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IGUASSU FALLS

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WELCOME TO HOTEL DAS CATARATAS

Nestled within the lush surroundings of Iguassu National Park, Hotel das Cataratas offers a one-of-a-kind experience where history, impeccable service, unique activities and a passion for the environment converge. With this press kit, we invite you to discover our celebrated icon, including accommodations, experiences and sustainability initiatives, reflecting the spirit of a destination that enthralles travelers from across the globe.

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A Greater Frigatebird is perched on a weathered stone wall. The bird has a greyish-brown head and back, a black throat and breast, and a white belly. It has a long, dark, hooked beak and a prominent red eye. Its legs are long and red. In the background, a blurred building with arched windows is visible under a clear blue sky.

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and nature meet*

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FOZ DO IGUAÇU

Located at the triple border of Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina, Foz do Iguaçu is a destination that celebrates diversity. Its population of approximately 260,000 reflects a rich cultural mosaic shaped by Italian, German, Arab and Chinese immigrants.

The region's signature attraction is Iguassu National Park, home to the magnificent Iguassu Falls. The park spans 185,000 hectares of preserved Atlantic Forest, the last continuous swathe of this biome in southern Brazil. Established to protect nature for future generations, the park was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986.

It provides a sanctuary for hundreds of plant and animal species, and only 0.3% of its land is open to the public, ensuring the ecosystem is preserved. The park extends into Argentina's Misiones province, with the Iguassu River as a natural border.

FLIGHTS TO FOZ DO IGUAÇU

Direct flights are available from São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Curitiba, Belo Horizonte, Campinas, Recife, and Santiago, Chile.

IGUASSU FALLS – ONE OF THE NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF NATURE

Iguassu Falls is a breathtaking ensemble of 275 waterfalls stretching 5km along the Iguassu River and carving a dramatic canyon. Of the 19 major cascades, the biggest and most famous is the 90m-high Devil's Throat.

Only three falls – Florianópolis, Deodoro and Benjamin Constant – are on the Brazilian side, which offers the most panoramic vistas of the entire system. The remainder lie on the Argentine side, providing visitors with diverse perspectives.

Springing from the Serra do Mar, the Iguassu River runs 1,320km to the falls, with an average flow of 1,800m³ per second – roughly 10 million liters plunging every second. The roar is magnificent, and the mist creates enormous rainbows, transforming the scene into a thrilling spectacle of light and color.

In 2011, the New7Wonders Foundation named Iguassu Falls one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature, reaffirming its status as one of the world's most spectacular destinations.

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Historic Icon*

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Tourism in Foz do Iguaçu began in 1915 when a branch of the Hotel Brasil, better known as Hotel dos Saltos, was constructed near the falls. The hotel, a wooden structure, was never completed due to political conflicts and later, in 1937, was destroyed by fire. In 1939, under President Getúlio Vargas, construction of Hotel das Cataratas commenced, only to be interrupted by World War II. It was finally completed in 1958 under President Juscelino Kubitschek.

From 1967 to 2007, the hotel was managed by the Tropical Group, known as Tropical das Cataratas. In 2007, Orient-Express Hotels took over management, initiating a BRL 60 million renovation to full upgrade the 176 rooms, common areas, gardens, pools and restaurants, including a new spa. In 2014, after Orient-Express became Belmond Ltd., the hotel was renamed Belmond Hotel das Cataratas, integrating into the brand's global luxury identity. Today it is simply Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel.

In 2019, LVMH acquired Belmond for USD 3.2 billion, incorporating the hotel collection into its luxury portfolio. Belmond also invested in sustainable initiatives within the park, including burying power lines and contributing approximately BRL 9 million to Iguassu National Park, partially supporting the Jaguars of Iguaçu Project.

