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Registration opens for social tour programme, preceding and during CIBJO Congress in Brazil



A taste of the CIBJO Congress 2015 Social tour programme (from left): Looking out over the Cidade Baixa (low city) of Salvador; a beach at Praia do Forte on the Costa dos Coqueiros (Coconut Coast); and the Pelourinho in Salvador, which has been designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

MILAN, ITALY: April 3, 2015 – Online registration is now open for two sets of social tours being offered to delegates and accompanying persons, respectively just prior to and during the CIBJO Congress in Salvador, Brazil, which will take place May 4 to May 6.

Pre-congress guided tours are offered to all congress participants on Saturday, May 2, 2015, and Sunday, May 3, 2015. The first, which will take place on May 2, will be a half-day tour of Salvador itself, focusing on the Cidade Baixa (low city), the famous Church of Bonfim, and Mercado Modelo, a thriving market for local handicrafts.

The second pre-congress tour, on May 3, will last a full day, will take participants to the northern coast of Bahia, which is an area known as the Costa dos Coqueiros (Coconut Coast). There they will visit the village of Praia do Forte, known as the Brazilian Polynesia, visit a turtle farm and get a chance to sample some of the country's most beautiful beaches.

The tours during the CIBJO Congress itself are offered to accompanying persons. The first, on May 4, is a full day tour around the city of Salvador. Starting at the Farol da Barra, which is now Museu Náutico da Bahia (Nautical Museum), it travels through the neighbourhoods made famous by the city's celebrated carnival, and visit the Pelourinho, which has been designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Moving

from Salvador's upper city to lower city, it will conclude in the area of the Forte de São Marcelo (São Marcelo Fort), which was built by the Portuguese to repel a Dutch invasion in 1650.

Accompanying persons will be treated to a shopping day on May 5.

A fee per person will be charged for the pre-congress tours. The accompanying person's programme is provided without charge by the congress host, IBGM.

For more information and online registration, [CLICK HERE](#).

A Mine Tour Programme is also being offered after the congress, from May 7 to May 10. Information about that tour, as well as a registration form, can be obtained on the CIBJO Congress 2015 website.

The 2015 CIBJO Congress will take place in Salvador, Brazil, May 4-6, 2015, with pre-congress meetings on May 2 and May 3. The congress will be hosted by Instituto Brasileiro de Gemas e Metais Preciosos (IBGM), the Brazilian Gems & Jewellery Trade Association.

The official venue and hotel for the CIBJO Congress 2015 is the Sheraton da Bahia, a member of the Starwoods Group, which is located in downtown Salvador.

More information is available on the dedicated CIBJO Congress website at: <http://congress2015.cibjo.org/>