

## Historic Center of Olinda, Olinda



Founded in the 16th century by the Portuguese, the town's history is linked to the sugar-cane industry. Rebuilt after being looted by the Dutch, its basic urban fabric dates from the 18th century. The harmonious balance between the buildings, gardens, 20 Baroque churches, convents and numerous small passos (chapels) all contribute to Olinda's particular charm. Olinda, city in eastern Brazil, in Pernambuco State, a port on the Atlantic Ocean. One of the best-preserved colonial cities in Brazil, Olinda is built on hills that overlook the Atlantic Ocean and the nearby city of Recife. A number of 17th-century churches and houses line the narrow, winding streets that climb these hills. The port city juts into the ocean on the easternmost bulge of South America, and the fine beaches north of Olinda attract many tourists.