As the only hotel within Iguassu National Park, surrounded by 185,000 hectares of tropical forest and abundant biodiversity, Hotel das Cataratas offers a truly unparalleled experience. Guests gain exclusive access to the falls and trails before and after public hours, allowing them to enjoy unique encounters and experiences in combination with Belmond's authentic hospitality. Strategically located 15km from the airport and 25km from downtown, the hotel occupies an area of 15,000m², making it one of South America's most remarkable properties.

The hotel plays a pivotal role in promoting Foz do Iguaçu both nationally and internationally. In 2018, it became the first South American hotel to receive Forbes Travel Guide's coveted five-star rating, a standard it has maintained

annually through rigorous inspections covering over 900 quality criteria.

In 2023, it was recognized as the best hotel in Brazil by the global ranking La Liste, earning the title again in 2025 and further reinforcing its reputation for excellence and genuine service.

Also in 2025, it stood out in the prestigious French guide La Liste, ranking as the highest-rated Brazilian hotel in the "Top 1000 Hotels" with a score of 97.50 — the highest among the eight properties in the country — and was also included in the extended list of the prestigious 50 Best Hotels.

In 2026, it celebrated its ninth consecutive year receiving the highest rating from the Forbes Travel Guide, remaining the only hotel in South America to achieve this distinction. These international accolades reaffirm Hotel das Cataratas' commitment to delivering a unique and memorable experience, in perfect harmony with the grandeur of Iguaçu Falls.

NOTABLE GUESTS

Thanks to its prime location and exceptional service, Hotel das Cataratas is a preferred choice in Foz do Iguaçu for international personalities and celebrities. Over the years, it has welcomed political leaders, royalty, film and music stars and prominent cultural figures, including:

- **ROYALTY & INTERNATIONAL LEADERS:** Charles and Diana, the former Prince and Princess of Wales; Prince Albert of Monaco; Queen Margrethe; David Rockefeller; Eleanor Roosevelt; Joseph Blatter; Tony Blair; Bill Clinton.
- **ARTISTS & MUSICIANS:** Elis Regina; Roberto Carlos; Rod Stewart; Paul Simon; Elba Ramalho; Fafá de Belém; Moacyr Franco.
- **BRAZILIAN & INTERNATIONAL CELEBRITIES:** Gisele Bündchen; Adriana Lima; Renato Aragão; Anthony Hopkins; Jackie Chan; Tony Hawk; Christiane Torloni; William Bonner; Jorge Amado.

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*Facilities &
Accommodations*



FACILITIES & ACCOMMODATIONS



ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT & RENOVATION

Hotel das Cataratas was completely renovated by French architect Michel Jouannet, who transformed all 176 rooms and public areas. Floors, finishes, plumbing, electrical systems, heating and cooling were fully replaced while preserving the elegant Portuguese-style façade.

Environmental care is evident in every detail: solid certified wood furniture, bathrooms remodeled with white marble and custom tiles, hallways with specially designed carpets, and artworks by Ludmila Demonte and Romilda Patez adorn the rooms.

ROOMS & SUITES

Accommodations offer every comfort and indulgence, with fabrics inspired by local flora, box beds with pillow tops, and Egyptian cotton linens. Granado amenities, featuring Brazilian essences, add a fragrant touch. Rooms range across 12 categories, from Superior to the exclusive Cataratas Suite, catering to all guest profiles.

SUPERIOR

Located in the Floresta and Jardim wings, Superior rooms feature paintings of local flora and fauna by Ludmila de Montes and Romilda Patez, plus bespoke, hand-painted tiles. All rooms include a 42-inch LED HD Smart TV and modern electronics.

DELUXE & DELUXE CATARATAS

Spacious and bright, Deluxe rooms feature wooden floors and sophisticated furnishings. Deluxe Cataratas rooms offer direct views of Iguassu Falls. Both categories include luxurious amenities and 42-inch LED HD Smart TVs.

SUÍTE POOL

Just two Pool Suites are available, offering Portuguese colonial-style decor, a private garden and pool. They also feature a walk-in closet, spacious living area and 42-inch LED HD Smart TV.



