

# Condé Nast Traveller



BRAZIL



SOPHIA WEBSTER



Wool dress, £2,620, **Roksanda** (+44 20 7613 6499)



Eau de parfum, £66, **Miu Miu** ([www.harrods.com](http://www.harrods.com)). Sunglasses, £340, **Dior** ([www.dior.com](http://www.dior.com))



### Stepping out in Rio with the candy-crush shoe designer

'My shoes are made in Brazil, so I fly out every few months and the energy, the people, the landscape make it such a special place. In Rio the first thing I do is go to Leblon beach and buy a fresh coconut to drink. I always like to spend a few nights by the sea before moving up the hill to the Santa Teresa neighbourhood, my favourite area in the city, especially Parque das Ruínas – an art gallery built around the ruins of a mansion – where my husband proposed to me. You can easily spend an afternoon pottering around the shops, picking up local art and trinkets – plus there are great views of Corcovado. For first-timers, a visit to the Christ the Redeemer statue is a must, but I also love to visit the Botanical Gardens or go on a long walk down the promenade from Copacabana to Leblon, admiring the black-and-white geometric pavement and the views along the way. Leblon has great steak restaurants, but on a Saturday we always go to Bar do Mineiro in Santa Teresa for the feijoada. It's a traditional pork-and-beef stew only served at weekends and it's delicious, but you need a nap afterwards!



Malachite vase, £118, **Jonathan Adler** ([www.uk.jonathanadler.com](http://www.uk.jonathanadler.com))

### Alessandra Ambrosio



The Victoria's Secret model and founder of fashion label Ale by Alessandra gets down to the Brazilian beat

'MALEMOLENCIA' BY CEU  
'I love listening to Brazilian music while on holiday here.'

'BOA SORTE' BY VANESSA DA MATA  
'This hit track is a duet with American singer Ben Harper.'

'PAISAGEM DA JANELA' BY ELBA RAMALHO  
'I put this on when getting ready for the beach.'

'MORENA TROPICANA' BY ALCEU VALENÇA  
'One of Brazil's greatest rock stars.'

'SHIMBALAIE' BY MARIA GADU  
'This is perfect for relaxing by the pool at UXUA Casa Hotel.'

UXUA Casa Hotel (doubles from £303; [www.uxua.com](http://www.uxua.com))



'Rio' acrylic chairs, about £630 each, **Espasso** ([www.espasso.com](http://www.espasso.com)). Towelling cushion, £210, **Hermès** ([www.hermes.com](http://www.hermes.com))



Enamel bangle, £185, **Uncommon Matters** ([www.valerydemure.com](http://www.valerydemure.com))

