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Parintins & the legend of Boi Bumba

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Port 3 - Parintins

Every year Parintins comes alive with the festival of Boi Bumba. It's such a huge event that by the time one festival finishes, they are already preparing for the next! Boi Bumba is the second-largest festival in Brazil, so we were

eager to have a front row seat to this famous folklore party.

The celebrations are widespread and happen all over the city. Our tour guide took us to the Convention Centre, which was only a short walk from the port, where we are handed a refreshing caipirinha cocktail.

The Convention Centre was transformed into a patchwork of jewel colours. Every single performer was clad in tassels and sequins, waving banners and wearing war paint. We knew we were somewhere very far from home.

The chirping of whistles and banging of drums rumbled past with each act showcasing their costumes and dance routines. The time and effort put into the puppets and the creatures that are conjured up was simply jaw-dropping. It made it impossible to choose our favourite!

We were completely immersed and fixated on the fluid movements and rhythms of the samba band as they encouraged us to get on our feet and dance. The intimate setting was perfect for a truly special experience.

It felt as though night never fell on Parintins that evening as the energy and excitement stayed with us until we returned to the ship.

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