



Brazil



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The Biodiverse Universe

Expedition for the best of Avifauna in Brazil and Jaguars in Pantanal
& Iguazu Falls in Brazil





DURATION : 16 Nights and 17 Days



Start & finish destinations

India - Cuiaba - Sao Paulo - Iguazu Falls - Sao Paulo - India



Destinations

1. BIRDING LOCATION
2. NORTH PANTANAL
3. IGUAZU FALLS

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.

Relaxing experience in the well known UNESCO Heritage site - Iguazu Falls, in southern Brazil. One of the most majestic waterfalls bordering Argentina, this tour will end with a memorable photographs and a complete experience.

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 Marechal Rondon International Airport and transfer to your hotel near the capital city of Cuiaba. The hotel is situated near the airport for easy access. Overnight at hotel in Cuiaba. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are not included in the package.

Day 2 & 3 -
Our travel to the 1st lodge includes travel through the Transpantaneira highway after an early breakfast, 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 to get lunch and get comfortable. (travel time is 3 hrs) We will be staying at an eco-lodge. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in the package. At night, we go out for a night safari in search of nocturnal wildlife such as Ocelot, Puma, Giant Anteater, Tamandua, Crab-eating, Raccoon, Potoos, and Owls. Next day, we will explore the forest to photograph the variety of bird species the area has to offer.

We shall use a full morning to explore the many opportunities at this place. Our targets for this morning will include the Toucans, Aracaris, small mammals, just by the lodge, or camions on the small lake, and the Jabirus in their nest along the 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 the Northern Giant Anteater in the Northern Pantanal.

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

Day 4, 5, 6 & 7 -

This morning we have an early breakfast and checkout of the lodge. We drive further into the Pantanal, as we cover the Transpantaneira road to reach Porto Jofre and check in at our lodge, situated at the riverbanks of the Cuiabá river. (travel time is 2 hrs) We come back to the lodge for rest and then head for our 1st of many boat safaris to look for the mighty Jaguar often found on the riverbanks. We spend



4 nights at an eco-lodge here. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in the package.

We devote 3 full days to personal boat safaris on the riverbanks 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 this 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 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 8 -

This morning, we do another full morning of boat safaris after breakfast and then we checkout and head to out to next lodge post lunch. We proceed to our next destination lodge with stops for wildlife/bird spotting and photographing. We arrive in the early evening and check in the night. (travel time is 3 hrs) We spend 1 night at an eco-lodge here. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in the package. After dinner we go out for a night drive in search for night animals.

Day 9 -

Breakfast, followed by a full morning of wildlife activities & photography on the huge private reserve. We check out to our transfer back to Cuiabá for next day departure to Sao Paulo. (travel time is 2 hrs) (flight time is 1:45 mins)

We will stay at a hotel close to the airport in Cuiaba. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

Day 10, 11 & 12

This morning we take a flight to Sao Paulo (Flight time is 1:45 mins) for our Atlantic forest tour. We head to our first rainforest lodge which is well known for its regular avian visitors. We will be staying at a place which is touted as one of the most amazing birding locations in all of South America to start this exotic tour. (Travel time is 3.5 Hours) You will be travelling in comfortable A/C van with ample luggage space in a Mercedes Sprinter or similar. Green headed tanagers, saffron toucanets, red-breasted toucans are some of the species lined up for the next few days. We spend 3 nights at an eco-lodge here. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in the package.



.Next day, we spend the entire day at the lodge feeders and 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 dacnis, azure shouldered tanager

On the 12th day, 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 more. 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 13 -

We will spend the morning at lodge feeders and after our evening session, we head back to Sao Paulo for our flight to Iguazu falls in the following morning. Overnight stay in Sao Paulo at a hotel near the airport. (travel time is 2 hrs) Breakfast, lunch (on the way) and dinner included in the package.

Day 14 & 15 -

We take an early morning flight (travel time is 1.5 hrs) to Iguazu falls and reach our hotel by lunch. We will take the rest of the day to self-explore and relax at the resort. We stay for 2 nights at the hotel. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in the package.

