

Choro & Samba Intensive in Niterói, RJ, with
Rogério Souza, Ronaldo do Bandolim, and Friends

July 17-27, 2020

In the beachfront downtown area of Icaraí across the bay from Rio de Janeiro, this intensive will explore the history and rhythmic structures of choro and samba, technical and melodic aspects of each instrument, and a vast repertoire of choro and samba divided into four custom books made especially for the intensive. The faculty consists of renowned choro and samba specialists, including Ronaldo do Bandolim of Época de Ouro and Trio Madeira, Rogério Souza (violão 6/7 cordas) of Nó em Pingo d'Água and Duo Violão, Fernando Brandão (cavaquinho), and others as well as participation by special guests Silvério Pontes (trumpet), Marcelo Martins (flute/sax), Everson Moraes (trombone) and others.

The intensive runs from 7/18-7/26, and it is recommended that students arrive by the 17th and depart on the 27th. Group lessons and workshops with choro faculty will be held at Pousada Icaraí. There will be three classes per day and one roda/practice sessions with professors and special musical guests. Acclaimed choro composer, musician, arranger, and producer Rogério Souza is the director. Instructors are experienced in teaching non-Portuguese speakers, and various bilingual people will be around to help guide and facilitate.

Faculty

Ronaldo do Bandolim – Bandolim
Tiago Souza – Violão Tenor/Bandolim
Rogério Souza – Violão 6/7
Fernando Brandão – Cavaquinho/Viola Caipira
Whatson Cardozo – Clarinet/Saxophone
Felipe Tauil – Pandeiro/Percussion
Daniel Karin – Pandeiro/Percussion

Guest Artists

Silvério Pontes – Trumpet/Flugelhorn
Marcelo Martins – Flute/Saxophone
Everson Moraes – Trombone/Ofecleide
Carlinhos 7 Cordas – Violão 7
Cacala Pinheiro – Voice
Adelson Reis – Accordion (participation in one roda of northeastern music)

Schedule

Each class day will focus on a different genre of choro, including polca, maxixe, traditional choro, choro-samba, etc. Throughout the week we will go out together to see choro and samba shows, attend rodas, etc. Classes, rodas, and events will take place at the host hostel in downtown Icaraí, at Itaipú beach, and at the Espaço Cultural de Samba e Choro.

Friday, July 17th – suggested departure from USA
Saturday, July 18th – arrive at Tom Jobim airport in Rio de Janeiro
Sunday, July 19th – roda
Monday, July 20th to Saturday, July 25th – classes
Sunday, July 26th – celebration, roda, BBQ, etc.
Monday, July 27th – suggested departure

Airfare USA-Rio-USA

The intensive tuition includes accommodations and classes only. Please purchase your plane ticket for July 17th, arriving in Rio de Janeiro on July 18th and, if possible, during the first half of the day. You can discuss your travel plans with Ami if you need assistance.

Transportation from Tom Jobim airport to/from Niterói

The intensive will arrange safe private transportation to and from the airport with known and trusted Uber drivers according to the student's itinerary. The transportation fee is US\$60 total. Please bring this in cash.

Course Fee

Choro & Samba Intensive tuition is US\$800 and will be collected electronically in the US by Ami Molinelli prior to the event.

Tuition includes

- Three classes per day with faculty
- One special roda at the hostel and another at Itaipú beach
- Two choro books (materials, repertory) on rhythms and repertory
- Two samba books on rhythms and repertory
- One northeastern booklet on baião, frevo, forró, maracatu, xote, etc.

Accommodation

Unless they arrange their own accommodations, students will stay for ten days at a hostel in downtown Icaraí owned by one of Rogério's friends, a retired doctor and real choro enthusiast. (The hostel is recommended as this is the base of the intensive.) This is a small "pousada," or traditional Brazilian family-run establishment, where each room is slightly different. The entire pousada is reserved for the choro intensive. The pousada has a small pool, kitchen, wi-fi, and air conditioning. There is one single room, three doubles, four triples, and one group room that can hold five. There is a café next door (and many others very nearby) for breakfast, lunch, and snacks. The accommodation fee will be paid in USD to Rogério upon arrival in Niterói.

- Option 1: Single room for US\$80/day at US\$800 for the week (1 available)
- Option 2: Double room for US\$65/day at US\$650 for the week (3 available)
- Option 3: Triple room for US\$50/day at US\$500 for the week (4 available)
- Option 4: Room for five – please inquire if interested

Sample Total Expenses (Tuition + Hostel + Transportation)

- Option 1: US\$1660
- Option 2: US\$1510
- Option 3: US\$1360

More Information

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