

**Brazil trip 2023 of the BAHIA CONNECTION**  
from 21.01.-05.02. or 12.02.2023 (2 or 3 weeks)

This trip will take place for the 16th time.

Since the number of participants is limited, please contact us soon if you are interested.

1st week on the beach with 4 days of drumming with Mestres from Salvador.

2nd-3rd week in Salvador da Bahia, 6 days of workshops with Mestres from Salvador and of course visiting rehearsals, concerts, sightseeing.

3rd week optional, to the mountains to Lençois, back to the beach or stay in Salvador.

If you are traveling independently at the time in Salvador, you can participate in the workshops.

General info on my website <http://blocoexplosao.de/index.php?q=brasilienreisen.html>

For more information and prices for this year's trip, please contact me personally. Volker Conrath

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*The first week we are in Bahia at the beach in Arembépe*

Arembépe is known for the "Lagoa de Hippie", where in the

1960 years among others Mick Jagger and Janis Joplin were visiting.

The "Batuque com amigos" (workshops) will take place again, with Bartolomeu Nunes, Olodum; Mário Rodrigues, Muzenza and César Veloso, Malê. We will be entertained and taken care of by Claudia Kusch. Jogo de Buzius (shell oracle from Candombé) with Cristiano Atayde. (optional)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMbTlsx-Nf8>

*Afterwards we will go to Salvador, the heart of Afro Brazilian music.*

Salvador blossoms in the pre-carnival season. It is summer there and many tourists are in town. All the blocos prepare for the carnival in public rehearsals. There are also constant concerts and festivals with reggae, axé, samba, Afro jazz, etc. Many rehearsals are outdoors and free of charge. 80% of the interesting events take place in the old town Pelourinho. Many blocos are there playing in the streets. The Pelourinho was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1995. The old town is quite small and well arranged. Everything is within easy walking distance.

Workshops during our stay in Salvador

A selection of the mestres of the last years. Memeu Nunes from Olodum, Adriana Portela from Banda Dida, Geraldinho from Os Negões, Jair Resende from Timbalada., Mario Bomba from Muzenza, Mario Pam from Ilê Aiyê, Junior from Tambores e Cores, Cesar Veloso from Malê de Balê, Jackson former Olodum, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTh10PNhUtc>

Cost is 40€ per day/person for lessons, room and instrument rental.

Players who organize their own trip can participate in the workshops, by appointment

★★ For drummers playing these rhythms in Europe, there is no better kick than seeing the groups live here. One big difference from Europe, of course, is that the Blocos perform with vocals. Maybe that inspired you and you'll be there next year?"

*What is the Bahia Connection?*

The Bahia Connection is an association of drummers who play the rhythms of the Afro Blocos from Bahia. They exist in France, Holland, Germany and Belgium. We learn original rhythms from Bahia to be able to play them at different occasions across groups. Here you can watch a video of the workshop conclusion 2017: <https://www.facebook.com/bahiaconnection/>

## SAMBA REGGAE IN BAHIA - BOOK A WORKSHOP, PLAY ALONG!

Who doesn't dream of experiencing the roots of Afro Samba and Samba Reggae in an authentic environment, playing with like-minded people, learning from professionals. There are still places available, make sure you get yours!

### LEARN FROM PROFESSIONALS, IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE CULTURE

Big names from the scene like Jair Rezende (Timbalada), Gerandinho from Os Negões, Mestre Memeu (Olodum), Mario Pam from Ilê Aiyê, Cesar Veloso from Male, will show you the latest grooves and the peculiarities of their blocos. If you are in Salvador at the time, you are welcome to attend the workshops with advance notice.

#### *The organizer*

Volker Conrath from Berlin, musical director of <http://www.blocoexplosao.de> founder of the Bahia Connection and coordinator of the Bahia offers at Festival Samba Syndrom/Berlin.

Here are a few lines Volker wrote for you after his arrival in Salvador da Bahia:

"I have been traveling Brazil for more than 36 years, and since 2005 I have offered a Brazil trip for drummers every year.

If you would like to join me next year for an authentic and musical trip with great people and unique workshop offerings, please feel free to contact me! Mostly we are 35 drummers from Germany and France (Bahia Connection France) at the workshops!

Prices, request program at [info@blocoexplosao.de](mailto:info@blocoexplosao.de) +49 1792322736 Tel. WhatsApp

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