






Bolivian Cat Special Tour

Destination: Jaguar Land & Chaco, Bolivia

Season: May - November

-  Spotlighting for nocturnal wildlife such as Ocelots, Puma and many more species
-  100% Success with Jaguars & amazing chances for Puma, Ocelot & Jaguarondi
-  Explore the private reserve & parks without the large crowds found in the Pantanal
-  Endemics like Red-fronted & Blue-throated Macaws & an rare Anaconda species
-  Many rare mammals including Pink Dolphins, Chaco Titi Monkey & Chaco Peccary

Dates:

Next group tour: ~~4th – 16th October 2024~~

Next group tour: 17th – 29th October 2024

Prices (2024 season):

Group Tour (12 nights)

£4,750 per person

*single supplement £525

Private / Tailored Tour information:

This tour can be booked anytime of the year, but there are peaks in wildlife activity as well as better times of year for accessibility. So we recommend travelling within the late summer / autumn period. During this period we have a 100% chance of seeing jaguars and ocelots on trips longer than 2 days, we also have incredible track records in seeing puma as well as many other species of rare and some endemic mammals, birds and reptiles.

The group tour is run annually, however you can book private tours for any number of people you wish (up to 8) and we have included prices for private groups up to 1-3 pax to the right.

We also have flexibility for the duration of trip you would like to book.

Some of our clients prefer to book longer trips to Bolivia and visit some of the other locations here for wildlife, culture, fishing, trekking or special interest such as birding or conservation or photography.

Trips for any group size and any duration are possible, please enquire further for more information on our tailored Bolivian wildlife tours.

For our tailored tours of longer durations or including other activities please contact us and we will prepare a tailored itinerary and quote for you at the soonest.

We are experts in organising private tailor made tours anywhere in the world for wildlife watching holidays.

Overview

Day 1: Santa Cruz

Days 2-4: Jaguar Land Reserve

Day 5: Santa Cruz

Days 6-8: Kaa Iya National Park

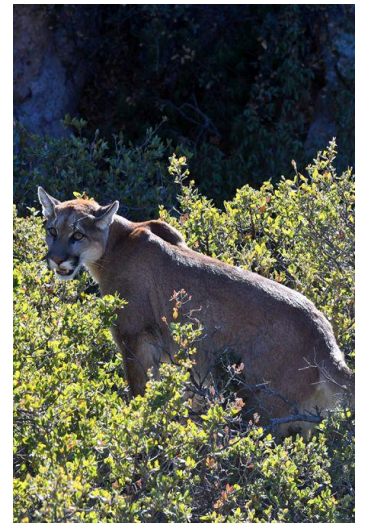
Day 9: Santa Cruz

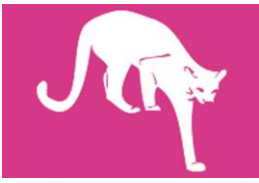
Day 10: Mamore / Ibare Rivers

Day 11: Gran Mojas

Day 12: Santa Cruz

Day 13: Home





Tour Information

Introduction

Move over North Pantanal we have a new contender for the best area to see Jaguars and other South American wildlife. Just 5 hours from Santa Cruz Bolivia is Jaguar Land, a private property which offers our clients some of the most spectacular wildlife watching in South America. This property is a combination of Pampas, Tropical forest, lakes and Agricultural land which makes wildlife watching much easier than in thick forests and most other regions.

Our exclusive tours here avoid the vast crowds of the Pantanal and we can observe wildlife in peace. In 2019 we have a 100 percent success rate for seeing Jaguars and in addition our clients have had amazing success at seeing Ocelots, Tapirs, Pink Dolphins, Sloths, Anteaters, Marsh Deer and much more.

Jaguar land is not just about Jaguars, bird -watching here is spectacular, with over 270 species being recorded. From Macaws, King Vultures, Spoonbills, Toucans, Sunbitterns and more.

We combine our Jaguar Land reserve with the Chaco ecosystem which is famous in Bolivia and home to a huge wealth of life including some wonderful endemic species as well as being hotspot for pumas and jaguarondis.

