



## In Search of Brazil's Iconic Predators: Maned Wolves and Jaguars

with Sam Riley

Brazil | 12 Days | August 16 – 27, 2025

Start in Brasilia, Brazil | End in Cuiabá, Brazil.



# Travel with Sam

NATURALIST | FILMMAKER | PHOTOGRAPHER

Sam, an award-winning filmmaker, wildlife photographer, scuba diver, and birder, hails from Seattle where he began exploring the Pacific Northwest's biodiversity from a young age. His passion for the natural world led him to conduct biodiversity research in South America at 15, sparking a lifelong love for travel and exploration. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Ecosystem Science and Policy from the University of Miami, Sam has since guided expeditions across all continents, conducted primate research in West Africa, and directed two award-winning films. With deep knowledge of animal behavior and ecosystems, Sam is dedicated to sharing the wonders of nature.



## ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Search for Brazil's most iconic wildlife including Jaguar, Maned Wolf, Brazilian Tapir, Giant Anteater, Giant River Otter, Dwarf Caiman, Yellow Anaconda, and more.
- Experience incredible tropical birding with opportunities for over 600 species including such specialties as Hyacinth Macaw, Greater Rhea, Red-Legged Seriema, and Agami and Zigzag Herons.
- Enjoy superb photographic opportunities with stunning landscapes, large concentrations of wildlife, and chances for close-up shots of Brazil's top predators.
- Stay in three beautiful and supremely situated eco lodges, enjoy farm to table cuisine, and soak in the serenity of nature.
- Explore a variety of habitats on day and night 4x4 safaris, nature hikes, river cruises, and for the adventurous, by bike or horseback!

