

9 DAYS LAND OF THE JAGUAR

DESTINATIONS

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Cuiaba
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

The group flights should be arriving in the early afternoon. The rest of the day is free to relax after the long journey.

DAY 2

Destination	Cuiaba 🚗 Pantanal
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning we head towards the remote Paraguay River in the Pantanal. We start by driving 205kms towards the town of Caceres before continuing a further 100kms on dirt roads to our lodge located on the banks for the Paraguay River where we will spend the next 4 days exploring the region for jaguars and other wildlife.

This area is further off the beaten path and the ideal place for jaguar spotting and, with fewer visitors than other areas of the Pantanal, is also much quieter.

This afternoon we will board our small motorboats to go on our first jaguar safari exploring the river and its tributaries for the elusive big cat as well as tapirs, monkeys, macaws, anacondas, capybaras, Giant otters and any other wildlife we can find. Whilst no guarantees can be made when it comes to wildlife, there is a 95% chance of seeing jaguars.

DAY 3

Destination	Pantana
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

We spend the next three days on morning and afternoon boat safaris looking for jaguars and other local wildlife and learning about the delicate ecosystem of the area. The exact lengths of the outings will, of course, vary depending on the sightings and you should be prepared to be flexible with the timetable. Make sure to bring all you'll need including sun protection, insect protection, rain protection, water and, of course your cameras and/or binoculars.

DAY 4

Destination	Pantana
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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DAY 5

Destination	Pantana
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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DAY 6

Destination	Pocone
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning we retrace our steps towards Caceres and on to Pocone and finally Araras Ecolodge. Surrounded by pristine forest, the lodge offers a range of activities designed to showcase the flora and fauna of the Pantanal, including jeep safaris, trail walks, nocturnal safaris, canoeing and horse riding. The lodge's expert bilingual naturalist guides accompany us on all excursions to truly enhance our wildlife viewing.

DAY 7

Destination	Pocone
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

The next two days we have a full programme of activities around the lodge. Hundreds of species of bird, and dozens of mammals and reptiles have been recorded in the immediate surroundings, and if we are lucky, we will catch sight of the striking Hyacinth macaw (Portuguese: Arara jacinta) after which the lodge is named. The largest of the macaws, its dark blue plumage and the bright yellow skin around its eyes and beak make it instantly recognisable.

DAY 8

Destination	Pocone
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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DAY 9

Destination	Pocone 🚗 Cuiaba
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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After breakfast we head back to Cuiaba where the trip ends. Those on the group flights will be departing this afternoon.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

4 nights Hotel Baiazinha Lodge with en suite facilities, 3 nights Araras Lodge and 1 night hotel in Cuiaba
9 days land only / 11 flight inclusive
Travel by minibus, 4WD safari vehicle and motorised canoe
8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
All transport and listed activities
7 boat trips to maximise chances of Jaguar sightings
90% success in jaguar sightings to date
Explore a more off the beaten path part of the Pantanal
Wetland bird-watching
Good chances of seeing capybaras, Giant anteaters, Jabiru storks and other wildlife
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$800 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1276 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.
Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur"

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OPTIONAL TOURS

EXCLUSIONS

International Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

HOTEL LIST

Cuiaba- Slaviero Slim Hotel
Paraguay River - Hotel Baiazinha Lodge
Araras Lodge

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$1599 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Activity Level

This tour is classified Road: activity level 3 (Moderate)

4 days cycling (plus one optional days ride) with an average distance of 45km per day with full vehicle support.

The rides mainly follow tarmac roads, but where possible on the islands we will use the quieter older roads that tend to be hard gravel. The roads are quiet and there is less traffic on the islands than the mainland. The route will be generally undulating but there are a few challenging hills that can be tough in the warm weather. The trip is vehicle supported so it is possible to miss some of these harder sections if you prefer. At times the route will follow roads or tracks with a steep down slope to one side. Certain sections will not have a barrier.

No specific cycling experience required but you should be comfortable on a bike and have a reasonable level of fitness.

Following a review of all our trips we have categorised this trip as generally not suitable for persons of reduced mobility. However if you are a regular traveller on such trips, please contact customer services to discuss the trip and your personal condition.