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Explore Flamengo & Around

Running east from the bay out to Corcovado, the residential neighborhoods of Flamengo, Laranjeiras, Catete, Glória and Cosme Velho have much history hidden in their old streets. The Parque do Flamengo dominates the region. Also known as the *aterro* (landfill), this beach-fronting green space is one of the world's largest urban parks, and includes a nationally recognized art museum, biking and running trails, sports fields and thousands of trees and flowering plants. Inland from the park, the shaded streets of Flamengo are sprinkled with a few cafes, historic *botecos* (small, open-air bars) and gossip-filled juice bars.

West of Flamengo, Laranjeiras is a tightly woven community with a small-town feel. Charming plazas such as the Praça São Salvador are great spots for taking in the neighborhood. Cosme Velho lies beyond Laranjeiras and is the key access point for those heading up to the statue of Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer) by cog train.

The aging buildings of bustling Catete and Glória have seen better days. These twin districts flourished in the mid-19th century when their locations on the city outskirts made them desirable places to live. Nobles and merchants built homes in this district, including the Barão de Novo Friburgo, who built the stately Palácio do Catete. By the end of the century, however, the wealthy began moving further out as the inner city expanded.

Local Life

- ➔ **Outdoors** Parque do Flamengo (p114) draws locals, especially on Sundays, when the main road through the park closes to traffic. Parque Guinle (p115) and Parque do Catete (p115) are peaceful escapes from the bustling city.
- ➔ **Folk art** The Museu de Folclore Edison Carneiro (p115) has beautiful pieces from around Brazil. One-of-a-kind works of art make fine gifts at Pé de Boi (p118).
- ➔ **Hangouts** Centro Cultural Oi Futuro (p114) hosts cutting-edge exhibits, and stages plays and concerts.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Flamengo buses** Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana (571 and 573).
- ➔ **Express bus** 580 from Largo do Machado metro station.
- ➔ **Laranjeiras and Cosme Velho buses** Leblon (570 and 583), Ipanema and Copacabana (569 and 583).
- ➔ **Metro** Flamengo, Largo do Machado, Catete and Glória.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Ferro e Farinha (p116)
- ➔ Prana Vegetariano (p116)
- ➔ Tacacá do Norte (p115)
- ➔ Sírío Libaneza (p116)
- ➔ Luigi's (p116)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Devassa (p117)
- ➔ Bar do Zé (p117)
- ➔ Adega Portugaláia (p117)
- ➔ Belmonte (p117)
- ➔ Herr Brauer (p117)

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Best Live Music

- ➔ Severyna de Laranjeiras (p118)
- ➔ Cariocando (p116)

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