### 4-night Brazilian Amazon Pre-Trip Extension

#### DAY 1

Arrive Brasília, Brazil

#### DAY 2

Brasília / Pousada Trijunção

#### DAY 3 – 5

Pousada Trijunção

#### DAY 6

Pousada Trijunção / Brasília / Cuiabá

#### DAY 7

Cuiabá / Porto Jofre

#### DAY 8 – 9

Porto Jofre

#### DAY 10

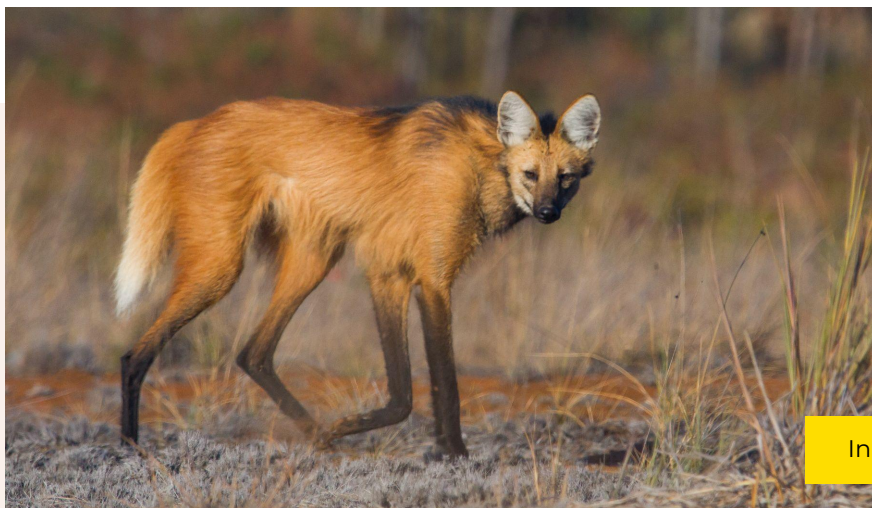
Porto Jofre / North Pantanal

#### DAY 11

North Pantanal

#### DAY 12

North Pantanal / Cuiabá / Depart



In search of the maned wolf, and elusive jaguar

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Embark on a one-of-a-kind adventure through two of the world's most unique ecosystems, teeming with extraordinary wildlife diversity. Your journey kicks off in the Brazilian Cerrado, the planet's richest savannah, boasting over 850 bird species, 251 mammals, 482 reptiles and amphibians, and 13,000 plant species. Stay in an award-winning boutique hotel and explore an 84,544-acre conservation reserve, dramatically increasing your chances of encountering the elusive Maned Wolf. Then, head to the awe-inspiring Pantanal, the world's largest tropical wetland, where you'll traverse the landscape by boat, safari vehicle, and on foot, in search of incredible wildlife – including the magnificent Jaguar. Timed perfectly for the dry season, this part of your adventure promises unparalleled wildlife sightings as animals gather around shrinking water sources. Marvel at vibrant birds, caimans, howler monkeys, tapirs, giant river otters, and the ultimate prize, the awe-inspiring jaguar, in this breathtaking wildlife paradise.

## Itinerary

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 2025

#### Arrive / Brasília, Brazil

Arrive in Brasília and transfer to our group hotel. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with Sam and your fellow travelers and gather for a briefing about our upcoming adventures.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

#### Brasília / Pousada Trijunção

After breakfast, check out and transfer by 4x4 vehicle to Pousada Trijunção, an incredibly remote 84,544 acre working farm and boutique lodge located 388 km from Brasília on the intersection of three Brazilian states. Upon arrival, settle into the lodge and take the afternoon to explore the grounds at your leisure. In the early evening you will have the option to join the first of several safari's on the property targeted at finding the incredibly rare and elusive Maned Wolf. End the day with Pousada Trijuncao's highly renowned farm to table dining.

### MONDAY – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 – 20

#### Pousada Trijunção Activities

Recently featured on BBC's Planet Earth iii, Pousada Trijuncao represents some of the most pristine Cerrado Habitat in South America. Spend three full days exploring the area's natural beauty and rich bird and wildlife diversity with expert local guides. Traverse the vast landscape in search of Maned Wolves, Melanistic Jaguars (occasionally captured on the farms trail cameras), endemic birds, and a wide



variety of other Cerrado Specialists such as Crab-eating fox and Pampas Deer. Participate in a wide variety of guided activities such as visiting the lodges own wildlife rehabilitation and breeding program, kayaking on the Rio Formoso, biking in the backcountry, bird watching, spotlighting, and the best stargazing you've ever seen. Flexible schedules allow for plenty of rest between activities, and you will find no shortage of luxury with stunning accommodations, fine dining, and various spa options.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

#### Pousada Trijunção / Brasília / Cuiabá

After breakfast, check out and traverse the Cerrado one last time as you head back to the Brasília Airport before flying to a new and totally different ecosystem, the Pantanal. Upon arrival in Cuiabá, transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay, preparing for the next leg of your journey.



## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 22**

### **Cuiabá / Porto Jofre**

After an early breakfast, check out and board a scenic private charter flight to see the Pantanal's vast network of waterways by air as you travel to your next stunning destination, Porto das Capivaras - known for its dense jaguar population. Check in and enjoy lunch and some time to relax before embarking on your first jaguar spotting tour by speedboat in the afternoon. Settle into the lodge, have dinner, and overnight.

## **SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 & 24**

### **Porto Jofre River Exploration**

Spend two full days on boat safaris exploring the Cuiabá, Piquiri, and Three Brothers rivers for jaguars, giant otters, tapirs, capybaras, caimans, and yellow anacondas. Enjoy lunch and dinner at the lodge each day, with opportunities to photograph diverse bird species and experience the stunning sunsets of the Pantanal. This is where you will likely have your best opportunities for viewing and photographing South America's most famed predator, sometimes in full hunting mode, so have your cameras ready!

## **MONDAY, AUGUST 25**

### **Porto Jofre / North Pantanal**

After breakfast, check out and transfer by boat to Porto Jofre village. Continue by road, traversing the Transpantaneira, the Pantanal's famous road known

for its hundreds of wooden bridges and dense wildlife populations. Arrive at Aymara Lodge in the early afternoon for lunch and an introduction to the lodge's surroundings and range of activities. Enjoy dinner and an overnight stay at the lodge.