FACILITIES & ACCOMMODATIONS

CATARATAS SUITE

On the second floor of the main building, the Cataratas Suite affords the most magnificent, sweeping views of Iguassu Falls. An ample 64m², it features a living and dining area, a separate shower and soaking tub.

Original artworks, hand-embroidered wool rugs, antiques and custom fabrics enrich the space. With bedding including goose-down duvets, plush mattresses and a pillow menu, peaceful slumber is assured.

Technology includes 50-inch LED HD Smart TVs, international channels, and a Bluetooth sound system.

All rooms, including the Cataratas Suite, feature a digital safe with internal outlet, clock radio, climate controls, coffee maker, minibar, hairdryer and magnifying mirror

TERRACE SUITE

Our one exclusive Terrace Suite integrates the bedroom and living space and boasts a terrace bathed in natural light. Facilities include a 50-inch LED HD Smart TV and Bluetooth-compatible sound system.

TOWER SUITE

Guests enjoy a lavish living space and sunlit terrace, creating a cozy, inviting atmosphere, plus a 50-inch LED HD Smart TV and other luxury amenities.

KIDS' CLUB

The Kids' Club offers fun, educational play and activities promoting environmental awareness. Together with mascot Felício, the staff guide children through creative workshops and games imbued with a sustainable message.

BOUTIQUE

Our Signature Boutique presents a curated collection of gifts and items inspired by Brazilian culture, with a focus on originality, craftsmanship and nature.

EVENT SPACES

The hotel is an outstanding venue for a variety of events, from showstopping weddings to inspirational meetings. Outdoor events can be hosted in Jardim Yvagá, Jardim Yvy or the front garden with waterfall views. Indoor or corporate events can be held in two salons accommodating up to 100 guests and an executive meeting room. Ipê and Y restaurants can also be privatized for exclusive events.

OTHER AMENITIES

A business center and WiFi are available for guests and visitors. Two ATMs, one national and one international, are also on site.

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Gastronomy



GASTRONOMY

In harmony with its surroundings, Hotel das Cataratas offers guests and visitors inimitable culinary experiences at its two restaurants, three bars and Y Terrace.

IPÊ RESTAURANT

Next to the pool, Ipê offers a casual, welcoming ambiance with an air-conditioned dining room and a menu to suit all tastes. Lunch options include à la carte Brazilian dishes, an international buffet, traditional feijoada on Saturdays, and the chef's special brunch on Sundays. Dinner ranges from à la carte to Gaucho-style barbecues, with succulent meats, fish, vegetables, sides, desserts and vegetarian options. Breakfast options include tapioca, omelets, eggs Benedict and farmhouse specialties, with a focus on local and organic ingredients.

Y RESTAURANT

Y (pronounced "ee") reinterprets flavors from across Brazil with bold, contemporary flair. Led by two-Michelin-star chef Luiz Filipe Souza, the restaurant offers playful and creative cuisine that takes you on a journey through the different regions of Brazil. The name derives from "YY" in Guarani, meaning water, reflecting the synergy between the local culture, exuberant nature and national cuisine. Ingredients like manioc, cupuaçu and açaí feature in drinks, appetizers, breads, starters and desserts. Diners may savor a nine-course tasting menu or select individual dishes.

Y TERRACE

This outdoor space facing the falls is perfect for sunset drinks. Chef Luiz Filipe's tapas menu is paired with exclusive cocktails and a curated selection of wines and champagnes.



TAROBÁ BAR

Open 11am-11pm, offering organic teas from the hotel garden, aromatic coffee, and snacks reflecting the Triple Border's cultural diversity. Guests may spot birds such as toucans and jay thrushes while admiring the sunset.

POOL BAR

Provides a varied, thirst-quenching drinks list, from tropical cocktails to flavored water. It also acts as the central point for the pool service, doling out chilled towels, sunscreen, fresh fruit and other amenities as needed.

