

Jungle, Wetlands and Savannas 12 nights/ 13 days

On this tour we cover a wide range of habitats, such as savannas and dry woodland in the Brazilian Cerrado, home to all assortment of parrots and hummingbirds in search of endemic birds , the rare Maned Wolf and other savanna's specials. After we venture North into the Amazon Rainforest in search of the mighty Harpy Eagle , forest birds and monkeys, and spend quality time in small boats in search of the the best Jaguar photograph in the Pantanal. We also capture the playful Giant Otters , Hyacinth Macaws and a realm of other tropical wildlife on this safari.

This tour offers by far the finest wildlife you can experience in South America and we invite you to join us for what promises to be an unforgettable experience!

Itinerary

Day 1- Airport Cuiaba – Porto Jofre

- Pick-up at the airport and transfer to Porto Jofre Hotel - Wildlife spotting on the Transpantaneira Road, the finest and the only whole year-round road that penetrates the 50 millions acres (UK-sizes area!) of the Pantanal, the world's largest wetland.
- Arrive late in the afternoon, the surroundings of these riverside hotel features great scenery and birds like toucans and hyacinth macaws dominate the late afternoon chorus.
- Dinner and overnight

Day 2

- Early breakfast at the lodge and we boat up to the Meeting of the Waters State Park, where we spend the day searching actively for jaguars on the river banks and beaches. This remote boat safari features other animals such as the playful giant otters, ocelots, tapirs, anacondas, monkeys and many bird species .
- Dinner and overnight.

Day 3

- Breakfast (fruits, cereal, bread, ham, cheese, coffee, milk, juices, eggs, cake) at the Hotel. Check-out and departure to Rio Claro Lodge. The morning drive up to Rio Claro features animals such as marsh deers, coatis, monkeys, many bird species and some times the elusive jaguar.
- Arrive in good time (Lunch) at Rio Claro lodge. This lodge is located at the riverbanks of Rio Claro river, surrounded by pristine gallery forest.
- Forest walk on scientifically designed forest trail rich in birds, mammals and reptiles.

- Night Safari on the Transpantaneira road which features animals like the pumas, jaguars, ocelots, crab-eating fox, raccoons, tapirs, armadillos, giant and collared anteaters, all assortment of owls, great and common potoos and nightjars.
- Dinner (traditional food of the region) at the eco-lodge

Day 4

- Early in the morning we boat the Rio Claro river downstream in silent catamaran boats or canoes looking for giant and southern river otters, tapirs howler and cappuccin monkeys and birds like the elusive agami heron, sunbiterns, sungreebes, 5 different species of kingfishers and many more.
- Lunch at the lodge
- Forest walk along the riverside forest, this forest is rich in monkeys and birds that only exists in this type of forest. Tapirs are often seen feeding on forest fruits along this trail.
- Night Safari on the Transpantaneira road which features animals such as pumas, jaguars, ocelots, crab-eating fox, raccoons, tapirs, armadillos, giant and collared anteaters, all assortment of owls, great and common potoos and nightjars.
- Dinner and overnight

Day 5

- Breakfast (fruits, cereal, bread, ham, cheese, coffee, milk,, juices, eggs, cake) at the Hotel. Check-out and departure to Fazenda Pouso Alegre.
- Lunch at Fazenda Pouso Alegre. This 11.000 thousand-hectare Fazenda harbors by far the highest density of the Giant Anteater in Northern Pantanal as it is located in the higher lands of Pantanal. The farm is also known to offer the best records of Giant Anteater and Tapir in the Northern Pantanal and it is the habitat of Hyacinth Macaws.
- Canoeing on the Rio Claro river up to the 25 meter wooden tower. This canopy tower allows the finest panoramic view of Pantanal and its vast primary forest along the Rio Claro River.
- Night Safari on the Transpantaneira road which features animals like the pumas, jaguars, ocelots, crab-eating fox, raccoons, tapirs, armadillos, giant and collared anteaters, all assortment of owls, great and common potoos and nightjars.
- Dinner and overnight at Fazenda Pouso Alegre.

