## Registration includes

- RT Air Fare from San Francisco
- Accommodations w/ breakfast
- Class Fees & Excursion
   Fees
- Ground Transportation in Brazil

Candomblé Tour Fees \$2,500 per person

Deposit due: January 15, 2006 A \$500 deposit is required to hold your reservation. A full deposit refund, less a \$30 processing fee, is possible if notified in writing before February 15, 2006.

Balance due: March 15, 2006

Register today! www.gamodapaz.com

## Traditional Candomblé Tour

Wed, June 21 Travel

Thurs, June 22 Arrive in Brazil!

Friday, June 23 Festa de São João

Saturday & Sunday,

June 24 & 25 Island Excursions

Monday—Friday, Daily Schedule

June 26-30

8:30–9:30 am Breakfast

Dance/Drum Classes

10:00—11:30 am Class I 11:30—1:00 pm Class II Afternoon/Evening Activities 1:00—3:00 pm Lunch

3:00-7:00 pm Free Time

7:00—10:00 pm Candomblé Houses

Saturday & Sunday,

July 1 & 2 City Tours

Monday, July 3 Return to SF

## **Unification of Cultures**

Our Mission: Many cultures of the world are rich with various styles of music and dance. Through the provision of cultural exchange experiences, classes, and performances, we seek to unify world cultures and promote the similarities that we all share.

UDC Directors, Gamo Da Paz & Nikko S. Thompson

# Unification of Cultures presents



Traditional Candomblé
Tour 2006
Salvador, Bahia

with Gamo Da Paz

Wednesday, June 21 - Sunday, July 2, 2006

Includes:
Traditional Afro-Brazilian
Dance and Drumming Classes



#### Gamo Da Paz

was born in Salvador, Bahia (Brazil) and raised in the lineage of the Candomblé tradition of the Ketu nation. As a third generation Master Drummer from the

house of Gantois, Gamo is one of the few drummers who plays ceremonial and healing rhythms in the most renowned religious houses in Brazil and internationally. An accomplished recording artist, Gamo has toured with groups such as Oba Oba, Bale Folclorico da Bahia, and Grammy-award winning artist, Gilberto Gil. Gamo currently teaches traditional drumming in the California Bay Area and is the Founder/Director of Quimbanda, an Afro-Brazilian Drum Ensemble.

## **Trip Description**

Gamo is organizing this trip to immerse you into the traditions of Candomblé. Because of his in depth knowledge of the traditions, the people, and the culture, the group will have the opportunity to experience Candomblé firsthand, as a native and not a tourist.

#### Traditional Candomblé Houses

This trip will consist of visiting several Candomblé houses where spiritual celebrations will take place. Experience one of the oldest African-influenced cultures in Bahia. Hear the drumming, see the dance, and witness the traditional Candomblé ceremonies that pay homage to the Orixas.



Terreiro da Casa Branca, Salvador's first house of Candomblé, was founded in 1830 by three freed slave women.

#### Terreiro do Gantois.

Salvador's second house of Candomblé, was founded in 1847 by a descendant of the house of Casa Branca.





In 1910, the third house of Candomblé, **Ile Axe Opo Afonja**, was also founded by a descendant of Casa Branca.

#### Festa de São João

São João is a traditional harvest celebration where family and friends gather in Bahia to dance Forró (fo-ho). São João is one of the biggest holidays in the

Northeast of Brazil. During this festival, the streets of north Salvador are all fixed up and extremely popular shows featuring the big, commercial Forró bands are staged.



#### Traditional Classes

Silvia Rita is a professor of dance at the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA) where she teaches Afro-Brazilian Dance. Her classes are fun, energetic, and soothing to the soul.



A native of Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, Rosangela Silvestre is a master teacher who teaches all over the world. Her unique and powerful classes introduce students to the dances and rhythms of the Orixas.

Gamo Da Paz has expertise in many traditional Brazilian rhythms. He will organize traditional drum classes for all levels with Brazilian Master drummers.

#### **Brazil Excursions**

In addition to touring Candomblé houses and taking classes, the group



will experience white sand beaches, beautiful Brazilian sunsets overlooking

the ocean, beach-front luncheons, and delicious Brazilian cuisine.