We believe this combination of locations, coupled with our fantastic local guides, low costs (compared to the Brazilian Pantanal) and lack of crowds makes this tour your best opportunity, for wildlife enthusiasts who aim to photograph these incredible species in their natural habitat.

Our Bolivian Cat Specialist Tour takes you deep into the internationally famous yet rarely visited Kaa Iya National Park in search of the elusive Jaguar and Puma (as well as other species), this trip offers a combination of evening and morning safaris as well as of course night spotlighting in private 4x4 vehicles. Delving into the heart of the Bolivia Chaco and the pampas, forests and farmland we will be searching for unparalleled wildlife, unbelievable birding as well as being involved in setting up and checking our camera traps and hiking to observe wildlife at remote lagoons with viewing platforms and much more.

We believe that Bolivia will rapidly rise to the top of the pile for wildlife watching in South America and this tour offers you the chance to beat the crowds and growing costs and see this untouched wilderness and incredible wildlife.

Itinerary

Day 1	Santa Cruz	Arrival
Accommodation: Marriott Santa Cruz (5* Hotel)	Food: No meals included today.	Transportation: Private vehicle.

On your arrival into Santa Cruz you will be met at the airport by your local guide & driver and take to your hotel for the night. The rest of the day is free for you to rest. Santa Cruz is one of the fastest growing cities on the world, it's often ignored as a tourist destination in favour of its more touristic rivals like Sucre and La Paz.

If you wish you can arrange a half day sightseeing tour of the city with your local guide (at extra cost). The highlights of a city tour would be flexible to take into account the time you have available as well as your interests, places which could be visited include museums, markets, private neighbourhoods, Pirai River, Botanical Gardens and you can sample local foods or visit the famous La Rinconada which is the location for the world's largest Amazon Water Lilly.

Day 2	Santa Cruz / Jaguar Land Reserve	Travelling & Wildlife Watching
Accommodation: Bush Camp (Tent camping)	Food: Breakfast will be served at the hotel with lunch at a local restaurant and dinner served at the camp.	Transportation: Private vehicle.

This morning at 08:30am you will be collected from the hotel and you will be transferred approximately 5 hours to the wonderful Jaguar Land Reserve. On the way we stop at lunch at a local restaurant and around 14:00 arrive to the reserve.

Along the way we have a good chance to see a lot of flora and fauna such as spectacled caimans, various species of macaws, three-toed sloths and a variety of monkey species monkeys (in fact up to 6 species of primate can be found here).



Once we arrive at the reserve we will continue to the camp site (we hope for some permanent housing in the near future, but at present this is a camping trip). The camp will be set up (complete with large comfortable tents, air mattresses and all other camping equipment needed) and we will unpack and then we will explore the reserve for the first time. We will explore the reserve via a private 4x4 vehicle and keep your eyes peeled as we will be looking for Jaguars, Pink Dolphins and huge variety of species. We will return to the camp for dinner and then head out after dark for spotlighting, looking for ocelots and other nocturnal species.

Days 3-4 **Jaguar Land Reserve**

Wildlife Watching

Accommodation:

Bush Camp (Tent camping)

Food:

All of your meals will be served at the camp in between wildlife excursions.

Transportation:

Private vehicle.

Over the next two full days we will be exploring the reserve, with an early start and vehicle safari again looking for Jaguars, Marsh deer, Macaws, Pink Dolphins and more. Returning to the camp for breakfast and we can drive to an area for showers/phone calls if needed.

The heat of the middle of the day will be spent resting and then after lunch we will head out again in the afternoon for our second safari of the day. Once again after dinner at the camp you will have a second night drive looking for Puma, Jaguar, Ocelots, Tapirs and more nocturnal species.

Day 5 **Jaguar Land Reserve / Santa Cruz**

Wildlife Watching, Travelling

Accommodation:

Marriott Santa Cruz (5* Hotel)

Food:

Breakfast will be served at the camp, with lunch at a local restaurant and dinner is not included.

