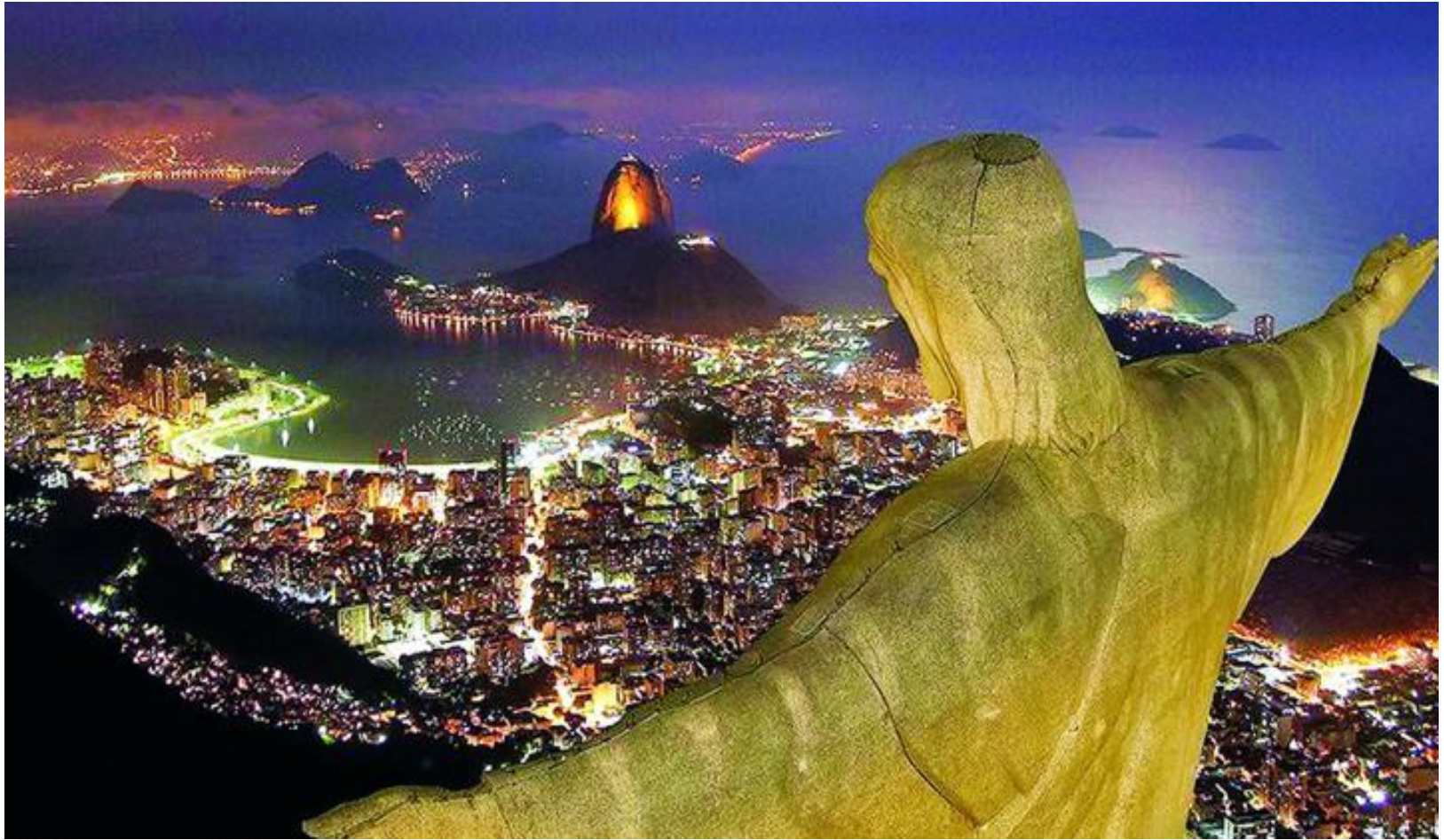


Rio De Janeiro



Introduction

- Rio de Janeiro, the second largest city in Brazil, is often called “*Cidade Maravilhosa*”, the Marvelous City.
- Squeezed by the Atlantic Ocean and the verdant hills of Brazil, Rio's natural setting has impressed visitors for decades.
- The energy of its residents is legendary. No one dances more exquisitely or parties longer than the “*cariocas*” (residents of Rio).
- Even within Brazil, cariocas are known as fun, sensual, and easygoing. Their main playgrounds are the beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema.

Some attractions in Rio de Janeiro

1. Lagoa

Lagoa is actually a salt water lagoon. It's also a crowded place as often visited by people who want a relaxing bike ride or run around the coastal strip which has a length of 7 kilometres.



2. Jardim Botânico

A few blocks from the Lagoa, you'll find an exotic botanical garden in an area of 137 hectares. More than 5,000 species of tropical plants can be found here, including the collection of orchids and Vitoria Regia water lilies.