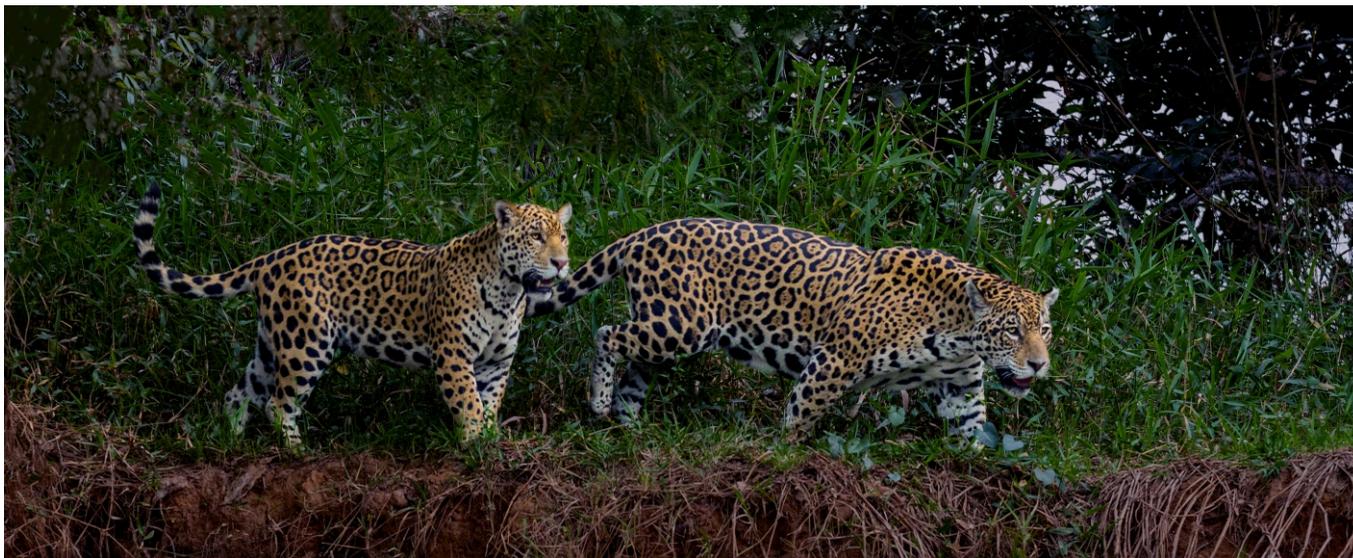
Next day, we will take a guided tour to the falls and spend a whole day exploring the majestic world heritage site.

Day 16 -

We will spend the morning exploring the place and take an evening flight to Sao Paulo for next day international departures. Breakfast and Lunch are included in the package. In the evening, we will check in to our hotel for the night and this marks the end of our tour. Dinner is not included in the package.

Day 17 -

Check out from the Sao Paulo hotel to the airport for the international departure today. Breakfast is included. Lunch and dinner are not included in the package



THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

1. On twin sharing basis, please enquire for rates for single occupancy.
2. 2 night stay in a hotel in Cuiabá. (Breakfast included, Lunch & Dinner not included on first day but included when staying for the second night mid trip).
3. 2 nights stay in the first eco- lodge destination with all meals.
4. 4 nights stay in the second eco- lodge destination with all meals.
5. 1 night stay in the third eco- lodge destination with all meals.
6. 3 nights stay in the fourth eco- lodge destination with all meals.
7. 2 nights stay in a hotel in Sao Paulo ((Breakfast only included).
8. 2 nights stay in a hotel in Iguazu Falls (Meals are included except Dinner on departure night/arrival in Sao Paulo).
9. Stainless steel flask for drinking water.
10. Private transfers to and from the hotels on the first and last days.
11. Land transportation during the tour/ domestic air transfer as specified in the itinerary.
12. Professional driver/photo/nature guide and private transportation in spacious tour bus.
13. Guide and Photography skipper services .
14. Entrance fees for all described activities.
15. Taxes on all services listed above.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

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

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