Transportation:

Private vehicle.

This morning will be your last morning safari drive here, returning for breakfast and now the camp will be packed up and we will begin the drive back to Santa Cruz, and keep the camera ready as we leave the reserve there is still many chances to see wildlife. Lunch in a local restaurant and return to your hotel around 17:30. The rest of the day is free at your leisure

Day 6 **Santa Cruz / Kaa Iya National Park**

Wildlife Watching & Travelling

Accommodation:

Basic Rooms (Ranger Station Style)

Food:

Breakfast will be served at the hotel with lunch at a local restaurant and dinner served at the camp.

Transportation:

Private vehicle.

This morning at 08:30 you will be collected from the hotel and be driven the 260km (~3.5 hours) to the town of San Jose. Here we have lunch at one of the local restaurants and have sometime for photographic opportunities of the famous Jesuit Church that lies in the main plaza. We then drive a further 90km off road to enter the park, please note, Pumas, Peccaries, Toucans, Jaguars and more have been seen on this drive so have the cameras ready.

Once inside the park, we sign in with the Park rangers and set up bedding and equipment before the peak wildlife watching time of 16:30pm. We will then set out for a trek along the pipeline in search of Jaguars and more, Big cat and tapir tracks and scat are extremely common and an excellent indication of how many large mammals live in the park. After dinner we will do a night spotlighting drive or a night walk.

Days 7-8 **Kaa Iya National Park**

Wildlife Watching

Accommodation:

Basic Rooms (Ranger Station Style)

Food:

All of your meals will be served at the camp in between wildlife excursions.

Transportation:

Private vehicle & Walking.

Over the next 2 days you will explore the park with drives and or walks. Rising early each morning and having a morning excursion as well as an afternoon / evening trip and also spotlighting after dark. Places of interest that will



be visited over these days will include the Tucavaca area in search of wildlife and we will also set a camera trap in an ideal location and will check in the end of the tour.

There is only one water source in the area and you will visit that area. It's a 1.6km trek and you can expect to see a lot of tapirs tracks and scats, also Bolivian Titi monkeys can be seen here with some frequency.

Marsh deer and resident crab-eating foxes are common in the camping area when we rest during the heat of the day also.

Another very interesting area is the 120km drive along the pipeline to the Izozog Pumping Station and home to the Famous Jaguar *Kaiyana*, along the way it's an excellent chance to see Mammals, we have had excellent Jaguar and Tapir sightings at very close range during this drive. The drive will take up to 6 hours due to driving slowly to maximize wildlife viewing. We can have breakfast along the way.

All in all over these days we will visit areas with great track records for sightings of wildlife and also fully explore the area three times a day, wildlife which is commonly seen here included puma, jaguar, ocelot, chacoan peccary, lowland tapir, chaco titi monkey, tuco-tuco, 3 banded armadillo and there are chances for rarer species like jaguarondi and giant armadillo also.

Day 9 **Kaa Iya National Park / Santa Cruz** *Wildlife Watching & Travelling*

Accommodation:

Marriott Santa Cruz (5* Hotel)

Food:

Breakfast will be served at the camp, with lunch at a local restaurant and dinner is not included.

Transportation:

Private vehicle.

This morning will be your last chance for an early morning safari drive as we leave the park, there are excellent areas where we have seen many Jaguars and other species so have the cameras ready, lunch in San Jose de Chiquitos before we return to Santa Cruz around 18:00. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 10 **Trinidad / Mamore & Ibare Rivers** *Travelling & Dolphin Watching*

Accommodation:

(Boutique Hotel)

Food:

Breakfast at the hotel, lunch will be served en route and dinner is not included today.

Transportation:

Private vehicle & boat.

This morning we will go to the airport in Santa Cruz and fly to Trinidad. Arriving around 10am we will then be collected transferred to port on the Mamore / Ibare Rivers where we will have a full day private boat trip looking for the endemic Bolivian pink dolphins, three-toed Sloths and much more wildlife in the river and along the forested banks.

