




Uncovering Brazil

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Brazil is going through one of the most important economic booms in its history. Yet, hosting at a short time distance two major events such as the Football World Cup (2014) and The Olympics (2016), how is this Country changing? Journey to the core of Rio de Janeiro, a city that on one hand is ever more acquiring the features of a big modern metropolis, but on the other hand has to face its poorest side. We managed to enter the heart of the poorest and most dangerous of all favelas in Rio de Janeiro, where very soon it is likely to be one of the bloodiest clashes between police forces and organized crime. In Brazil every twelve days a man becomes a woman. Following a decision of the Health Department, the national health system (SUS) takes charge of the costs borne by transsexuals in the process of rectifying their sex. From the favelas to the up-town neighbourhoods of a sizzling Rio de Janeiro, while celebrating carnival, we will unveil all the secrets of Brazilian transsexuals. In Brazil prostitution is legal, and many are the men who decide to sell their body. Journey from Rio de Janeiro to Sao Paulo to understand how Brazilian male escorts live, between luxury and poverty, dreams and disenchantment.



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Transsexuals and surgery

In Brazil every twelve days a man becomes a woman. The national health system takes charge of the costs borne by transsexuals in the process of rectifying their sex. In this way the State explicitly intends to guarantee transsexuals' right to health, as well as to eliminate those cases of violation of human rights and discrimination based on gender identity. But what comes next in the destiny of these people?



War in the favelas

Brazil lists within the countries having the most outstanding criminality rates, to the extent that certain favelas are also forbidden to police's special militias. We managed to enter the heart of the poorest and most dangerous of all favelas in Rio de Janeiro, where very soon it is likely to be one of the bloodiest clashes between police forces and organized crime.



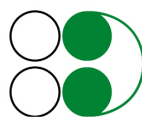
Stolen Childhood

In Brazil prostitution is legal, and many are the men who decide to sell their body. Journey from Rio de Janeiro to Sao Paolo to understand how Brazilian male escorts live: lives marked by abuses, drugs, criminality and discrimination. In parallel, we will give an account of those children who nowadays still live in these desperate conditions.



Soccer and the future of Brazil

Brazil is going through one of the most important economic booms in its history. How is this Country changing? On one hand Rio de Janeiro is ever more acquiring the features of a big modern metropolis, but on the other hand it has to face its poorest side. We will look into the two souls of this city, struggling between one another, yet united by many things as, for example, passion for soccer.



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