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about 8 hours / South Zone / 3 stops

With all three military visits confirmed

Combine all three only if the 9 am São João session and the other forts' opening hours are confirmed.

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09:00

01 Fortaleza de São João / Forte São José

Avenida João Luís Alves, s/n, Urca, Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro

The site is linked to Rio's Portuguese foundation in 1565 during the struggle against France Antarctique. Look closely: The historic fortress gateway.

Confirm / book

12:00

02 Forte Duque de Caxias / Forte do Leme

Praça Almirante Júlio de Noronha, s/n, Leme, Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro

The position began as Forte do Vigia in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and changed with modern coastal defence. Look closely: Artillery and historic structures according to opening conditions.

Confirm / book

15:30

03 Museu Histórico do Exército e Forte de Copacabana

Praça Coronel Eugênio Franco, 1, Posto Seis, Rio de Janeiro

Opened in 1914 to defend the capital, the fort became the setting for the 1922 revolt known as the Eighteen of the Fort. Look closely: Krupp guns and armored turrets.

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Getting around

São João 9-11 am; allow 45-60 min from Urca to Leme. Leme noon-1:40 pm, then about 1h for lunch. Allow another 30-45 min to Copacabana. The map connects entrances, not unrestricted military areas.

Tickets and tips

Admission and rules vary. Copacabana is listed at R$10/R$5, cash; reconfirm Leme and São João. Transport and meals are extra.

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

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