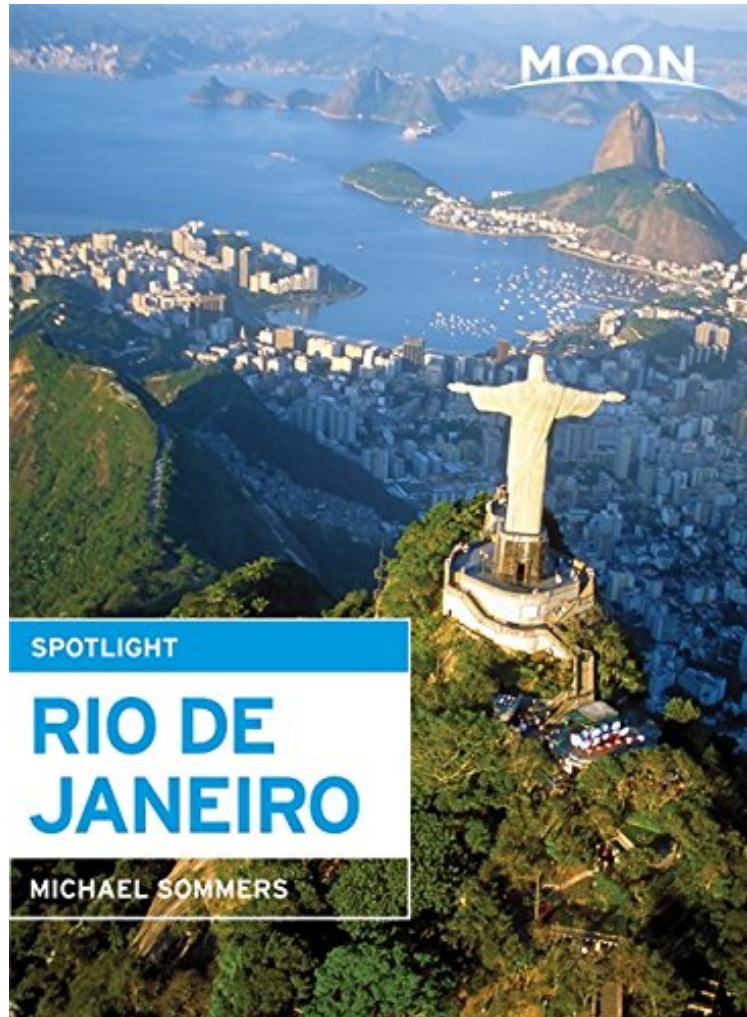


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Moon Spotlight Rio de Janeiro is a 100-page compact guide to the colorful squares, sultry nightlife, and fabulous white sand beaches of this Brazilian metropolis and surrounding areas. Author Michael Sommers offers his seasoned advice on must-see attractions, and includes maps with sightseeing highlights so you can make the most of your time. This lightweight guide is packed with recommendations on sights, entertainment, shopping, recreation, accommodations, food, and transportation, making navigating this tropical treasure uncomplicated and enjoyable. This full-color Spotlight guidebook is excerpted from Moon Brazil.

About the Author Michael Sommers first traveled to Brazil at the age of four. His only memory of Rio de Janeiro is that of being served a glistening orange wedge of papaya in the grand dining room at the Hotel Gloria. Twenty years later, he returned to Brazil, where he was seduced by the intense, colorful landscapes, rich cultures, and warm people. Michael eventually settled down in Salvador, the baroque capital of Bahia, where he has worked as a writer and journalist for over a decade. Born in Texas and raised in Toronto, Michael grew up with travel on the brain the result of time spent in the backseat of Oldsmobiles, Mini Mokes, and Pan Am jets under the influence of his Gourmet-addicted mother and his father's roving zoom lens. When Michael turned 18 he took flight, setting down temporary roots in cities such as Bordeaux, Paris, Montreal, New York, and Lisbon. During this time, he earned a BA in Literature from McGill University and an MA in History and Civilizations from the cole des Hautes tudes en Sciences Sociales, where his thesis was *The Image of Brazil and Brazilians in Hollywood Cinema*. He also worked as a writer and editor at magazines and newspapers and freelanced for publications such as *The New York Times*, *The International Herald Tribune*, and *The Globe and Mail*. While Michael has yet to master the art of preparing feijoada (Brazil's national stew of beans, salted beef, and pork), he does make a mean caipirinha.