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# South Bahia

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*cultural and natural beauty*

**State:** Bahia

**Weather:** Tropical - 25°C (77°F) average

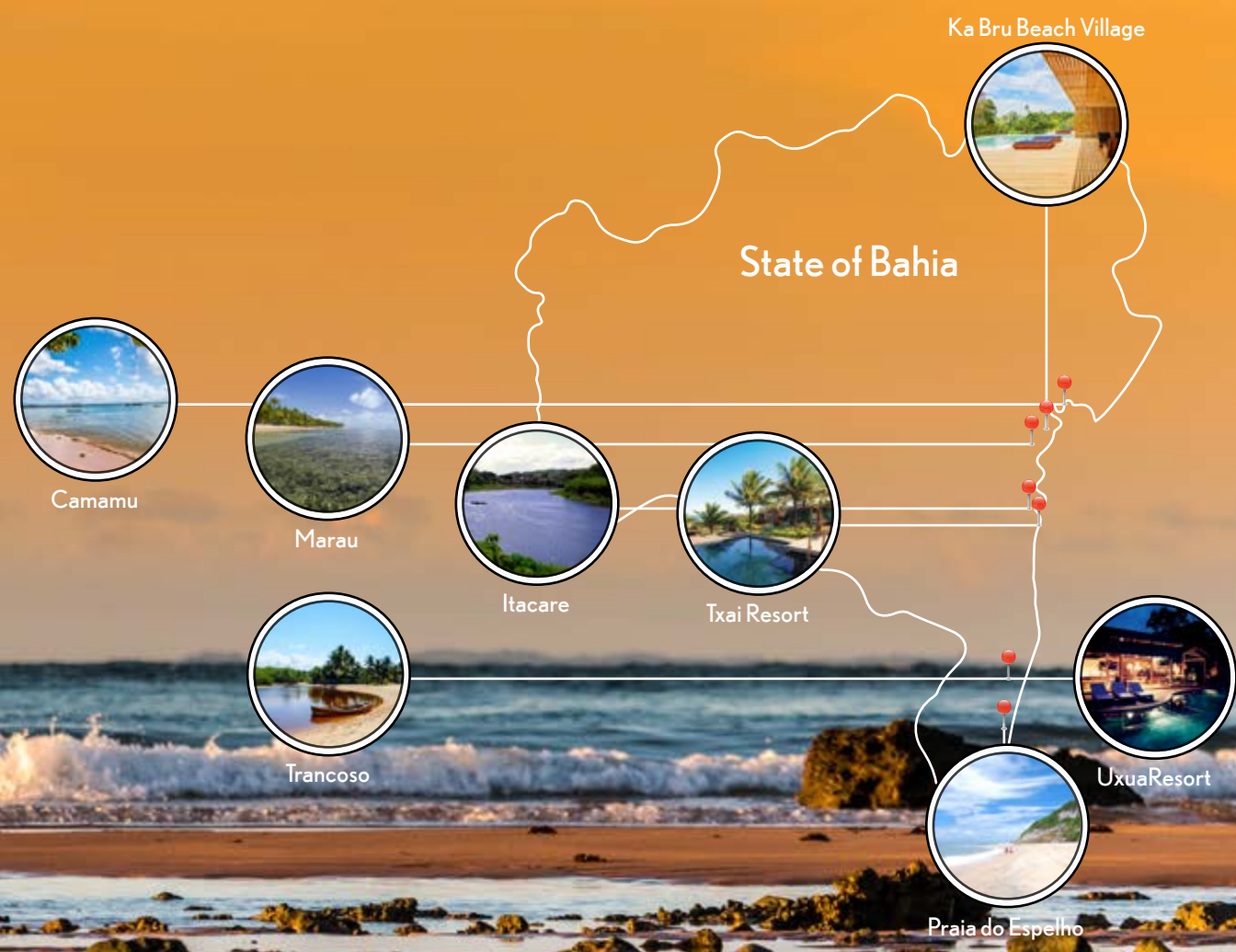
**Rain Period:** distributed throughout the year