EXCLUSIVE CULINARY EXPERIENCES

The hotel sets the stage for imaginative moments, from private garden picnics to cachaça and Paraná wine tastings and sunset cocktails on the lawn or in the tower. [More info.](#)

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POOLS & GARDENS

We have two beautiful pools, one for adults and one for children. The 310m2 main pool boasts an elegant infinity edge and is warmed to a pleasant 28°C all year round. Summer opening hours are 8am to 8pm. The children's pool has been carefully designed to provide a safe environment for little guests to play freely.

Surrounded by lush tropical gardens, the hotel is home to majestic, centuries-old trees and rare orchids and bromeliads. Colorful birds, playful coatis and lizards are among the rich diversity of wildlife that frequent this enchanting landscape. The symphony of wildlife and exotic flora gives guests an intimate connection with the lush nature of Iguassu National Park.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Within the gardens, guests can enjoy playing on a giant chessboard. Classic games such as chess, checkers and cards are available indoors in the Dom Pedro Room.

Activities naturally extend beyond the hotel grounds. Exhilarating boat rides take guests right up to the spectacular waterfalls. Near the entrance to the park, the Bird Park is a must-visit attraction, where guests can explore the amazing diversity of species in an environment teeming with wildlife and natural beauty. For those seeking a panoramic view of Iguassu Falls, a helicopter flight is highly recommended. Thrilling round trips provide unparalleled views of the majestic cascades and surrounding landscape.

GYM, TENNIS, YOGA & WELLNESS

The hotel offers ample options for guests looking to nurture their health, fitness and wellbeing. As well as a tennis court and fully equipped gym, guests can schedule personalized activities, such as yoga classes, ceramics workshops, bioenergetic exercises, guided bike tours through the National Park and personal training sessions. Activities must be booked in advance and may incur additional fees.

SPA

The Spa at Hotel das Cataratas is designed to foster a deep connection with the revitalizing energy of the falls and the Atlantic Forest. The expansive space, which first opened in 2010, has benefited from substantial improvements and upgrades over the years. A relaxing and rejuvenating sanctuary, it takes guests on a harmonious journey inspired by the ancestral wisdom of the forest and the worldview of the region's indigenous peoples. This recognizes the universe as an interconnected whole, in which humans, animals and plants share the same web of life.

The spa menu offers relaxing, reinvigorating and toning therapies, including massages, body rituals, facials, manicures and pedicures, which can be enjoyed in six treatment rooms and a dedicated couple's suite with a private tub. Separate steam saunas are available for men and women. Treatments range from 30 minutes to 2 hours, and therapies can be combined into personalized packages.

Staying true to the spa's natural ethos, all products feature ingredients such as yerba mate, copaiba oil, aromatic herbs from the Atlantic Forest, coffee, cupuaçu and organic sugar.

A carefully curated soundtrack enhances the sense of immersion in nature, transforming each spa visit into a holistic wellness journey deeply connected to Iguassu National Park.

[Full spa menu](#)

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Experiences*

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



Our guests can choose from an array of magical activities, including at sunrise, sunset and during full-moon nights, before and after the park opens to the general public. Our proximity to the falls allows for an intimate connection with nature, revealing its beauty at every turn.

DISCOVER THE FALLS

Our guide leads guests on a 2km walk along the Cataratas Trail before the park opens. It's a chance to savor the majestic falls and otherworldly atmosphere in peace while gleaning fascinating details about the region's flora and fauna.

FIRST LIGHT EXPERIENCE

In partnership with Leica Sport Optics, this unique sunrise walk takes guests on a quiet trail to admire the awakening forest with the help of state-of-the-art binoculars. Swifts rise up through the spray, capybaras graze, toucans preen in the trees and vultures soar on thermals: it's a singular and unforgettable experience for nature lovers.

