

ILHABELA EXPERIENCE NATURE

Ilhabela is one of the main nature destinations in Brazil. The island enchants tourists with its more than 40 beautiful beaches, rich flora with trees that are hundreds of years old and a diverse fauna with rare species, as well as beautiful waterfalls. 94% of the Atlantic Forest on the island is preserved and is home to the Ilhabela State Park, the largest Atlantic Forest island reserve on the planet and a UNESCO Natural Heritage and Biosphere Reserve.

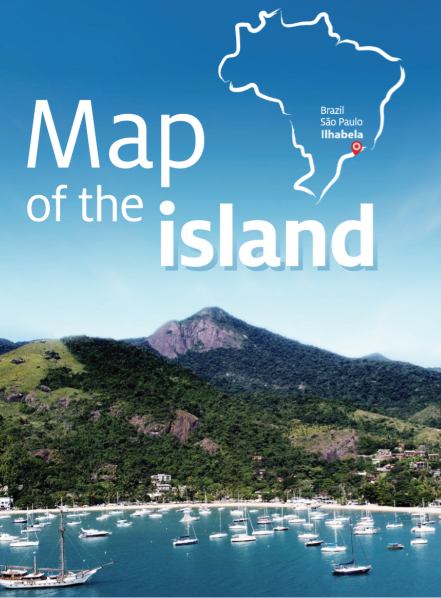
The island's rich history, traditional caçara culture and legends and stories of pirates and treasure stimulate the imagination of visitors. To ensure your stay on the island is a comfortable one, the city offers more than 5,000 beds among its hotel and accommodation facilities, in addition to varied cuisine.

Ilhabela is the perfect destination for people who want to relax by the sea and listen to the birds. It's also perfect for people who want adventure, excitement and entertainment. The archipelago offers many activities, including water sports and scuba diving in places like Ecological Sanctuary of Cabras Island and diving on shipwrecks around the island. Due to its unique geography and constant winds throughout the year, the city is known as the National Sailing Capital.

On the island, you can also enjoy bird watching and see rare birds. The archipelago is home to the ten highest island mountains in Brazil, with peaks over 1,300 meters, covered in virgin Atlantic Forest. You can also find mangroves and an extensive coastal habitat. These geographical characteristics provide the perfect conditions for a rich avifauna, with emphasis on the southern mealy amazon parrot, chosen as the symbolic bird of Ilhabela.

Another important tourism activity is whale and dolphin watching. A commonly sighted species is the humpback whale, famous for breaching and acrobatics. Humpbacks are migratory whales that travel approximately 5,000 kilometers every year from their feeding grounds in sub-Antarctic region of the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands to the Abrolhos region of Bahia, where they breed and rear their calves in the warm waters. From May to August, the whales can be seen as they pass through the waters of Ilhabela.

Hiking on one of the many trails on the island gives you the chance to enjoy close contact with the Atlantic Forest, a perfect activity for people who enjoy the outdoors and adventure. You can also take an off-road jeep trip to Castelhanos beach. Ilhabela offers a wide variety of cultural, sports and gastronomic events throughout the year. You can even get married in a ceremony on the beach in a picturesque setting right out of the movies. Beautiful, welcoming and safe, Ilhabela is one of Brazil's 65 Tourism Inducing Destinations, and is recognized as an important national tourist destination.



HISTORY, CULTURE AND LIFE ON THE ISLAND

The historic center, or “Vila” as the locals call it, has many remnants of the colonial period in its architecture. The busy center offers a variety of bars, restaurants, ice cream parlors and souvenir shops and is a great place to visit with family or friends.

Fazenda Engenho D'Água was one of the main sugar mills on the coast. It was built in the late 18th century and early 19th century. The main structure is open to visitors and is one of Ilhabela's main cultural attractions.

Community tourism allows you to visit traditional fishing villages and see the daily life of the caçara people. Tourists can visit a fishing weir, learn how to prepare traditional local dishes and make fishing nets.



Gastronomy tourism is the result of the island's rich culinary culture that offers a wide variety of seasonings, dishes and flavors. There are hundreds of restaurants, bars and cafes to satisfy the most demanding palates.



Ilhabela hosts a number of entertainment, sports and culinary **events** throughout the year. Just check the event calendar, plan ahead and enjoy your stay on the island.

The town is also one of the main wedding destinations in Brazil. In addition to offering beautiful scenery for a **dream wedding**, it has a complete infrastructure with specialized services for all kinds of ceremonies and parties.



WATER SPORTS AND SCUBA DIVING

Nautical tourism allows visitors to discover scenic beaches that are only accessible by boat, whether it be by private boat, tourist schooner or charter boat.

The island is also one of the main **cruise ship** ports, welcoming thousands of passengers every year.

