Jurujuba: two fortress complexes

7h-8h within Niterói / Niterói / 5 stops

Tuesday-Sunday, only with both visits confirmed.

Santa Cruz in the morning and the integrated São Luís/Pico visit in the afternoon. Barão do Rio Branco is the entrance to the second complex.

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08:40

01 Fortaleza de Santa Cruz da Barra

Estrada General Eurico Gaspar Dutra, s/n, Jurujuba, Niterói, Niterói

Built from the sixteenth century onwards, Santa Cruz guarded Guanabara's entrance and the colonial and imperial capital. Its successive alterations reveal changing artillery and perceived threats. Read the walls and guns alongside the power relations that sustained the port. Look closely: Casemates and artillery positions included in the authorised tour.

Confirm / book

11:00

02 Jurujuba - pausa de almoço

Orla de Jurujuba, Niterói, Niterói

A break on Jurujuba's waterfront separates Santa Cruz from the São Luís/Pico complex, without adding a third military attraction. Look closely: Jurujuba waterfront during the lunch break.

Confirm / book

13:30

03 Forte Barão do Rio Branco / antiga Praia de Fora

Alameda Marechal Pessoa Leal, 265, Jurujuba, Niterói, Niterói

The barracks trace their origins to Praia de Fora's defences, built to protect Santa Cruz's flank. Today they provide the entrance to the São Luís/Pico circuit. Successive names and functions show how a military complex combines structures from different periods rather than one single monument. Look closely: The entrance and historic features permitted along the route.

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14:00

04 Forte de São Luís

Acesso: Alameda Marechal Pessoa Leal, 265, Forte Barão do Rio Branco, Jurujuba, Niterói, Niterói

Part of the same São Luís/Pico military circuit, about 2h in total; confirm admission and transport with the unit. Look closely: Stone gateway and walls.

Confirm / book

14:00

05 Forte do Pico (Parque Histórico Monte Bastione)

Acesso: Alameda Marechal Pessoa Leal, 265, Jurujuba, Niterói, Niterói

Part of the same São Luís/Pico military circuit, about 2h in total; confirm admission and transport with the unit. Look closely: Views over Guanabara's entrance and Santa Cruz.

Confirm / book

Jurujuba: two fortress complexes

Getting around

Car between complexes: Santa Cruz>Jurujuba 10-20 min; lunch>Barão 15-25 min. São Luís/Pico share transport and a guided circuit. Travel from Rio takes additional time.

Tickets and tips

Confirm times, fees, identification and military booking. São Luís and Pico form the same 2h block; do not count three tickets for Barão/São Luís/Pico. Sun and slopes may limit the route.

Open route in Google Maps

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

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