



Brazil



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The Biodiverse Universe

Expedition for the best of Avifauna in Brazil and Jaguars in Pantanal





DURATION : 13 Nights and 14 Days



Start & finish destinations
India - Sao Paulo - Cuiaba - India



Destinations
1. BIRDING LOCATION
2. NORTH PANTANAL

TOUR OVERVIEW

BRAZIL: Brazil has one of the richest bird diversities in the world. The avifauna of Brazil include a total of 1822 confirmed species of which 238 are endemic. Brazil's biodiversity and ease of access to wildlife make it a very popular destination for bird photographers from around the world.

Brazil hosts such extraordinarily different areas, from the vast Amazon Basin to the largest natural wetland area on Earth, the Pantanal, to the unique Atlantic Forests, which are home to some of the most threatened animals on the planet. Southeast Brazil is full of amazingly colorful and confiding endemic birds species. The Atlantic Forest stretches for 1,500 square miles along the coast of Brazil, with a vast array of plants, birds and other wildlife.

Northern Pantanal, which is the world's largest tropical wetland, covering over 70,000 square miles, is the world's largest inland wetland area! While the Amazon gets more credit, the Pantanal's open spaces offer the best opportunities for spotting animals in their natural habitats in Brazil.

The itinerary offers photographers abundant opportunities to capture birds on feeders as well in their natural habitat. Our North Pantanal tour focuses on spotting the mighty Jaguar along with other local avifauna. Well guided boat safaris with local expert guidance to ensure we get good photographs during the tour.

Opportunity to photograph the Atlantic specialties like the Saffron Toucanet, Green-headed tanager, Olive-green tanager and more!
Northern Pantanal tour highlights include Jaguars, Toucans, Macaws, Ocelots, Tapirs and many more!
Expert guidance during photography sessions on using fill-flash in overcast conditions. Bird photography at feeders.

The tour pace is easy to moderate effort!

Much of the Atlantic tour will be spent near feeders which are accessed by short walks. There will also be optional short walks to get to the hide and access the farms with feeders and manakin leks.

North Pantanal photography sessions will mostly be done in safari vans and boats. Some sessions may involve walking around gardens and feeders.



Day 1 -

On Arrival, you will meet our representative at the Guarulhos-Governador André Franco Montoro International Airport and transfer to your hotel near the capital city of Sao Paulo. The hotel is situated near the airport for easy access. Overnight at hotel in Sao Paulo (meals are not included on this day).

Day 2,3 & 4 -

We meet at 7 AM for an early breakfast and head to our first rainforest lodge (Travel time 200km/3 hours), which is well known for its regular avian visitors. We spend 3 nights at this lodge, which is touted as one of the most amazing birding locations in all of South America to start this exotic tour. Green headed tanagers, saffron toucanets, red-breasted toucans are some of the species lined up for the next few days. Here we will stay at an eco-lodge for 3 nights and are inclusive of all 3 meals.

Day 3, we spend the entire day at the lodge feeders & trails and focus on making amazing images of birds on nice perches. Our targets today will include yellow-fronted woodpecker, maroon-bellied parrot, roadside hawk, white-tipped dove, pale breasted thrush, golden crowned warbler, blue dactnis, azure shouldered tanager.

Day 4 morning, we indulge in some Multi-flash photography to capture the stunning hummingbirds visiting the lodge feeders. The specialties include Brazilian ruby, Saw-billed hummingbird, scale-throated hummingbird, violet-crowned woodnymph and many more.

Today, we also look for more species like the magpie tanager, black-goggled tanager, ruby crowned tanager, half-collared sparrow, sharp-tailed streamer among the many different species planned.

Day 5 -

We will spend the morning and evening sessions at the lodge feeders . After the evening session, we will head back



to Sao Paulo where we will spend the night.The stay will be in a close by airport hotel. The next morning, we will fly out to our North Pantanal part of tour.

Day 6 & 7 -

We take an early morning flight from Sao Paulo to Cuiaba. Upon arrival, we will meet our representative at the Marechal Rondon International Airport in Cuiaba and transfer to our 1st stay in an eco-lodge (Travel time 130 km/2 hrs). We will stay here for 2 nights. This stay is inclusive of all meals.

Our travel to the 1st lodge includes travel through the Transpantaneira Highway after an early breakfast. The drive is on a dirt road that transects the Northern Pantanal. Being extremely biodiverse, this road offers us many different opportunities to shoot unique wildlife. We shall try and reach the lodge by afternoon. A quick lunch and some rest before heading out for our 1st Jaguar boat ride!

At night, we go out for a night safari in search of nocturnal wildlife such as Ocelot, Puma, Giant Anteater, Tamandua, Crab-eating fox, Raccoon, Potoos, and Owls.

Day 7, the entire day, we will explore the forest to photograph a variety of bird species the area has to offer. Our target for the morning will include the Toucans, Aracaris, small mammals (just by the lodge or caimans on the small lake) and the Jabirus in their nest along the eco-lodge's 7 km private road.

After lunch, we go on an overland safari to remote areas of this vast ranch which stands as the best place to photograph Tapirs and Anteaters in Northern Pantanal.

After dinner, we go out for a night safari in search of mammals and other wildlife such as the nocturnal mammals, Great Horned Owl, Nightjar, Potoo and many other species.

Day 8,9,10 & 11 -

We will have an early breakfast in the morning and checkout from the eco-lodge.

