Little Africa, living memory

about 7 hours / Downtown Rio / 5 stops

Thursday-Saturday, with IPN and MUHCAB confirmed

Book Pretos Novos before planning the day and confirm MUHCAB.

1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5

10:00

01 Cais do Valongo

Praça Jornal do Comércio, Avenida Barão de Tefé, Rio de Janeiro

Built in 1811 for the landing of enslaved Africans, the quay officially closed in 1831 when trafficking was prohibited by law. Look closely: Paving of the original 1811 quay.

10:45

02 Instituto de Pesquisa e Memória Pretos Novos

Rua Pedro Ernesto, 32, Rio de Janeiro

The memorial occupies a former burial place for recently arrived Africans. Look closely: Archaeological viewing windows.

Confirm / book

11:45

03 MUHCAB - Museu da História e da Cultura Afro-Brasileira

Rua Pedro Ernesto, 80, Rio de Janeiro

The headquarters occupies a public school opened in 1877 and transformed into the José Bonifácio Cultural Center in 1986, with a focus on Black culture. Look closely: Former José Bonifácio School building.

Confirm / book

14:00

04 Pedra do Sal

Fim da Rua Argemiro Bulcão, perto do Largo da Prainha, Rio de Janeiro

The name recalls salt unloaded at the old port through the labor of enslaved Africans. Look closely: Rock surface and carved steps.

14:45

05 Museu de Arte do Rio (MAR)

Praça Mauá, 5, Rio de Janeiro

End your exploration of the port by considering how a city narrates its own transformation. Look closely: Museum architectural complex.

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Getting around

Approximately 2-3 km on foot, with breaks. Allow 10-20 min per leg and 1h for lunch. Visiting Pedra do Sal does not guarantee a samba performance.

Tickets and tips

Valongo and Pedra do Sal are outdoor sites; MUHCAB is listed as free. MAR: R$20/R$10. Confirm IPN’s visit type and price when booking.

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Visit and travel times are estimates. Links require an internet connection.

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