Niterói: defending Jurujuba

about 7 hours / Niterói / 4 stops

Tuesday-Sunday, with military visits confirmed

There are two visits: Santa Cruz in the morning and the São Luís/Pico complex in the afternoon, entering and checking in through Barão do Rio Branco.

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09:00

01 Fortaleza de Santa Cruz da Barra

Estrada General Eurico Gaspar Dutra, s/n, Jurujuba, Niterói, Niterói

Built from the sixteenth century onwards, Santa Cruz guarded Guanabara's entrance and the colonial and imperial capital. Look closely: Casemates and artillery positions included in the authorised tour.

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13:30

02 Forte Barão do Rio Branco / antiga Praia de Fora

Alameda Marechal Pessoa Leal, 265, Jurujuba, Niterói, Niterói

The barracks trace their origins to Praia de Fora's defences, built to protect Santa Cruz's flank. Look closely: The entrance and historic features permitted along the route.

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14:00

03 Forte de São Luís

Acesso: Alameda Marechal Pessoa Leal, 265, Forte Barão do Rio Branco, Jurujuba, Niterói, Niterói

Completed in 1775 according to Neltur, São Luís formed part of Santa Cruz's rear defences. Look closely: Stone gateway and walls.

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14-16

04 Forte do Pico (Parque Histórico Monte Bastione)

Acesso: Alameda Marechal Pessoa Leal, 265, Jurujuba, Niterói, Niterói

High on the hill, Pico's position reveals the importance of observation in Guanabara's defence. Look closely: Views over Guanabara's entrance and Santa Cruz.

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Getting around

Santa Cruz 9-10:15 am; allow for lunch and road travel to Barão for 1:30 pm check-in. São Luís and Pico share one 2-4 pm circuit. Never use coastal shortcuts or cross between military facilities independently.

Tickets and tips

Published references: Santa Cruz R$10/R$5; the combined São Luís/Pico circuit R$12/R$6. Confirm prices, bookings and entry requirements. Meals and transport are extra.

Open route in Google Maps

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

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