudades."

Vida Vierra, Swing Brazil Tribe Artistic Director



"Viver Brasil's program is a cultural and educational adventure of profound value for anyone interested in discovering the origins of the African Diaspora in Brazil. The program and its leaders offer not only terrific classes in dance and music, but insights into Afro-Brazilian culture and experiences with Bahians that are rare and unique."

- Ulysses Jenkins, Multi-Media Artist/Educator

"My trip to Bahia was a trip of a lifetime. After studying African and Brazilian dance for 25 years, I had the opportunity to really connect with the origins of samba. There is something magical about being in the land of the Orixas, eating the food, and experiencing the culture. The dance program was exceptional with the quality and variety of instruction. This was a unique experience that will always be with me and has forever enhanced my depth of understanding of Brazilian dance on so many levels."

Katherine Harestad, Dancer/ Designer



Welcoming the spirit of Bahia into your heart is a journey into the Divine. Prepare yourself for a life changing experience!

- Dani Lunn, Dancer/Choreographer



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