Here there are some dolphins which are very used to people and boats and so we have a very good chance of seeing this species. The river dolphin here may be a separate species that is seen in the Amazon and Orinoco river basins. The reason being that there are some rapids which separate the Madeira river basin from the Amazon and Orinoco basins and this is thought to have stopped the movement of dolphins for several thousands of years. More recent genetic studies have suggested that this is not the case, so whether the river dolphins are a species unique to Bolivia or not is unknown, but either way seeing these incredible animals is always amazing.

We will have dinner in a nearby boutique hotel.

Day 11 **Gand Mojas** *Wildlife Watching*

Accommodation:

(Boutique Hotel)

Food:

Breakfast at the hotel is the only meal included today.

Transportation:

Private Vehicle & Walking.

This morning will be an early start as we head to the Gran Mojas searching for the critically endangered and endemic to Bolivia, Blue-throated macaw. This species is only found in a few remote areas on the planet and today we have a good chance of seeing them.

Also around here is the Beni anaconda which is another rare Bolivian endemic species and of course much more wildlife too. We will return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and a good nights sleep after a day spent looking for some of Bolivia's rarest and more treasured species.



Day 12 **Santa Cruz**

Travelling & Rest / Leisure

Accommodation:

Marriott Santa Cruz (5* Hotel)

Food:

Breakfast at the hotel is the only meal included today.

Transportation:

Private Vehicle & Domestic Flight.

This morning you will be transferred to the airport after breakfast to catch the flight back to Santa Cruz, where you will be met and taken to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore the city or just rest before the flight back home.

Day 13 **Home**

Departure

Accommodation:

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Food:

Breakfast at the hotel is the only meal included today.

Transportation:

International flight.

Today you will be transferred to the airport from the hotel in time to catch your return flight home.

Your tour and all Royle Safaris services end upon transfer to the airport

Please note that the itinerary stated above is correct as our planned intentions for the tour. However adverse weather conditions and other local considerations can necessitate some modifications of the itinerary during the course of the tour; any changes will be made to make the best of the time, weather conditions and other constraints forced upon us and all changes will be made in conjunction with our terms and conditions.

Tour Inclusions

Absolutely everything mentioned in the above itinerary is included (except where it is expressly mentioned as an optional extra).

- All accommodation as mentioned above or of a similar standard as mentioned.
- All meals as mentioned above, these will be breakfast, lunch and dinner (**some meals are not included in this itinerary, such as lunch and dinners when in Santa Cruz**).
- Bottled mineral or purified (boiled) water will be provided throughout and on request.
- Private vehicles for all transfers and safari drives.
- English speaking local driver and guide with years of experience in working in the areas we are travelling.
- All fuel, tolls, taxes and other expenses relating to driving.
- Specialist jaguar and big cat naturalist guide throughout.
- Entry permits for all trips into the private reserves and national parks.
- All wildlife watching activities as mentioned.
- A selection of field guides of the local areas will be available on request.
- All camping equipment needed throughout the trip (excluding sleeping bag / sleep liner).

Tour Exclusions

Nearly everything you will need is included in the price you have already paid for the tour. However there are some things not included.

- International flights to and from the tour start and end points.
- Travel insurance including any fees that result from emergency medical or evacuation needs.
- Visa fees for entering the country(s).
- Vaccinations and any medication (such as anti-malarial tablets) are not included.
- Any food other than the meals provided and mentioned in the above itinerary (**some meals are not included on this itinerary, such as lunch and dinner when in Santa Cruz**).
- Some meals will include a drink (tea & coffee at breakfast) but most soft drinks and alcohol are an extra expense.
- Any items of a personal nature are not included, such as souvenirs, medication, toiletries, laundry and phone calls.
- Tips are also not included.
- Any departure taxes which may be due when leaving are not included (but may be included in the cost of your flights).
- The only camping equipment you need to bring is your own sleeping bag or sleeping liner.

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