This fishing village has become the summer point of socialites and jet setters from São Paulo. Thus, the simple life has given way to boutique hotels and restaurants. The transformation can be seen every day at Quadrado, the central square where cars are prohibited. Calm and bucolic in the morning, the place changes completely after sunset when the colourful houses open their doors and turn into designer shops and pubs.

Essentials

01 Trancoso is a one-hour drive from Porto Seguro, Bahia. Schedule a driver service or contact the local (and small) airport and heliport of Terravista Golf Club.
+55 (0)73 2105 2104 terravistagolf.com.br

02 Summer temperatures stay around 30°C. In the winter they drop to 25°C and a little less at night.

03 The best parties happen on New Year’s Eve and in early January.

04 Choose a hotel at sea level, since the downtown of Trancoso is on a cliff.

05 To get cash go to the currency exchange houses in Porto Seguro, as the ATM machines in the village are usually broken or out of order.

Guide/Info

Hotels

On the beach
Pousada Estrela d’Água
Estrada Arraial d’Ajuá
+55 (0)73 3668 1030
estreladagua.com.br

Premium
Jacaré do Brasil Casas
Praça São João Batista 9
+55 (0)73 3668 1470
jacaredobrasilcasas.com.br

Villas: premium
Uxua Casa Hotel
Praça São João Batista, Quadrado
+55 (0)73 3668 2277
uxua.com

Dining

Beach hangout and spa
Pousada Tangará
Estrada Arraial d’Ajuá
+55 (0)73 3668 1212
terravistagolf.com.br

Lunch with friends
Feijoada da Casa da Glória
Praça São João Batista 137, Quadrado
+55 (0)73 3668 1715

Dessert
Cantinho Doce
Quadrado Histórico, 15
+55 (0)73 3668 1410
cantinhodoce@trancoso.com.br

Sunset cocktail
Hotel Rio da Barra
Estrada Trancoso
+55 (0)73 3668 1474
riodabarra.com.br

Dinner with friends
Pousada Capim Santo
Rua do Beco 55,
Quadrado
+55 (0)73 3668 1122
capimsanto.com.br

Dinner for two
El Gordo
Praça São João Batista 7,
Quadrado
+55 (0)73 3668 1193
www.elgordotrancoso.com.br

Big dinner with friends
Los Negros
Rua Carlos Alberto Parracho 121,
Quadrado
+55 (0)73 8804 1458
losnegrosjacaretrancoso.com

Late bite
Pizzaria Pizzokero
Rua do Têlegrafo

Reading
Livaria Nobel
Praça do Têlegrafo 10,
Quadrado
+55 (0)73 3668 2131
livrarianol.com.br

Shopping

Something you can’t get anywhere else
Oselden
Praça São João Batista 5,
Quadrado
+55 (0)73 3668 1090
oselden.com

Something for yourself
Art and design from Galeria Fulô
Praça São João Batista, Quadrado
+55 (0)73 3668 1623
uxua.com

Book

Two-hour tour
01 A bike ride Cycle through the Valley of Buffalo (Vale dos Búfalos) to burn off those calories gained from caipirinha consumption. Trancoso Receptive,
+55 (0)73 3668 1333
trancosoreceptivo.com or Léo, +55 (0)73 3668 1955

02 Praia do Espelho One of the most beautiful beaches in Brazil. The name comes from the calm sea which reflects like a mirror (espolho in Portuguese). You can simply walk on the beach or rent a jeep or a boat. But before you go make a reservation at the exclusive restaurant owned by Silvinha.
+55 (0)73 9985 4157

03 Corumbau Hire a boat and go to the Ponta de Corumbau. The tour takes almost a whole day but it is a true paradise of clear water and freshly grilled shrimps served on the seashore.

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