



### **Imperial Period**

In the first half of the 19th century, with the Declaration of Independence, Brazil enters a period marked by technological, economic, political, cultural, religious and social innovations, with a great urban development. In this period, we feature the creation of theater companies, libraries and universities.

Brazilian population started to grow, with people coming from all over Europe, Africa and Asia. They were people from different ethnic groups, cultures and creeds, people who brought in their luggage – besides nostalgia – hope, knowledge, beliefs and the idea of building a new world. The houses we highlight in this itinerary reveal how some groups lived in the Brazilian imperial period. They are preserved buildings that tell us about people's way of life who developed activities related to agriculture, trade, politics and intellectual work. These houses have more complex structures: they are townhouses and mansions built with more sophisticated techniques and materials, some built in rural areas and others in urban areas, many located in the State of Rio de Janeiro. The houses of this period received adornments, furniture, rugs, decorative objects and art works, unlike the houses of the colonial period, which were decorated with little furniture. In these houses we can find several stories and be in touch with our cultural heritage. Through this itinerary, the Palaces Collection invites the public to travel in time, to have a visual experience and to get in touch with the past that brought us here.