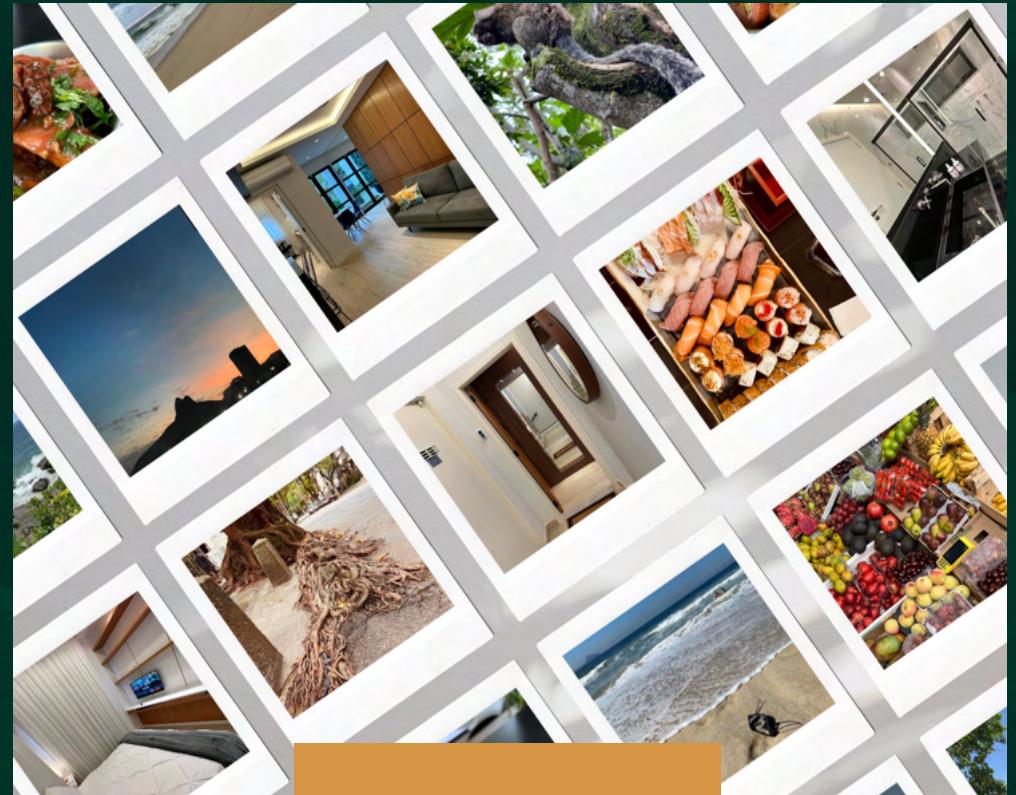


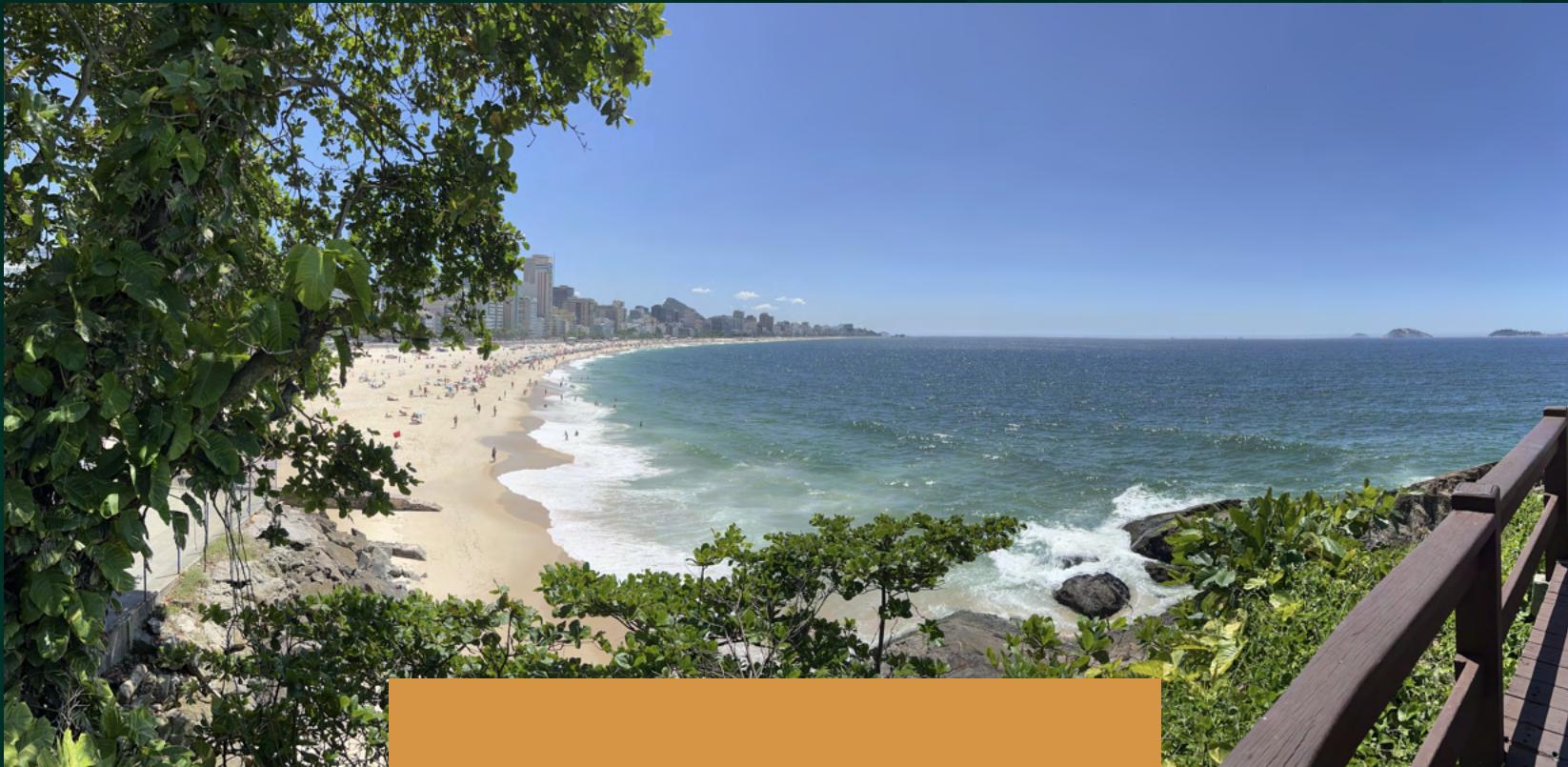
About Us

Our family has lived in Leblon for more than 3 generations. They came here for the fresh air, sun and proximity with the beach, and ended up building a community. We've lived in San Francisco for many years, but left our heart in Leblon. Several times per year, we come to Leblon for the exact same reason our grandparents came. For us, it's the best place in the world. We hope it becomes that for you too!



Welcome
VIDA LEBLON

O Melhor Lugar do Mundo



DURING YOUR STAY



**CHECK
IN
AFTER
2PM**



We want your stay with us to be stress-free and memorable! If you need anything, let us know. We are in San Francisco, so we're a couple hours behind, but we have many people in Rio that can help.

Important things to know:

- We will agree on a time for our caretaker to meet with you and give you keyfobs to access the building.
- You will use a passcode to enter the condo (electronic lock).

DURING YOUR STAY



Our condo should have all you need: toiletries, linens, towels, beach towels, umbrella (yes, it does rain in Rio sometimes!).

Our kitchen should have everything you need as well. Use the QR codes on the appliances to see the instructions in English.

Cleaning supplies are in the laundry area; vacuum cleaner and taller stuff are in the closet in the back bedroom.

The trash cans for the building are located on the ground level, there is one for recyclables and one for garbage.

**CHECK
OUT
BY
12PM**



Do **not** forget

- Take all garbage to the trash cans in the ground floor of the building.
- Leave the keys inside the mailbox by the building gate*.