Ilhabela has a long **sailing** tradition. In addition to sailing classes, you can also try other water sports such as kitesurfing, windsurfing, surfing, stand-up paddling, kayaking, surfskiing and outrigger canoeing.

Ilhabela is home to some of the richest biodiversity in Brazil. With 12 species of cetaceans found in its waters, **whale and dolphin watching** is a very popular activity.

And to make the visitor experience even better, Ilhabela is now home to the first Instituto Baleia Jubarte base in the Southeast region



The island's waters harbor shipwrecks, mysteries, stories and a lot of marine life. Visitors can **scuba dive** at the more than 15 dive sites around Ilhabela, where visibility can be up to 20 meters.



LAND, FOREST AND MOUNTAIN

Ilhabela is one of **Brazil's most important ecotourism and adventure tourism** destinations. Hiking and trekking on the many trails give visitors access to dozens of waterfalls, isolated beaches and traditional caçara fishing communities.

Baepi Peak is the ideal **mountaineering** destination. The trail is 7.2 kilometers long (round trip) and climbing with a guide is mandatory. The trail is considered difficult mainly due to the altitude of 1,017 meters.

Local tourism agencies offer **off-road tours** to Castelhanos. After enjoying a jeep ride through the Atlantic Forest, tourists arrive at the beach, which is home to two traditional caçara fishing communities.

The same road is commonly used by mountain bikers. The challenging curves and steep hills are more than compensated by the beautiful scenery and the satisfaction of arriving at the beach.



For people who enjoy **birdwatching**, the island offers different hotspots, specialized guides and more than 390 registered bird species.

For some people, **nature is a source of inspiration, health and well-being** and they prefer to just listen to the birds singing while they enjoy activities such as yoga or outdoor sports.



- 3 HOURS BY CAR FROM THE GUARULHOS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SÃO PAULO)
- MORE THAN 40 BEACHES
- 94% OF THE ATLANTIC FOREST PRESERVED
- HIKING TRAILS
- WATERFALLS
- TRADITIONAL CAÇARA COMMUNITIES
- MORE THAN 390 SPECIES OF BIRDS
- 12 SPECIES OF WHALES AND DOLPHINS
- 15 SCUBA DIVING SITES

DISTANCES ON ILHABELA:

From the ferry	From the historic center (Vila)
HISTORIC CENTER (VILA): 6,5 KM	FERRY: 6,5 KM
PEREQUÊ: 2 KM	PEREQUÊ: 4,5 KM
JABAQUARA: 20 KM	JABAQUARA: 13,5 KM
CURRAL: 8 KM	CURRAL: 14 KM
PONTA DA SEPTUBA: 20 KM	PONTA DA SEPTUBA: 26,5 KM



Source: Portal Arquipélago Ilhabela.



Brazil
São Paulo
Ilhabela

Southern mealy amazon parrot
Amazona farinosa

Vitória Island

Búzios Island

Sumítica Island

Serraria Island

Ponta da Pirassununga

Ponta da Pirabura

Ponta do Gibalte

Ponta do Boi

Ponta Grossa

Ponta da Cabeçada

Saco do Sombrio

ENSEADA DAS ENCHOVAS

Poço

Gato Waterfall

Eustáquio

São Sebastião Peak
1378 m

Jabaquara

Couro de Boi Waterfall

Baepi Peak
1048 m

Água Branca Trail

Ilhabela State Park

Cachoeira do Saquinho

Furnas

Friagem Waterfall

Toca Waterfall

Waterfall Park

Papagaio Peak
1307 m

Pacuíba

North

Historic Center
(Vila)

Água Branca Waterfall

Três Tombos Waterfall

Areado Waterfall

Ponta das Canas

Armação

Pinto

Ponta Azeda

Garapocaiá (Pedra do Sino)

Siriúba

Viana

Barreiros

Saco do Indaia

Santa Tereza

Pier

Saco da Capela

Pequeá

Engenho D'Água

Itaquanduba

Itaguacu

Perequê

Barra Velha

Ferry

Pedras Miúdas

Cabras Island

Moleque Lighthouse

Oscar

Portinho

Feticeira

Julião

Julião Islet

Grande

Alina P

Rosa

Aymoré

Curral

Veloso

Veloso Waterfall

Laje Waterfall

Humpback Whale

Atílio

Ponta da Sepituba

Hator

Dart

Campos

Ucrânica

Thevezina

Siegmund

São Sebastião Canal

São Sebastião

South

Ponta da Sela

Borrifos

Crest

Velásquez

S. Janeco

RIOgaleão

Rio de Janeiro Ilhabela - 452,6km

Parque Estadual da Serra do Mar

GRU AIRPORT

São Paulo Ilhabela - 203,0 km

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