



EXPERIENCES 4 DAYS

Foot on sand in the Northeast

Four destinations in Bahia and Ceará for those who love delightful beaches.

The Northeast region is like heaven due to its beaches and nature which goes beyond its best-known destinations. In every Brazilian state there are small nooks, villages, landscapes and secrets places that worth a visit.

This itinerary takes you to some of these places in [Bahia](#) and [Ceará](#). You will just want to get out of the sand to get into the water.

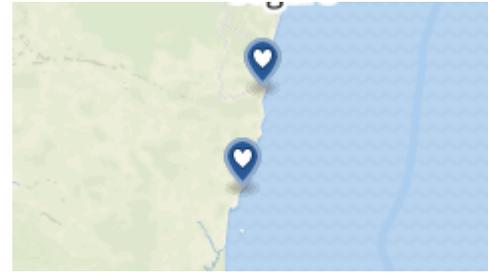
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From hippie nook to a tourist paradise

Discovered by hippies in the 1970s, [Trancoso](#) was for many years a small village by the seashore. In the last decade, the place had a great growth. Today, it houses lodges and resorts in addition to designer shops and fancy restaurants. Trancoso is close to [Porto Seguro](#) (40 km away), which helped increase the visitors flow. However, with all the changes, the place did not lose its charm: the main square, called [Quadrado](#) still does not have street lighting. Cars are prohibited from circulation in downtown and some of its beaches are only accessible on foot. For example: Rio da Barra Beach, 5 km from Trancoso. We highly recommend to visit it because the place is surrounded by cliffs and natural pools and it has a river that flows into the sea. If you feel hungry, do not worry because there is a nice restaurant.

Another must-see beach is [Praia do Espelho](#). At 22 km from the downtown, is more easily accessible by car. Quiet and greenish sea is notably beautiful at low tide when natural pools and coral formations are revealed. You can find nice bars and restaurants.



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★ [Espelho Beach](#)

Beach and sophistication in one place.

Address: Trancoso, BA



★ [Quadrado Histórico de Trancoso](#)

The center of Trancoso, called "Square" is beautiful and deserves as much attention as the beaches of the region.

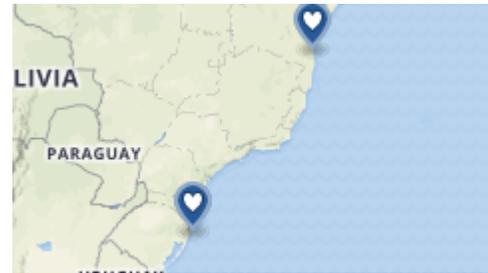
Address: Centro de Trancoso, BA

Hidden beaches

[Itacaré](#), another heaven near Ilhéus and 400 km from Trancoso, housed many cocoa farms until the 1960s, when a plague has been decimated the plantations of the region. The place, surrounded by nature and water, has become a popular destination since the paved road arrival.

[Prainha de Itacaré](#) is accessible with a hired local guide which takes you to a small paradise hidden in the greenery. Its beautiful symmetrical cove with two hills bordering the strip of sand is the postcard of the city. It has good waves for surfing and a small shack that sells some coconut water, drinks and fruits. It is a place to spend the whole day.

However, if you want to visit other places, you cannot miss [Itacarezinho Beach](#). Long and practically deserted, is accessible by car or by 30 minutes track. Its wide strip of sand is the spawning spot for sea turtles. And its strong waves attract surfers. It has nice infrastructure: restaurants and tables almost at seaside.



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✦ [Tijuípe Waterfall](#)

Very close to Itacaré, the site allows a day of rest and peace in the midst of nature.

Address: Rodovia BA-001, km 46, between Itacaré and Serra Grande, Bahia



✦ [Prainha](#)

The landscape is formed of a wide strip of grass where families stretch the cangas and take a delicious Sun bath.

Address: Torres, Rio Grande do Sul

Kitesufing place

After taking a plane from [Ilhéus](#) to [Fortaleza, Ceará](#), it is time to take the road and move on for 35 km until [Caucaia](#) where [Cumbuco Beach](#) is.

One of the postcards of Ceará is the worldwide reference of kitesurfing due to its perfect conditions for practicing. But it offers much more than this: land activities you can choose a buggy, quadricycle or horse ride; water activities, you can have a rafting ride.

Its warm sea and fantastic visual is perfect to rest. Its high dunes invite you to an *esquiabunda* ride (the person slides down the dunes with a wood board at high speed). Its restaurants offer local delicacies freshly cooked on the spot.

Nearby Cumbuco Beach is [Lagamar do Cauípe \(Cauípe Lagoon\)](#), an environmental protection area formed by the mouth of the Cauípe River. It is great for buggy ride, kitesurfing and windsurfing practice and watching the encounter of freshwater with seawater, surrounded by numerous species of birds and fishes.



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✦ [Lagamar do Cauípe](#)

Environmental protection area created with the objective of protecting the biodiversity of the location.

Address: Estrada Garrote, 3614, Praia do Cumbuco - Caucaia, Ceará



✦ [Praia do Cumbuco](#)

A beach that is famous for several attractions, such as horseback riding and buggy tours through the dunes.

Address: Caucaia, Ceará

Rafting and Broadway

[Canoa Quebrada village](#) and [Aracati](#), another nook discovered by hippies in the 1960s (as well as by French moviemaker of Nouvelle Vague), changed a quiet fishing village into a busy tourist destination, a most-visited tourist attraction in the world. Canoa Quebrada Village and Aracati are 190 km from [Caucaia](#). The foreign presence is so strong that there is a street called Broadway due to its many bars, restaurants and show houses.

Despite the change, [Canoa Quebrada Beach](#) retains its charms. Fishermen's rafts still cross the greenish sea, bringing substantial food cooked on site. Colorful sand cliffs at seaside still delight visitors. If you want to rest, the best time is during the low season (from December to March), when the small village welcomed visitors from around the world.



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✦ [Canoa Quebrada Beach](#)

Beautiful cliffs, white dunes and fishing rafts are the hallmarks of this beautiful beach of the state of Ceará.

Address: Aracati, Ceará



✦ [Canoa Quebrada Village](#)

Good restaurants and a lot of excitement during the night.

Address: Aracati, Ceará