

Please read the **Responsibility Statement** below. To secure a reservation, all travelers must sign and return this form with deposit to the RDA office. Thank you.

RDA Hometown Tour –Brazil– June 12 - 19, 2012

Terms and Conditions

\$3,999 per person double occupancy; \$4,624 per person single occupancy. A \$1,000 deposit per person and this completed and signed form are required to reserve your space. The tour is limited to RDA members. If you are not a member, this is your opportunity to join. The balance must be paid in full by February 1, 2012. Reservations will be accepted after the final payment date, providing space is available, and require payment in full.

What is Included

Four nights hotel accommodations at the Ipanema Plaza Hotel in Rio de Janeiro and three nights in the Brasilia Palace Hotel in Brasilia; daily breakfast; six lunches; three dinners; two receptions; sightseeing via private motor coach as per itinerary; roundtrip airfare Rio-Brasilia-Rio; all entrance fees per itinerary; presentations and guides.

What is Not Included

Airfare and meals not listed above; Visa; Single and Two-Bed supplements at hotel if applicable; personal expenses, including all forms of travel insurance, and any hotel charges other than room and room tax; and any other expenses not specified as included in the itinerary.

Responsibility Statement:

The Rice Design Alliance and Rice University (collectively referred to as "RDA") act only as agents for the participant with respect to travel services. We can assume no responsibility or liability in whole or in part for any delays, delayed or changed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, damage, weather, strikes, acts of God, circumstances beyond our control, force majeure, war, quarantine, criminal activity, expense, accident, sickness, injury or death to a person or property, or mechanical defect, failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, restaurant, transportation, or other services or for any substitution (with or without notice) of hotels or of common carrier equipment beyond our control or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors you are required to spend an additional night, you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. No

refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour due to these causes or voluntary cancellations. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of these tours at any time. By forwarding of deposit, the participant accepts the terms of this contract and certifies that he/she is in sufficient mental and physical health to participate on the tour and would not create a hazard for him/herself or other participants. Participant has medical insurance coverage appropriate for participating in the tour and RDA will not provide any insurance for the participant. No revisions of the printed itinerary or the "Included Features" are anticipated; however, the Rice Design Alliance reserves the right to make changes at any time and for any reason with or without notice, and RDA shall not be liable for any loss whatsoever to participants by reason of such cancellation, substitution, or changes. All fares, hours of arrival or departure, special programs and guest lectures are subject to change without prior notice. RDA shall not be required to refund any portion of the fare or make any other compensation under these circumstances. RDA cannot be responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers that may result due to operational and/or itinerary changes, regardless if the participant and/or RDA make the flight arrangements. Any additional expenses resulting from the above will be paid by the individual participant. RDA reserves the right to substitute hotels of a similar category for that listed in the brochure. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel manager. Prices are based on the exchange rates at the time of the announcement of the trip. RDA reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases and all such increases to be paid to RDA by the tour participant upon notice to the tour participant of such increases. The airlines and other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time participants are not on board their conveyances. Rates: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure.

Liability Waiver

RDA serves only in a capacity of assisting the participant in making arrangements for travel, services, accommodations, and products provided by the tour operator, certain land transport carriers, and other providers of services and accommodations during the trip and in no way serve as agents for these businesses or accept responsibility for their services and products. Such travel, services, accommodations, and products are subject only to the terms and conditions under which they are offered or provided. Therefore, having read and understood the above, as well as the schedule of activities for this tour and the Responsibility Statement, the undersigned hereby agrees for and on behalf of himself/herself, his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to release and hold harmless the Rice Design Alliance and Rice University and any of their respective directors, officers, agents, licensees, employees, or representatives from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or damages for delays, injuries, illness or death or other occurrence, or for the loss of, or damage to, his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour, whether or not foreseeable or contributed to by the negligent acts or omissions of The Rice Design Alliance or Rice University.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until they are received in writing in the offices of the Rice Design Alliance. Should you have to cancel, your deposit will be refunded less \$100 until January 4, 2012 and afterwards, if someone else can fill your reservation. If not, a cancellation will result in the forfeiture of amounts paid or deposited. **We recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance.**

I confirm that I have carefully read the information on refunds, general conditions, and the responsibility clause specified in the Terms and Conditions and I accept them.

I agree to full payment by check or credit card by February 1, 2012.

Emergency contact of person(s) not traveling with you (required; please print)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone Number _____

All travelers must sign:

Signature Printed name Date

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