- Make sure you're taking everything that is yours: chargers, glasses, any beachwear drying out.

*If you forget, we'll have to charge US\$20 per tag lost.

Getting in and Out



Entering the building: The **key fobs** open the building gate and the glass door inside the gate.

Gate: tap your key fob in the keyhole of the gate (close to the red light).

Glass door: Tap your key fob in the electronic reader.



Exiting the building: Press the switch at the right side after you exit the elevator. This will unlock both the glass door and the gate (gate will remain open for a few seconds, and lock after that).



Open the **condo lock** with the code sent by AirBnb.

To unlock: press the Yale logo; press the code; Press the checkmark.

To lock: press the Yale logo. Note the door locks automatically after 30s.

The **intercom** inside the condo opens the building gate and glass door when visitors arrive and call the apartment.

Press *2 in the intercom to open both doors at the same time and allow the visitors access to the building. **Make sure you know who is coming in the building.**





Getting around

About going to the beach

We don't take anything except for sunscreen, books, hats and some cash (or card) to pay for the beach chair and umbrella. **Do not leave** your belongings unattended at the beach. Beware when crossing the street closest to the beach, the flow of cars changes directions during the day. Look both ways! And on Sundays and holidays, one of the lanes is closed to traffic, it is a GREAT walk! **Some requests:** do not take the bathroom towels to the beach, we provide beach towels for that. And there's an outdoor faucet at the building entrance, please clean all the sand from your feet, flip flops and beach towels there.

