

Brazil 2023

Photo and Mammal Watching Tour

Southern and Northern Pantanal

03 to 18 October

The Pantanal is among the world's largest flooded plain located in the center of South America and central-western Brazil and a wonderful region to watch and photograph wildlife. During this trip you will visit the Southern and Northern Pantanal where you will see different habitats thus having more wildlife watching experiences.

Day 1, Tuesday (03 Oct) – Arrival in Brazil. Fly to Campo Grande the gateway of the Southern Pantanal. Overnight.

Day 2, Wednesday (04 Oct) – Depart to Fazenda San Francisco. The wildlife there provides good chances for felids such as Ocelot and Jaguar. Other mammals include, Giant Anteater, Nine-banded armadillo, Yellow-armadillo, Marsh deer, Crab-eating Fox, Neotropical River Otter, American Coati, Brazilian Rabbit, Brazilian Cavy, Capybara, among others. All activities on private basis. Overnight.

Days 3, 4, Thursday, Friday (05, 06 Oct) - All day at Fazenda San Francisco with activities on private basis. Species likely to be seen on the night safari include Crab-eating fox, Ocelot, Jaguar, Crab-eating Raccoon and owls such as Great Horned, Striped and Barn Owls. Overnight.

Day 5, Saturday (07 Oct) - Transfer to Aguape Lodge, a prime destination to observe Giant Anteater. Other mammals include, Southern Tamandua, Nine-banded Armadillo, Yellow Armadillo and Southern Naked-tail Armadillo occurs there too, Pampas deer, White-lipped Peccary, Collared Peccary, Crab-eating fox, South-American coati, Crab-eating raccoon and others. Birdlife is very diverse with species like Hyacinth Macaw, Blue-and-Yellow Macaw, Red-shouldered Macaw, Golden-collared Macaw, Nanday and the very localized Blaze-winged Parakeet. Afternoon and night safaris on private basis. Overnight.

Day 6, Sunday (08 Oct) – Spend most of the day at Aguape. Activities in open truck on private basis. Transfer to Campo Grande. Overnight.

Day 7, Monday (09 Oct) – Early morning flight to Cuiaba. Arrival and drive South for about 135km until your next destination, Pouso Alegre Lodge. This property is very productive for general wildlife with excellent chances to find Brazilian Tapir, Red Brocket Deer, Gray Brocket Deer, White-lipped and Collared Peccaries, Black-and-gold Howler Monkey, Black-tailed Marmoset, Azara's Capuchin Monkey, Crab-eating Fox, Ocelot, Tayra and Azara's Agouti. In addition to that bat species possible to see are, Woolly False Vampire Bat, Common Vampire Bat, Common Long-tongued Bats and more. Other animals include reptiles like the Paraguayan Caiman, Tegu Lizard and Red-footed Tortoise. Overnight.

Day 8, Tuesday (10 Oct) - Pouso Alegre Lodge all day. Overnight.

Day 9, Wednesday (11 Oct) – Morning drive to Porto Jofre. Arrival at Pousada Jofre Velho. Afternoon safari at Fazenda São Bento, in a nearby ranch. In previous safaris mammals observed were the Puma, Ocelot, Jaguarundi, Giant anteater and crab-eating fox. The Maned Wolf had been seen during previous safaris at the end of the dry season by October. Overnight

Days 10, 11, Thursday, Friday (12,13 Oct) Porto Jofre region is considered the hotspot for Jaguar sightings as well as for other wildlife such as Giant River Otter, Southern River Otter, Black-and-gold Howler, Azara's Capuchin monkey, Brazilian Tapir, Capybara in addition to Paraguayan Caiman and Green Iguana. Birdlife is very diverse with species seen along the rivers like egrets, kingfishers, hawks, skimmer, terns, lapwings, stilt and many more. Overnight.

Day 12, Saturday (14 Oct) – Transfer to Piuval Lodge, an excellent place for wildlife with chances for, Black-and-gold Howler, Azara's Capuchin Monkey, Black-tailed Marmoset, Azara's Night Monkey is possible in addition to Giant anteater, Gray and Red-brocket deers South American Coati, Brazilian Rabbit, Capybara, Azara's Agouti and others. Good chances to find Jaguars along their roads too. Overnight.

Days 13, 14, Sunday, Monday (15, 16 Oct) – Piuval all day exploring different corners of the ranch with many photo and mammal watching opportunities. Overnight.

Day 15, Tuesday (17 Oct) – Piuval in the morning. Transfer to Cuiaba airport. Fly to São Paulo. Overnight.

Day 16, Wednesday (18 Oct) – Fly home.

Included: All overnights, all meals, transfers São Paulo Airport/Hotel/airport, Campo Grande airport/Hotel/airport, ground transportation for Southern and Northern Pantanal in Pick-up truck (4x4), open truck safaris, 02 full days of boat rides at Porto Jofre region, wildlife guide full time, air ticket Campo Grande/Cuiaba.

Not included: international and internal flights (excepting Campo Grande/Cuiaba), beverages, personal travel and medical insurance, laundry, personal expenses or any other item not specified in the itinerary.