Day 6

- Early forest walk to observe wildlife and birds waking up together with the rising of the sun.
- Breakfast (cereal, fruits, bread, ham, cheese, coffee, milk, juices, eggs, cake) at the eco-lodge
- Horseback riding (opcional) through seasonal flooded grassland and tropical forest. This tour takes you to places that are only reachable by horse, opportunity to see Yellow Anacondas and Anteaters in the grasslands.
- Lunch at Fazenda Pouso Alegre

- Photographic Safari that features mammals, birds and reptiles .
- Dinner and overnight at the ranch “Fazenda Pouso Alegre”.

Day 7

- Early forest walk to observe wildlife and birds waking up (before sunrise).
- Breakfast at the ranch Fazenda Pouso Alegre
- Departure back to Chapada dos Guimarães
- Lunch at the foot of the waterfall ‘Cachoeirinha’. The restaurant, which is located at the boarder of the national park, serves delicious traditional fish and meat dishes with rice and vegetables.
- Forest walk in the Jamacá valley which is a hot spot to observe many exceptional birds (Toucans, motmots, macaws, araçaris, colourful tanagers, and the dancing manakins) , monkeys, ocelots, agouti’s, peccaries, deers, and butterflies. Possibility to take a refreshing bath under the Jamacá waterfall.
- Sunset at the geodesic point of South America
- Dinner in a local restaurant in Chapada. Overnight at the Pousada do Parque , hotspot for endemic birds and habitat of the rare Maned Wolf, the largest canid of South America.
- Day 8
- Breakfast at the lodge Pousada do Parque (fruits, bread, chees, ham, coffee, milk, juice, eggs, cake)
- Morning hike in the area of the Pousada where you can visit two private waterfalls and where you can spot many birds (helmet manakin, tanagers, etc.), medium and large mammals.
- Lunch at the lodge.
- 4 hour hike in the national park with the possibility to take refreshing baths in different waterfalls surrounded by its unique vegetation; one already more impressive than the other! On this trip it is only you and the imposing nature around you.
- Sunset at Eagle's Nest Canyon, besides the breath-taking scenery this canyon offer some of the Cerrado highlights, including Black-and-White Hawk Eagle, Red-and-green Macaws, Crowned Eagle among other savanna's specials.
- Dinner in a local restaurant in Chapada village
- Overnight at the Pousada do Parque

Day 9

- Breakfast at the lodge and departure to Cuiaba-Airport to continue our tour to the Amazon Rainforest.
- Afternoon - Arrival in Alta Floresta. Transfer to the Cristalino Jungle lodge. Check-in and dinner.

Day 10

- Early wake up to observe the awakening of the forest in our 50 m canopy tower. Breakfast. Motor boat up river, walking the Brazil Nut Trail, with a stop over at the

"Limão" rapids. Float down river with boat engine switched off or canoeing and wildlife viewing. Swimming along the river, by the floating deck or by the rapids, before lunch.

- Late lunch. Opportunity to choose between walking the "Rocky" trail to the Tree House, or participate in supervised activities at the ropes and rapel (including course).
- Dinner by campfire. Night caiman spotting by the floating deck or in motor boats. Observation of nocturnal life in the forest.

Day 11

- After breakfast, walk the "Caja" Trail. Swimming before lunch.
- Lunch. Motor boat up river, hiking the Sierra trail and observing the sunset. Optional : Tree house late afternoon to look for nocturnal mammals.

Day 12

- After breakfast walk the "Cacao" trail . Return down river with boat engines switched off or canoeing. Wildlife viewing. Swimming along the river, by the floating deck or by the rapids, before lunch. Lunch. Boat down to "Ariosto" island on the Teles Pires River. Walk the island's trails and watch the magnificent sunset.
- Return from the island looking for caimans. Possible view of giant otters and tapirs. Candlelight farewell dinner by the campfire.

Day 13

- Breakfast. Transfer to Alta Floresta, where we have lunch in a local restaurant. Possibility of viewing local crafts before departure or walking the trails at the back of the Hotel in the private forest reserve; lunch and transfer to the airport.