## Paralympic Torch passes by the city's shoreline before the Opening Ceremony of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

The Relay will pass by the beaches of Recreio, Barra da Tijuca, Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana

Prior to its arrival at Maracanã Stadium to be the start of the Opening Ceremony of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, the Paralympic flame will get to know some of the city's postcards. The relay has travelled since September 1st through all of the country's regions, represented by six Brazilian cities, to announce the arrival of the Rio 2016 Games. The Paralympic values will be remembered at each city. The great novelty is the flame's lighting up mechanism: human heat. In a virtual campaign launched by the Rio 2016 Committee, people from all over the world may send positive messages, through the hashtag #ParalympicFlame, gathering enough energy to light up each flame.

- After spending the night at the Museum of Tomorrow, a landmark of the revitalization of Rio's
  Historical Centre, the Paralympic flame heads for Recreio dos Bandeirantes, in the city's
  West District, where the relay will start.
- Departing from Pontal, the torchbearers will proceed through the whole shoreline, passing by the beaches of Recreio, Reserva and Barra da Tijuca until Praia do Pepê.
- Names such as singer Herbert Vianna, former football 5-a-side players Sandro Soares and Anderson Fonseca, and the physical therapist Luiz Phelipe Nobre, founder of the NGO Adaptasurf, will carry the Paralympic flame at these stretches. Actor Paulo Vilhena, godfather of the Paralympic team, will also be torchbearer at Barra da Tijuca.
- From there the Paralympic flame heads for the South District. The relay starts at Leblon and goes until Copacabana.
- Maestro João Carlos Martins will be one of the torchbearers in Ipanema, and actress Cleo
   Pires will take the flame to Arpoador. Andrew Parsons, president of the Brazilian Paralympic
   Committee, will carry the flame until the start of Copacabana.

- The end of the relay is scheduled for 2:45PM, when the flame will wait for the moment of shining at the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games, in Maracanã.
- Early in the morning, at 10:00AM, the Paralympic flame will make a visit to the Municipal Rehabilitation Centre, in Santa Cruz.

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