Then drive further into the Pantanal, as we cover the Transpantaneira road to reach Porto Jofre and check in at



our eco- lodge, situated at the riverbanks of the Cuiabá river (Travel time 121kms/2 hr 20 mins). After some rest at the eco-lodge, we then head for our 1st of many boat safaris to look for the mighty Jaguar often found on the riverbanks.We will spend 4 nights here. This stay is also inclusive of all meals. The elevation here is 200 metres.

We devote 3 full days to personal boat safaris on the river banks of the Amazon and its tributaries to maximize our chances to watch and photograph Jaguars, Giant Otters and other wildlife at the confluence of the Waters State Park.

Our expert local guides almost assure us of a 100% Jaguar sighting during the season so word of advice, carry memory cards with large storage capacity and maybe 1 backup camera body as well. This way we ensure that we don't have to return to the lodge to pick up extra gear if needed.

Once the light gets harsh, we return to the lodge and relax before we prepare to be back in the boat for our evening boat trip.

Day 12 -

We have another full morning of boat safaris after breakfast. Check out post lunch and head out to next eco- lodge (Travel time 140km/ 2 hr 40 mins). We will have multiple mid way stops for wildlife/bird spotting and photographing.

Check in to the eco- lodge in the evening. We will stay here for 1 night. This stay is inclusive of all meals.

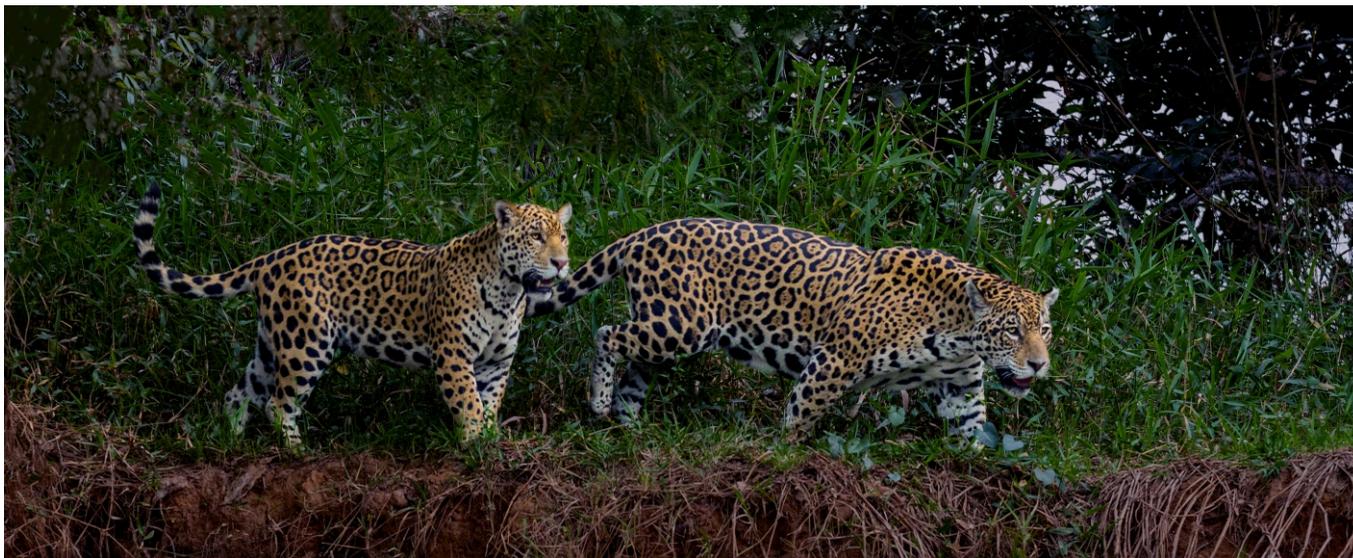
After dinner, we will go out for a night drive in search for night animals.

Day 13 -

After breakfast, a full morning of wildlife activities & photography on the huge private reserve. We check out for our transfer back to Cuiabá (Travel time 119km/1hr 40 min). Overnight at a hotel in Cuiabá. Lunch and dinner in Cuiabá is not included in the package.

Day 14 -

This morning, our transport partners will drop you for the respective International departures from the Cuiabá airport. End of a fabulous tour!



THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

1. 2 nights stay in a hotel in Sao Paulo, on twin sharing basis. (2 separate nights at separate times in the trip). (Please enquire for single occupancy rate). (meals are not included on this day).
2. 3 nights stay in the first eco- lodge destination with all meals.
3. 2 nights stay in the second eco- lodge destination with all meals.
4. 4 nights stay in the third eco- lodge destination with all meals.
5. 1 night stay in the fourth eco-lodge with all meals.
6. 1 night stay in a hotel in Cuiabá. (lunch & dinner are not included on this day).
7. Stainless steel flask for drinking water.
8. Private transfers to and from the hotels on the first and last days.
9. Land transportation during the tour/ domestic air transfer as specified in the itinereray.
10. Professional driver/photo/nature guide and private transportation in spacious tour bus.
11. Guide and Photography skipper services.
12. Entrance fees for all described activities.
13. Taxes on all services listed above. guide fees, and vehicle charges.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

1. Non meal time snacks or meals not included or mentioned.
2. Non meal time soft drinks or bottled drinks.
3. Visa fees.
4. International or personal airfare.
5. Travel or medical insurance.
6. Still camera, lens and video camera fees if any.
7. Phone calls.
8. Gratuity or Tips.
9. Cost of hospitalization or evacuation if necessary.
10. Any other incidental expenditures not included and specified in the cost.

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