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Timed for the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympic Games, National Geographic delivers active travelers what they want in a guidebook: expert advice, insider tips, and the cultural feel of each destination not easily found online. These guides are pitch-perfect for today's experiential travel enthusiasts who want an authentic, enriching immersion.Explore Rio de Janeiro's many streets and personalities--neighborhood by neighborhood--from samba clubs to the best shopping blocks, sandy beaches to history-rich favelas, and island excursions to savory meals. A history section grounds you in the region's geographic context, while each subsequent chapter packs numerous insider tips from National Geographic and local experts. Experiential sidebars reveal ways to participate in Rio culture, including dancing, cooking, biking, boating, and visiting festivals, parks, ports, or casinos. Whether you're sipping from a coconut husk at a sidewalk caf, watching (or joining) hang gliders jump off the cliffs of So Conrado, or trying your hand at a traditional instrument in the music zone of Rua da Carioca, every page in this invaluable guide transports you to Rio long before you arrive.

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