Walking around

Leblon is one of the safest neighborhoods in Rio. But there's theft, so we take all jewelry off when here, and we're always aware of our surroundings. We mostly walk everywhere around here, but if we are coming back **late** (11pm or later), we take an uber or taxi.



Getting around



Hot and Humid?

Yes, it is hot and humid in the summer months. All the rooms have AC and also ceiling fans. Use the ceiling fans when you can, they are very effective and way greener. And please: do turn everything off when you leave the room. Take a water bottle with you and hydrate!

Parking

Leblon is a busy neighborhood. There's street parking everywhere, but it is not guaranteed at all and it requires a R\$2 parking permit (a person wearing a vest from the city will sell it to you). When we park outside, we never leave anything visible.

Sleeping

Leblon is a lively neighborhood. We do have double pane windows so that you can sleep well. We also have black outs in the bedrooms.



Getting around

Communicating

Brazilian people are very communicative and will try to understand what you are saying. But not many speak English fluently, especially in the more traditional restaurants and in the kiosks at the beach. Be ready to use Google Translate.

About eating

We cook all the time when we are at home in the USA. Here, we seldom cook, we love to go to our favorite restaurants and try new ones. If you want to cook, there are two supermarkets in a 5 minute walking radius: Zona Sul and Pão de Açúcar. Zona Sul is a small (some would say cramped) and well stocked supermarket. Pão de Açúcar is a huge one in our block! Hortifruti is the place to buy fruits and vegetables. There are dozens of restaurants in a 5 minute walking radius as well. We have our list of preferred restaurants in a separate section. When we order take out, we use the iFood app.



Eating Out

Our preferred picks from the neighborhood we love!



Local Picks

Traditional "Carioca"



Degrau

Very traditional, dishes are huge, meant for two or three people. Bacalhau (salted cod), polvo (octopus) and broccoli rice are our favorites.

Princesa

Very lively, right in front of our condo. Food is great and very reasonably priced.

Gula Gula

Our preferred salad place - we love the heart of palm, salpicão and pesto salads.

Celeiro

Great salads, you build your own.

Local Picks

"Lighter" fare



Bracarense

Get the "bolinho de feijoada" and the "camarão com catupiry".

Bar do Adão

Pastéis of anything. On Tuesdays, eat 2 for the price of 1, limited selection.

Clipper

Very full and noisy when Flamengo plays. "Sanduíche de pernil" is awesome.

Polis

Fresh Juice place with lots of fruit options, and açaí bowls as well. Our favorite is the passion fruit.

Mil Frutas

Brazilian style sorbet and ice-cream. Unique Brazilian flavors.

Gelateria Piemonte/Gelateria Borelli

We have two Italian Gelato places close to our condo. Piemonte is a few steps from here, Borelli has great seating!

Kurt

The cakes and tartes are all delicious.

Tapioca stand at the corner of Ataulfo and Afranio

There's always a line at the tapioca cart, and it is because they are awesome.

Local Picks

On the fancier side



Peixoto

Great sushi place, fish is really fresh.

San Izakaya

2 steps from our condo, one of the best sushi places in the city.

Iraja Redux

Reinvented carioca classics with very high ceilings and varanda seating.

CT Boucherie

Choose the protein, and the accompaniments keep coming back to your table (rodízio)! Try the farofa.

Giuseppe Grill

Steaks and fishes, we just love the service.

Rio Brasa

Churrascaria rodízio - excellent steaks, sushi, seafood, all-inclusive.

Mocellin (only restaurant listed here that you can't walk to)

Churrascaria rodízio - best steaks you will ever have, all-inclusive as well.

Oro

Super fancy tasting menu, Michelin starred twists on Brazilian classics.

Local Picks

Rise and Shine - or coffee at anytime



Cardin

Serves breakfast, great coffee, breads and sweet pastries.

Talho Capixaba

On the pricier side, serving breakfast and other meals.
Great bread and deli stuff to take home.

Slow Bakery

Delicious artisanal bread with natural fermentation, on
the pricier side. Serves breakfast as well.

Coffee places in general

Almost always good coffee. Do like the locals: tired from
shopping? Slow down with a coffee and cheese bread.



Food Glossary

Just in case you need help...

Feijoada - Main staple of Brazilian cuisine, slow cooked stew of beans with beef and pork. Served with Kale, rice and "farofa".

Farofa - Delicious savory accompaniment made with toasted manioc flour. The consistency varies according to the amount of fat used by each cook.

Pastel - Typical Brazilian fast-food dish. Fried pastry pockets filled with ground beef, cheese, chicken, shrimp. They can also be sweet, filled with banana and cinnamon!

