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Hello!

Olá! We're in Brazil! We were supposed to meet my cousin Adalberto at Sugarloaf Mountain, but somehow we missed each other. To get to this totally tall peak, which sticks up out of the ocean, you have to take a *bondinho* (cable car) that zips you straight to the top. But it looks like Adalberto was zipping down just as we were zipping up. Still, we got an amazing view of Rio – boss city of bossa nova and *novas experiências* (new experiences). *Bem-vindo ao Brasil!*

Welcome to Brazil!

~Anya

- DAY 1 -
Rio de Janeiro



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- DAY 2 -

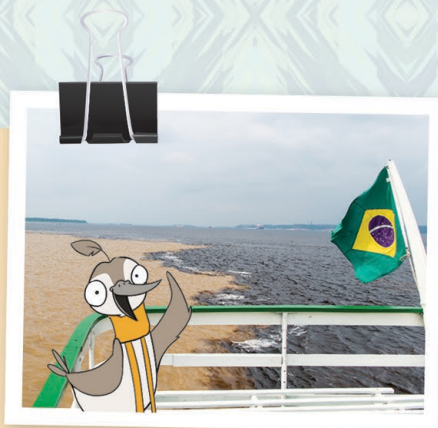
Greetings from this riveting river that carries 1/5 of the world's fresh water. The Amazon is a biologist's dream, with the greatest variety of wildlife on earth, including more than 2 million kinds of bugs (not counting Anya), and 1,300 species of birds (not counting me). We were hoping to meet Anya's cousin here, but somehow there was a cricket miscommunication and we ended up on separate sides of the river. And the Amazon is so wide here (120 miles across) that there are NO bridges!

Amazon River ↘

-Milo



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↪ Encontro das Águas (Meeting of Waters)

- DAY 3 -

Some things you have to see to believe. This is one of them! In this spot, the dark Rio Negro and the light Rio Solimões flow together without mixing. It looks like peanut butter meets jelly! Unfortunately, it was supposed to be Anya meets Adalberto, but once again we somehow missed him. She's getting a little sad about it. She says we've seen the Amazon, where wildlife comes together, and here, where rivers come together, so now she just wants to see where cousins come together!

-Milo



↪ ✨Salvador, Bahia - CARNAVAL! ✨

- DAY 4 -

Feathers? Check. Sparkles? Yes, please. Thousands of people dancing in the streets? Sign me up! When we found this *Carnaval* celebration, we also found Adalberto! Which makes sense — Carnival is basically a huge party when all kinds of folks come together. Adalberto told us that Brazil is a true melting-pot country, where native peoples, Europeans, Africans, Asians, and Middle Easterners blend traditions to create a unique culture called *brasilidade*. You can see it in the festivals, you can hear it in the music, and you can feel it when you celebrate with friends new and old. **Maravilhosos!**

Fantastic! ↗

~Anya