

## Hotels & Hostels

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Rio has some excellent lodging options, including newly opened boutique hotels along the beach, trendy hostels and cozy B&Bs. The majority of hotel rooms are in high-rises in the Zona Sul (Copacabana has scores of options), though you'll also find elegant hotels, bohemian guesthouses and budget favorites in offbeat neighborhoods. Many guestrooms have received a makeover in recent years, particularly since Rio won the right to host both the 2014 FIFA World Cup (shared with other cities in Brazil) and the 2016 Olympics.

For those unfamiliar with Rio, here's the lowdown on where to stay. If you want to be in the heart of the action and don't mind paying for it, stay in Ipanema or Leblon, with beautiful beaches, and excellent restaurants, shopping and nightlife. If you don't want to pay a premium for those neighborhoods, opt for busier Copacabana. Here you'll find more (including some less expensive) lodging options, and you'll still be near the beach, and a short taxi ride or possibly a walk to Ipanema; you'll also have better access to the metro, which is handy for zipping to other neighborhoods. If you're not in Rio for the beaches or simply want an alternative view, take a peak at Santa Teresa's colonial guesthouses. This historic 'hood has culture, some unique overnight options, and good restaurants and cafés. It's also close to the unrivaled music scene of Lapa. Neighborhoods along the metro line (Botafogo, Flamengo and Catete) generally have cheaper options than the beachside southern neighborhoods; and for those who want the beach, and nothing but the beach, there's Barra, which is laid back but far from the rest of Rio (meaning you'll need a car or boatloads of patience to endure those long bus or pricey taxi rides). Use the airport hotels (p215) only if necessary.

The best way to save money on lodging is by booking online. You can save anywhere from 30% to over 50% off the rack rates by booking through reliable Rio booking agencies such as [www.ipanema.com](http://www.ipanema.com) and [www.riocharm.com.br](http://www.riocharm.com.br).

Wherever you stay, try to reserve ahead. Hotel rates are about 30% higher during the summer months (December through mid-March) and many places book up. Prices double or triple for New Year's Eve and Carnival, and most accommodations, including hostels, will only book in four-day blocks around these holidays.

Keep in mind that many hotels add between 5% and 15% in taxes and service charges. The cheaper places don't generally bother with this. Another caveat: in recent years some midrange and high-end hotels have begun charging extra for breakfast (anywhere from R\$15 to R\$30 per person); some also charge for wi-fi, so be sure to read the fine print before booking.

Accommodations are listed in each neighborhood by price, from most to least expensive.

## IPANEMA & LEBLON

These elegant neighborhoods have much allure: stay here and you'll be a short stroll from lovely beaches, top restaurants and vibrant nightlife. Although many more hotels litter the beaches of Leme and Copacabana, there are abundant lodging options here (more so in Ipanema than Leblon), including boutique hotels, serviced apartments, hostels and plenty of cookie-cutter high-rises. Prices here are generally much higher than elsewhere, though it's still possible to find affordable – if rather modest – lodging.

**HOTEL FASANO** Map p64 Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 3202-4000; [www.fasano.com.br](http://www.fasano.com.br); Av Vieira Souto 80, Ipanema; d from R\$1250; 📶 📺 🍷 🍽️

With stylish rooms, a great location and a much-touted seafood restaurant and bar,

this is the top destination for the style set and celebutantes (Beyoncé and Madonna both stayed here in 2010). Designed by Philippe Starck, the Fasano has 91 sleek rooms set with Egyptian cotton sheets, goose-down pillows and high-tech fittings. The best rooms have balconies overlooking the crashing waves of Ipanema beach, which lies just across the road. Rooms without a view simply don't justify the price. The lovely rooftop pool (open to guests only) is truly breathtaking – as are the room rates.

## MARINA ALL SUITES

Map p66 Boutique Hotel \$\$\$

☎ 2172-1100; [www.marinaallsuites.com.br](http://www.marinaallsuites.com.br); Av Delfim Moreira 696, Leblon; ste from R\$777; 📶 📺 🍷 🍽️

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