Cinelândia and the Republic

6h-6h 30 / Downtown Rio / 4 stops

Tuesday-Friday, with National Library and CCJF confirmed.

Public architecture and republican history: the square, a booked National Library visit, the former Supreme Court and the Presidency at Catete.

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10:30

01 Cinelândia / Praça Floriano

Praça Floriano, Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Praça Floriano gathers cultural buildings and public institutions. Observe its monumental scale and the proximity of the library, courts and performance venues. Look closely: The square and public-building façades.

Confirm / book

11:00

02 Biblioteca Nacional

Avenida Rio Branco, 219, Centro, Rio de Janeiro

The institution grew from Portugal's Royal Library and the transfer of the court to Rio in 1808. Its official foundation dates to 1810; the present building opened in 1910, under the Republic. That century between institution and building traces the transformation of a royal collection into national documentary heritage, preserved for public consultation, historical inquiry and research. Look closely: Monumental staircase and decorative details.

12:15

03 Centro Cultural Justiça Federal

Avenida Rio Branco, 241, Centro, Rio de Janeiro

Brazil's Supreme Federal Court was based here from 1909 to 1960. The educational tour connects the building with debates on freedom of the press, habeas corpus and citizenship, inviting visitors to consider how rights are established and defended. Look closely: The former courtroom and historic furniture, subject to access on the day.

15:00

04 Museu da República / Palácio do Catete

Rua do Catete, 153, Rio de Janeiro

Catete Palace housed the Presidency from 1897 to 1960. Getúlio Vargas governed here during the Estado Novo dictatorship, from 1937 to 1945, and returned as an elected president in 1951. His death in the palace in 1954 marked a republican crisis. When the capital moved to Brasília, the building became a museum where power, political conflict and remembrance meet. Look closely: Ministerial Hall on the ground floor.

Partial access

Cinelândia and the Republic

Getting around

Short walk around Cinelândia, then metro to Catete. Allow 25-35 min for transport and access, and 1h for lunch.

Tickets and tips

The 11 am Library tour requires a free booking. Confirm CCJF; allow 60 min there and 90-120 min at Catete. Garden and museum have different hours.

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Map / segment 2

Visit and travel times are estimates. Links require an internet connection.

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