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Club Med Rio Das Pedras Basks in the Heart of Brazil's Green Coast

Americans Discover the Resort of Choice for Brasileiros

MIAMI (Nov. 13, 2007) -- Club Med Rio das Pedras takes its name in tribute to its neighbor, the Rio das Pedras Ecological Reserve, which generously provides a lush mountain backdrop to the resort. The second largest nature reserve in Brazil, Rio das Pedras shelters a wide diversity of fauna and flora—over 10,000 Atlantic rainforest species. Through educational activities and excursions, Club Med encourages guests to learn about the reserve, butterfly watch, swim in the waterfalls and sample the foods of the rainforest. (could you clarify what we mean by “with careful conservation”) With careful conservation, the reserve’s vegetation spills into Club Med, where monkeys and large iguanas often grace the landscape.

Located 90 minutes from Rio de Janeiro on the “Green Coast,” Club Med Rio das Pedras covers over 74 acres and faces the islands in the Bay of Angra dos Reis. The calm bay provides an ideal setting for water sports such as water-skiing and wakeboarding or sailing and kayaking. Public spaces border the swimming pool and the 1640 foot long, fine sand beach.

Fourteen Andalusian-style bungalows house a total of 324 rooms at Club Med Rio das Pedras. The resort offers a large seafront swimming pool, a smaller family pool, an exercise room, two volleyball gyms, one beach volleyball area, nine lit tennis courts (three of which are covered), two squash courts, an archery field, programs for children ages four to 17, a spa with full treatment options, a sauna and Turkish bath.

Cuisine plays an important role in experiencing Brazil and Club Med. The three restaurants at Rio Das Pedras capture a slice of authentic Brazilian gastronomy. La Jangada, overlooks a river that runs through the resort and offers late breakfasts and table service dinners by reservation. A larger, buffet-style restaurant offers outdoor seating and a typically Brazilian décor. The Lanchonete sits opposite the swimming pool and offers fresh juices and healthy snacks throughout the day.

Rio das Pedras features nightly entertainment after dinner, in which guests often participate. After the show, a dance club heats up nightly for guests who want to enjoy the best in Brazilian rhythms. The Night Club features a festive open-air bar.

Discovering the Green Coast is a must when visiting Club Med Rio das Pedras. Excursions include sailing through the Angra islands, visiting Ilha Grande by catamaran and day trips to Paraty. The Green Coast Mountains split into a succession of magnificent bays and coves which house 365 islands to sail along and discover. Angra, located on a narrow stretch of land, is a popular vacation destination among Brazilians. Many wealthy “Cariocas” have second homes in Angra. Ilha Grande shelters one of the last ecosystems of Rio's southern coastline, and a visit by catamaran allows guest to bask in nature uninterrupted. Listed as a national historical monument, Paraty offers some of the richest architecture in colonial Brazil; cobbled streets, and colorful buildings.

Rio das Pedras, with its balance of beauty and festivity, also provides an ideal environment for business activities. The resort’s two-story convention center has a capacity of 600 people. The main room can be divided into three smaller rooms to host 220, 105, and 96 people. The center’s second floor can also be divided

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into three modular rooms. The Convention Center holds a business center, a pantry, a bar and three support rooms.

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