Bobó de camarão - Brazilian dish of shrimp in a puree of manioc (or cassava meal), served with farofa and rice.

Moqueca de camarão/Moqueca de peixe - Very tasty slow cooked stew containing shrimp (or fish), with lots of vegetables, coconut milk, cilantro and Brazilian spices.

Tapioca - Tapioca is a little "pancake" made with a specially prepared manioc flour. It is roasted in a hot skillet, and can be filled with a variety of ingredients: cheese, ground beef, shrimp, etc. Can also be sweet, with banana and nutella for instance.

Bolinho - fried appetizer of many things: shrimp, cheese, chicken, cod, etc.

Pão de queijo - more well known outside Brazil nowadays thanks to its gluten-free properties. It is a small, baked cheese roll or cheese bun made of manioc flour, a very popular snack.

Bacalhau - The translation is cod, but the one used in Brazil is "dry-salted cod", which yields a very distinctive taste to the dishes prepared with it, and is present in numerous Portuguese dishes served in Rio.

Churrascaria Rodízio - Brazilian steakhouse, where meat is served at the tables, and accompaniments can be either at a buffet, or brought to your table (you choose what you want). This depends on the churrascaria you choose.

Picanha - One of our favorite steak cuts, often bent in a horseshoe shape. You can have it well done ("bem passado") or medium rare ("mal passado").

Maracujá - The ubiquitous passion fruit can appear in many dishes and drinks: caipirinha, juice and desserts.



Where to go?
So many choices...

Some of the places we like to go

Besides going to the [beach](#), there are so many places you can go in Rio. Many of them you can walk from our condo; others, you will need to use public transportation or take a taxi.

[Parque Lage](#)

Our kids preferred place in Rio since they were small, it is a fantastic park, it seems you have stepped into a [jungle](#) full of birds, monkeys, jackfruit trees, everything while you are literally minutes from Leblon. The architecture of the buildings in the park is so interesting, and the large building in the park is home to the School of Visual Arts. Entrance is free.

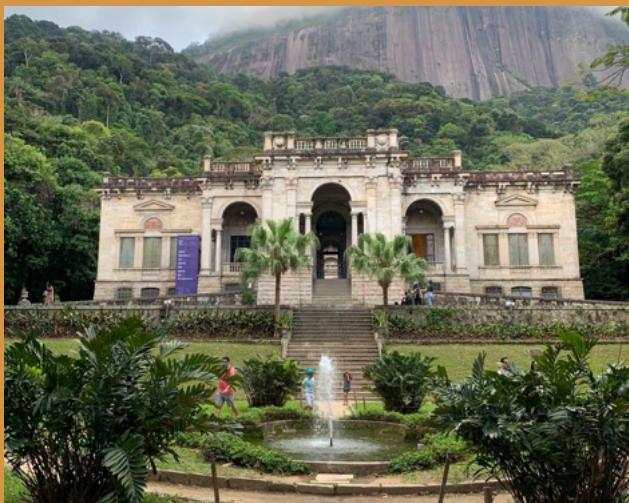
[Jardim Botânico](#)

Close to Parque Lage is the Jardim Botânico, the oldest botanical garden in Brazil. The imperial palms are amazing, the walk very peaceful. Go early to avoid crowds, and buy tickets in advance to avoid lines and to be able to relax while inside.

[Santa Teresa](#) is a neighborhood that still has trams in use, and is home to many artists in Rio. While there, visit the Parque das Ruínas, go to the art shops, go down the Escadaria Selarón and stop at Lapa when coming back.

Going to the [Pão de Açucar](#) and [Corcovado](#) is something everybody new to Rio should do.

And last but not least. [Downtown Rio](#) is home to many interesting places to visit, like the CCBB, Museu do Amanhã, Museu MAR, Candelária, Biblioteca Nacional and Teatro Municipal! The best way to get downtown is to use the subway.





About Shopping

Buying or Browsing?



Leblon and our sister neighborhood Ipanema are home to dozens of unique street shops that do not exist anywhere else.

Our preferred place to buy unique Carioca stuff is the Feira Hippie de Ipanema, which is basically an open-air art gallery which is only open on Sundays. There's so much stuff there: silver jewelry, leather, art, etc. We usually walk there using the lane closed to traffic on the beach and come back on the inside streets.

Super-close to our condo, we have two shopping malls: Rio Design Leblon is more dedicated to gastronomy nowadays and Shopping Leblon is a big shopping mall with many stores and also excellent movie theaters.

But what we really like is to just go around in the neighborhood closest to our condo and browse at the swimwear, clothes and shoes stores. And stop for coffee whenever we are tired.

Hopefully you will enjoy the neighborhood as much as we do!



Thank you so much for staying with us
Enjoy your stay at Vida Leblon!