**Best Time To Visit:** All year round

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## About South Bahia

From Salvador south, the Bahian coastline stretches 850 kms to the neighboring state of Espírito Santo and is host along the way to some of the best beach destinations in Brazil. Preserving the idyllic seaboard, bathed by the warm waters of the South Atlantic Ocean, the discerning traveler seeking comfort, exquisite beaches and local flavor is sure to find his or her place in the sun and/or shade here. This is the land of tropical islands, coastal Atlantic forests, pristine palm-fringed beaches, dende palm and cocoa plantations, untouched mangroves, great surfing, watersports and deep-sea fishing opportunities, as well as two excellent golf courses. The characteristics of each destination vary, from the laidback and low key to bustling beach and nightlife, from the simple to the sophisticated, with accommodation options to suit all budgets.



## Getting there...

- Ilheus Airport.
- Porto Seguro Airport

## For guests interested in...

- Beach
- Culture
- Water sports
- Food

## Where else can you travel?

- **Praia do Forte**  
1.5-hour land transfer from Salvador.
- **Trancoso**  
1 hour commercial flight from Salvador.
- **Morro de São Paulo**  
25-minute private flight from Salvador.



# Itacaré

Itacaré is the gateway to spectacular stretches of coastline where the dense Atlantic Forest dramatically reaches down to meet the South Atlantic Ocean, forming a chain of coves and inlets, many only accessible by forest trails. Until relatively recently the area was known to few except fishermen and surfers. While the town has grown, the surrounding region, now an environmentally protected area, maintains and protects its natural beauty. The dipping contours of the surrounding countryside provide wonderful forest walks to isolated beaches or waterfalls, great rafting and other adventure sports. The beaches of Itacaré are considered the best surfing in Brazil. Itacaré is host to a wide variety of accommodation options, from simple to simply exquisite, as well as a choice of excellent restaurants.

## \* How to get there?

The Ilheus Airport (IOS)

Domestic daily flights from São Paulo, Salvador, Belo Horizonte, Brasília.



## Txai Resort

A Relais & Chateaux property is a fantastic getaway on the coast of southern Bahia. The property, is 15 km (9 mi) from Itacaré, surrounded by a protected area. It offers a spa with panoramic ocean views, 5 pools embraced by coconut palms and a tennis court.

The spacious suites and private bungalows are built on suspended wooden decks and have king-size four-poster beds. Tastefully decorated, all have A/C and some feature private balconies. Enjoy the range of activities on offer including walks along nearly isolated beaches, hikes to coconut groves and more.



### Suggested Rooms

Bungalow Superior Beach – 60m<sup>2</sup> bungalows built on stilts, with a private balcony and an outdoor shower. Just 50 m from the beach.

Premium Bungalow – Most sophisticated and private, it is up hill and has a privileged view of the sea and the local forest, as well as a private swimming pool.

### Why do we like it?

- The resort is totally integrated with nature.
- The Itacarezinho beach is almost exclusive for Txai guests
- The resort has social programs that benefit the local community and fauna.

### Who is it good for?

- Honeymooners
- Families



# Marau Peninsula

Marau is a natural paradise situated between Itacaré and Morro do Sao Paulo. This small fishing town holds ancient architecture reflected on its streets and constructions.

The main attractions here are the mirroring lakes with coconut palms, the natural pools with perfect fresh water, the dreamy beaches and quaint rivers.

It is a recommended place for diving, fishing and trekking.

## \* How to get there?

The Ilheus Airport (IOS)

Domestic daily flights from São Paulo, Salvador, Belo Horizonte, Brasília.



## Ka Bru Beach

Close to the village of Barra Grande, it is an intimate boutique hotel at the entrance of stunning Camamu Bay, one of Brazil's great natural wonders. Representing the best in contemporary Brazilian tropical decor, each of the hotel's six designer rooms feature private terraces where guests can enjoy breath-taking panoramic views over the Bay of Camamu in peaceful solitude. In-room relaxation massages, gorgeous tropical gardens and a stylish, intimate lounge pool bar and restaurant provide the perfect ingredients for an unforgettably romantic getaway. Guests are treated to a delicious and healthy breakfast sourced from local organic products and prepared according to tasty local recipes.



