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I’m remembering how much I love about Brazil ■■ today. I’ve traveled almost all over the country over the past decade here, and I thought maybe I should share my very favorite places.■ Thread, share with your friends who want to visit #Brazil!■

(1) I’m a beach bunny, & Brazil provides endless beaches for me to explore. Several of my favorites are in a rarely-visited area along the south coast of Paraíba state in the Northeast. Pink cliffs juxtapose turquoise waters like a painting, & the forests are awesome for hikes.



(2) Brazil has a ton of really special colonial towns. Paraty is wonderful, but I often get annoyed by crowds & rain. The town I prefer is #OuroPreto in Minas Gerais. The air there is so brisk & fresh, the people are so kind, and all I want to do when I’m there is stroll forever.



(3) To get away from it all, I go to the far north of the country, to the remote beaches between Jericoacoara & Lençóis Maranhenses. Along this coast, the environment is rugged & rough, & you can walk forever without seeing anyone. It’s my favorite place for sex on the beach. ■



(4) My favorite Brazilian city is #RiodeJaneiro. It’s the most touristy place in Brazil & I think it should be. I feel genuinely sorry for someone who doesn’t get the chance to hear samba, or see the incredible mountains, or people-watch on the beach. It never gets old.



(5) For an off-season retreat, I recommend #Florianópolis. During the summer, I can’t handle the traffic and crowds on the island. But during the winter, even though it can be cold & dreary, the beauty of the island is marvelous, full of hikes & great

in-season seafood.



(6) If not in Rio or Paraíba, I’m probably in the south of #Bahia. I’ve been told by the many people there who know me that my soul is very baiana, & it seems true. I love walking around in a bikini, negotiating dinner with fishermen, picking fruit from trees. My best zen state.



(7) Some of my oldest, dearest friends are #gauchos from #RioGrandedoSul state. They’re insanely proud to be from RS, & their intense state pride makes me want to be there with them. Plus, I think the Grenal soccer match is one of the best in Brazil, & I love chimarrão.



(8) For me, there’s something about #SãoLuís, Maranhão that keeps me coming back again & again. The culture there is so blended & vibrant, and the young generation is fighting so hard to save their city from decay. It’s decaying & dangerous still, but it’s an inspiring place.



(9) The #Amazon region is just beyond words, but I find it even more incredible during the wet season. The water rises an astonishing amount, and suddenly there are forests both above the water and below the water. It’s a treasure to our planet.



(10) Finally, I really really love #Salvador. I've written many articles about the city, but I still want to write more. The culture there runs so deep, deeper than any gringa will ever truly understand. And that's why I respect it so much. I feel honored whenever I'm there.■



Those are my 10 favorite spots in Brazil (not counting the secret spots I don’t tell anyone about! ■)

What are your 10 favorite places in #Brazil, and why? ■

■■My checklist of places I still need to visit in #Brazil, ASAP:
■ #ChapadaDiamantina
■ #Belém & #Marajó
■ #Ilhabela
■ #ChapadadosVeadeiros
■ #IlhadoMel
■ #Jalapão
■ #Petrolina/#Juazeiro
■ #ChapadadasMesas
■ #Maragogi

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