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about 7 hours / Downtown Rio / 6 stops

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From the Benedictine monastery to the former court chapel, explore how religion, wealth and government occupied the port.

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09:00

01 Igreja e Mosteiro e Morro de São Bento (Igreja Nossa Senhora do Monserrate)

Rua Dom Gerardo, 68 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Founded in 1590, the Benedictine monastery preserves seventeenth century gilded carving, connecting monastic life with colonial economy and art. Look closely: Gilded nave carvings.

10:45

02 Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Candelária

Praça Pio X - Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Candelária combines an older façade with nineteenth century expansion. Look closely: Bronze doors by Teixeira Lopes.

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11:45

03 Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Lapa dos Mercadores

Rua do Ouvidor, 35 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Merchants organized the brotherhood in 1747 and consecrated the church in 1750. Look closely: Façade and building setting.

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13:30

04 Igreja Nossa Senhora do Carmo da Antiga Sé

Rua Sete de Setembro, 14 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro

In 1808 the Carmelite church became the Royal Chapel and cathedral. Look closely: Nave and altar of the former Royal Chapel.

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14:30

05 Igreja da Ordem Terceira de Nossa Senhora do Monte do Carmo

Rua do Carmo, 46 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro

The Carmelite Third Order created a church separate from the neighboring Royal Chapel. Look closely: Novitiate Chapel, with permission.

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15:15

06 Igreja de Santa Cruz dos Militares

Rua Primeiro de Março, 36 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro

The military brotherhood dates to 1623; construction of the present church began in 1780 and it was consecrated in 1811. Look closely: Façade with the Evangelists.

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Getting around

About 2-3 km on foot, including slopes and steps at São Bento. Allow 10-20 min per leg and 1h for lunch. Carmo and the Third Order are neighboring churches with separate entrances.

Tickets and tips

Façades and public spaces can be viewed without a ticket. Guided visits and sacred-art collections may charge or require booking; check each profile.

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

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