### Suggested Rooms

Garden Suite – spacious bathroom and balcony with direct access to the garden. Each suite has a refrigerator and A/C.

Garden Suite – spacious bathroom and private terrace overlooking the garden & ocean. It is the largest room available at the Ka Bru Beach, and the only one with a second floor.

### Why do we like it?

- Clean, modern decor
- Access to a nearly private beach
- Delicious food
- Quality boutique service

### Who is it good for?

- Honeymooners
- Families





### Camamu Bay Trip

An island hopping full day excursion on the third largest bay in Brazil.

Visit the boatyards in Cajuá where the majestic schooners have been hand-built for generations, a legacy inherited from the first Dutch settlers, who arrived in these lands in the 17th century.

From there, you will visit Ilha do Goiό and then Ilha Pequena. The next stop is on Ilha do Sapinho where, depending on the time of year, you can enjoy many different exotic fruits such as jambo, mango, starfruit, cocoa and jackfruit.





# Trancoso

Trancoso is a quiet, charming, preserved village with a young, international vibe.

Trancoso was founded at the beginning of the Portuguese colonization by the Jesuits as an indigenous village for the Christianization of the Indians. However, in recent years, it has ceased to be the rustic and isolated village as it was discovered by hippies in the 1970s and became a popular tourist hot spot.

The Square in the center remains the heart of the village where locals and tourists gather. The colorful houses that line the square have been converted in to bars, restaurants, stylish inns, craft shops and famous designer boutiques. This charming village is surrounded by beautiful beaches and an exuberant nature with a mild climate all year round, making it a popular choice to visit.

## \* How to get there?

The Porto Seguro Airport (BPS)

Domestic daily flights from São Paulo, Salvador, Belo Horizonte, Brasília.





## Uxuá Casa Hotel & Spa

Authenticity is the greatest luxury that can be offered, on a visit to historic Bahia. And no place delivers the experience like Trancoso's Quadrado - its car free, UNESCO-protected town square. Half UXUA's casas here date back 500 years to the village's founding. They were restored by designer Wilbert Das in collaboration with local artisans using traditional techniques and reclaimed materials. These casas have a soul, each with legends and family history, every detail uniquely crafted by caring hands. UXUA's rustic beach lounge, Almescar Spa, Quadrado restaurant and 5-star service complete the perfect holiday.



### Suggested Houses

Seu Irênio - 1-bedroom casa with a pool. Skylights in an antique roof allow light in. Interior walls stripped to their structural frame allow air flow and wide views.

Casa da Arvore - despite rusticity, luxuries are hidden under the steep pitch of a painstakingly-crafted native roof, including a veranda with a hammock and bar.

### Why do we like it?

- It offers the possibility to stay in a private house with the facilities of a hotel
- The unique atmosphere provided by the rustic luxury design
- The location on Quadrado

### Who is it good for?

- Honeymooners
- Families





### Praia do Espelho Tour

Located between Trancoso and Caraiva the Praia do Espelho (Mirror Beach) is an inlet of White sands, coral reefs, Atlantic rain Forest and peach colored cliffs and crystalline waters.

One of the most beautiful stretches of Brazilian coastline. The road connecting Trancoso to Espelho drives through wonderful countryside as well as sections of rain forest.







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## Local Tips

### **Recommended Stay in South Bahia**

3 nights in each destination.

## Did you know that

\*Itacare was founded as a Portuguese colonial settlement, originally called São Jorge dos Ilhéus, in 1532.

\*Itacare was a notorious hangout for Dutch and Portuguese pirates during the early colonial period and later became a hub for the cocoa planting and a port for whalers.

\*Trancoso's Quadrado is a rough rectangle of grass edged by ancient trees that shelter brightly colored fishermen's houses.

\*Just until the late seventies, Trancoso was virtually cut-off and relatively unknown. Its inhabitants were self-sufficient, bartering objects or skills instead of using money.





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