PICNIC ON THE LAWN

We can arrange a relaxed picnic on the lawn for guests, either facing the spectacular waterfalls or in our gardens brimming with orchids. There are two enticing menu options:

- Family Menu: fresh fruits, breads, cakes, mini sandwiches, carrot cake with chocolate brigadeiros, cookies, natural juices, smoothies and water – perfect for all ages.
- Special Menu: smoked salmon with sour cream, mixed fruits and olives, charcuterie with figs, selected cheeses, truffled honey, cake, a rustic bread basket, orange juice, sparkling wine, or Moët & Chandon champagne* (*additional fee applies).

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES



FULL MOON WALK

Full moon nights take on an ethereal magic in Iguassu National Park. This mesmerizing walk winds along the walkways above the falls to reveal the rare lunar rainbow, formed by the moonlight reflecting in the mists – an unforgettable moment exclusive to Hotel das Cataratas guests.

PRIVATE COCKTAILS IN THE TOWER

Our tower offers views from the highest point of Iguassu National Park, best enjoyed with sumptuous canapés and a bottle of Moët & Chandon champagne. The golden light streaming through the tower's windows illuminates João Incerti's artwork, enhancing the sublime moment.

GAZEBO EXPERIENCE

Our inviting gazebo is available for intimate, al fresco celebrations. An interactive five-course menu is served, with dishes pre-prepared by the chef and finished with flair at the table.

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*Sustainability & Social
Responsibility*

SUSTAINABILITY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



CERTIFICATIONS

Iguassu National Park is a beacon of Brazilian biodiversity and a critical Atlantic Forest conservation area. Within this context, Hotel das Cataratas is passionately committed to environmental preservation and social responsibility.

Since 2000, the hotel has been a pioneer in sustainability, earning international certifications including:

- ISO 14001 – Environmental Management: Implements effective environmental management systems, aligning operational responsibilities with ecological respect.
- SA 8000 – Social Responsibility: Evaluates the impact of operations on neighboring communities, employees, partners and suppliers.
- EarthCheck: Recognizes tourism organizations with high sustainability performance, including energy efficiency, water and waste management, emission reduction and conservation practices.

JAGUARS OF IGUAÇU PROJECT

This initiative is dedicated to safeguarding the jaguar, symbol of Brazil's biodiversity, within the National Park. Guests support the project through our food and drink specialties, such as the signature Caipirinha Onça-Pintada and the Tartelete de Carne de Onça, with a portion of proceeds benefiting conservation efforts. Visits to the project's headquarters, Toca da Onça, include complimentary transport, with donations made directly to the program.

OTHER SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES

- Renewable energy: 100% sourced from certified clean energy.
- Biodegradable cleaning products.
- Staff training on responsible resource use.
- Annual environmental clean-up, removing 1,500kg of waste from the forest.
- 97% LED lighting with low energy consumption.
- Waste sorting and recycling programs.
- Energy-controlled guest rooms integrated with check-in/out.
- Electric vehicle charging station.
- Organic herb and sprout garden.
- Refillable water bottles.
- On-site sewage treatment.
- Employee environmental awareness program, "Forest Protectors".



VALUING INDIGENOUS
KNOWLEDGE

*The hotel respectfully celebrates
the traditions of the Guaraní
communities of Western Paraná
through experiences, crafts and
gastronomy, fostering a harmonious
relationship between humans
and nature.*





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CHEF LUIZ GUILHERME CYRINO

Belmond connects discerning travelers with extraordinary properties, destinations and journeys worldwide. Its collection of 44 properties across 25 countries emphasizes slow luxury, cultural immersion and unforgettable experiences. Belmond is a pioneer in slow travel and a guardian of iconic properties, working with local communities, artists and chefs to preserve heritage while creating new legacies. Belmond has been part of LVMH since 2019.

CHEF LUIZ FILIPE

A visionary of Brazilian gastronomy, award-winning chef Luiz Filipe blends national ingredients with Italian techniques. Notable accolades include gaining two Michelin stars for Evvai in São Paulo, representing Brazil at Bocuse d'Or 2019, and being recognized by Veja São Paulo and Folha de S.Paulo.

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