

Pantanal Essential Safari 4 nights / 5days

PJS Essencial Tours are planned to maximize your wildlife experience in Pantanal considering time and budget. Our essential tours are concentrated on the highlights of Pantanal: the elusive jaguar, the playful giant otter, the giant anteater, the impressive hyacinth macaw, the massive anaconda and many more.

This tour starts on the *Transpantaneira road*, from where we take you to the deepest heart of the Pantanal region. We stay in three different lodges to explore different types of forests, dry woodlands and open grasslands, each with its own rich fauna and flora.

Itinerary

Day 1-

- Pick-up at the airport and transfer to 'Neco's fisherman camp'-Wildlife spotting on the Transpantaneira Road, the finest and the only whole year-round road that penetrates the 50 million acres (UK-size area!) of the Pantanal, the world's largest wetland.
- Arrive in the late afternoon, after a 4-hour drive at the wooden house, which is located at the riverbanks of the Cuiabá River. Check-in and dinner.
- Dinner (traditional food of the region) at the camp
- Night Safari on the Transpantaneira road which features animals like the pumas, jaguars, ocelots, crab-eating fox, raccoons, tapirs, armadillos, giant and collared anteaters, owls, great and common potoos and nightjars.

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 boat outing features other animals like giant river otters, ocelots, tapirs, anacondas, monkeys and many species of birds. Lunch on the boat.
- Dinner.
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Day 3

- Breakfast and check-out and departure to Rio Claro Lodge. The morning drive up to Rio Claro features animals like 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, owls, great and common potoos and nightjars.
- -Dinner (traditional food of the region) at the eco-lodge

Day 4

- Breakfast (fruits, cereal, bread, ham, cheese, coffee, milk,, juices, eggs, cake) at the lodge.
- 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, owls, great and common potoos and nightjars.
- Dinner and overnight at Fazenda Pouso Alegre.

Day 5

- Early forest walk to observe wildlife and birds waking up (before sunrise).
- Breakfast at the ranch Fazenda Pouso Alegre

- Departure back to Cuiabá Airport (or continue to Chapada dos Guimarães/Amazon Rainforest)