

Olympic torch goes on tour through Rio's post-cards, heading for Maracana

In the last day of the relay, the flame visits the Christ Redeemer, the Sugar Loaf and the Aterro do Flamengo park

The Rio 2016 Olympic Torch relay ends today its 95-day journey through the country, which started in Brasilia on May 3rd. Before arriving at Maracanã for the opening ceremony of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the Olympic torch visits the Christ Redeemer, the City Palace and the Sugar Loaf tram. The relay goes by the seaside in the South District, starting in São Conrado and ending the course at Monumento aos Pracinhas (landmark), in Aterro do Flamengo (park).

This Friday (05), there will be 190 torchbearers who will run for about 30 kilometres in the Wonderful City. The Rio 2016 Olympic Torch Relay ends its total course of 12.494 torchbearers having travelled 26 thousand kilometres by land and visiting 325 cities of the 26 states, as well as the Federal District.

- At 6:45AM, the flame goes up the Christ redeemer and arrives at the hands of Rio de Janeiro's cardinal-archbishop, Dom Orani Tempesta, and of father Omar Raposo, rector of the Christ Redeemer Sanctuary. Accompanied by mayor Eduardo Paes, they light up **Isabel's** torch, one of the foremost names of Brazilian volleyball, who participated at the 1980 Moscow Olympics and Los Angeles 1984.
- The retinue departs at 7:15AM for São Clemente Street, in Botafogo, towards Gávea.
- The relay stops at the gardens of the City Palace, where two of the oldest employees of Rio's municipal government, **Gyleno dos Santos** and **Idalício Oliveira Filho**, do the flame kiss.
- Starting from 9:00AM, the retinue goes by the South District's seaside. It starts at São Conrado and passes by Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana.

- At 11:45AM, the Olympic torch tours the Sugar Loaf. The flame takes a tram ride to the first station, Morro da Urca, where the relay will be made by three torchbearers: **Flavio Canto**, a judo athlete who earned bronze at Atlanta 1996; his student **Raquel Silva**, Pan-American bi-champion of judo; and **Giuseppe Pellegrini**, who for 53 years has been an employee of the company that operates the cable car.
- The torch does the stretch between Morro da Urca and the Sugar Loaf in yet another adventure: on top the cable car, carried by the company's technician **Diego Scofano**.
- From Urca, the retinue proceeds through Pasteur Av. And Aterro do Flamengo. The relay ends at 13:30 PM in front of Monumento aos Pracinhas. The last torchbearer will be equestrianism athlete **Rodrigo Pessoa**, gold medalist on show jumping modality at Athens 2004.

Check out some of the day's torchbearers:

Abel Gomes, set designer, carries the torch along with filmmaker

Andrucha Waddington. They are ceremony directors of the Rio 2016 Committee
Leblon-Copacabana

Ana Botafogo is a ballerina and she reigned for many years as foremost name of Brazilian ballet.
Urca-Centre

Bernard Rajman, silver medalist at Los Angeles 1984, was the first Brazilian to enter the world volleyball Hall of Fame.
Leblon-Copacabana

Cacá Diegues, filmmaker.

Leblon-Copacabana

Carlinhos de Jesus, choreographer and dancer.

Botafogo-Gávea

Claude Troisgros (Bradesco), French chef, established in Rio, is the owner of a restaurant net and is considered to be one of international gastronomy's great names.

Botafogo-Gávea

Claudia Silva (Bradesco), first ballerina of Rio de Janeiro's Municipal Theatre.

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Dante Amaral, the outside hitter of the Brazilian national volleyball team that was champion in Athens 2004.

Botafogo-Gávea

Diogo Nogueira (Nissan), representor of the new generation of samba artists.

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Evandro Mesquita, singer, composer and actor, gained recognition in the theatre ensemble Asdrúbal Trouxe o Trombone and in the Blitz band.

Leblon-Copacabana

Fábio Porchat (Nissan) is an actor and comedian, who rose to prominence with the Youtube channel Porta dos Fundos.

São Conrado

Fernanda Keller, triathlete.

São Conrado

Helô Pinheiro was immortalized as the "Girl from Ipanema" after Tom Jobim's song.

Leblon-Copacabana

Izabel Goulart (Nissan), a model from São Paulo, who was part of the exclusive *Angels* cast of Victoria's secret from 2005 to 2008. She is one of the godmothers of Time Brasil.

Lebon-Copacabana

Jacqueline Silva, as a volleyball athlete, went to Moscow 1980 and Los Angeles 1984; as a beach volleyball athlete, she earned gold alongside Sandra Pires in Atlanta 1996.

Leblon-Copacabana

‘Jairzinho’, or Jair Ventura Filho, an idol from the Brazilian national football team that won the 3rd world championship in 1970, whence became known as ‘Furacão’ (‘hurricane’); also a historical name of the Botafogo team.

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Jorge Ben Jor (Bradesco), singer and composer.

Niemeyer Av.

Lenny Niemeyer (Nissan), stylist.

Leblon-Copacabana

Luciano Huck (Coca-Cola), TV presenter.

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Marcio Garcia, actor and TV presenter.

São Conrado

Mariko Mori (Nissan), Japanese, one of the great names of world contemporary art, gathered a record breaking audience for her exposition at Rio's CCBB (cultural centre), one of the most visited in the world in 2011.

Leblon-Copacabana

Martinho da Vila, singer and composer.

Leblon-Copacabana

Nelson Motta, writer, musical producer and composer.

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Nilton Bonder, rabbi and writer.

Botafogo-Gávea

Paulo Niemeyer Filho, surgeon.

Leblon-Copacabana

Roberta Rodrigues, actress, revealed by Nós do Morro.

São Conrado

Rosa Magalhães, set designer, carnival artist, ceremonies director of the Rio 2016 Committee.

São Conrado

Sandra Pires, gold at Atlanta 1996 and bronze at Sydney 2000 for beach volleyball.

Leblon-Copacabana

Simone (Bradesco), singer.

Urca-Centre

‘Túlio Maravilha’, or Túlio Humberto Pereira, was one of the Botafogo team’s greatest idols.

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Washington Olivetto (Bradesco), advertiser.

São Conrado

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