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26**

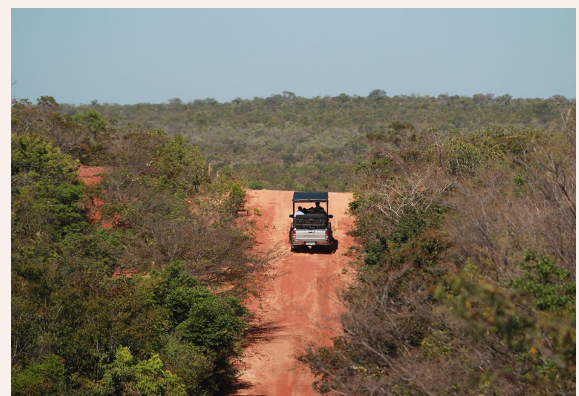
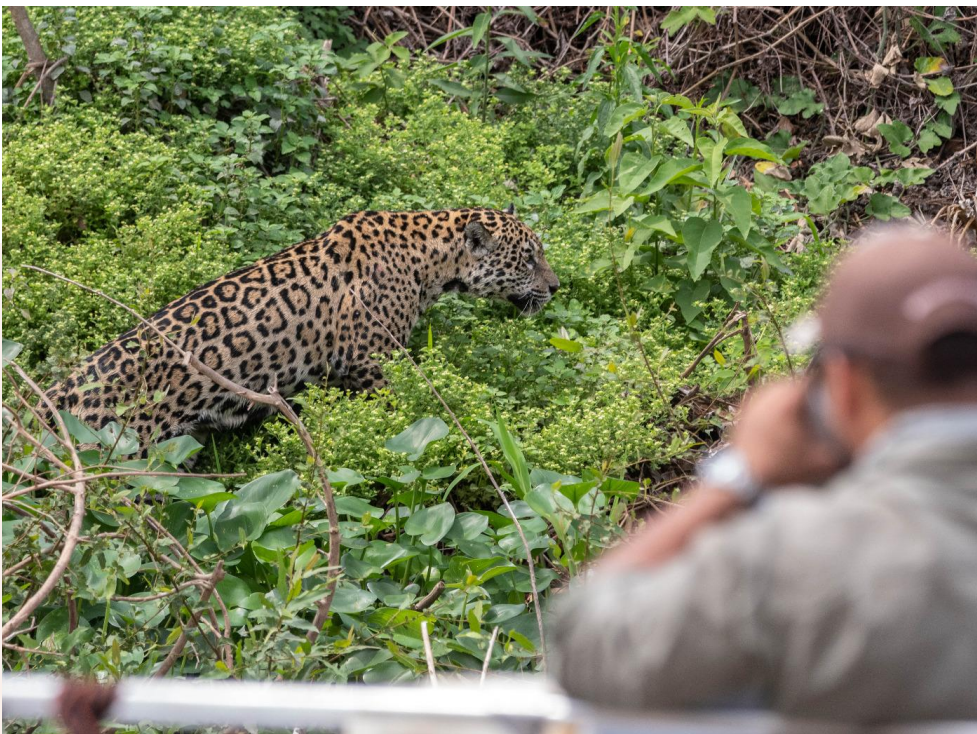
### **North Pantanal**

We'll spend a full day in the Pantanal exploring the Corixo, or "the floated area" within the wildlife refuge surrounding Aymara Lodge. Explore in canoes, by foot, or even on horseback in search of the vast array of birds and wildlife in the area. We may also take the opportunity to sit in one of Aymara's hides for a chance to see some of the more elusive species of wildlife, such as ocelots, tapirs, anteaters, and with luck, jaguars. End the day with a celebratory dinner and an optional night safari for the opportunity to search for a long list of nocturnal species.

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27**

### **North Pantanal / Cuiabá / Depart**

Depending on your flight schedule, there may be time for additional exploration around the lodge. When it's time to leave, join a private transfer back to Cuiabá Airport for your independently booked departure, concluding your unforgettable wildlife adventure. From Cuiabá, connect with independent flights homeward.



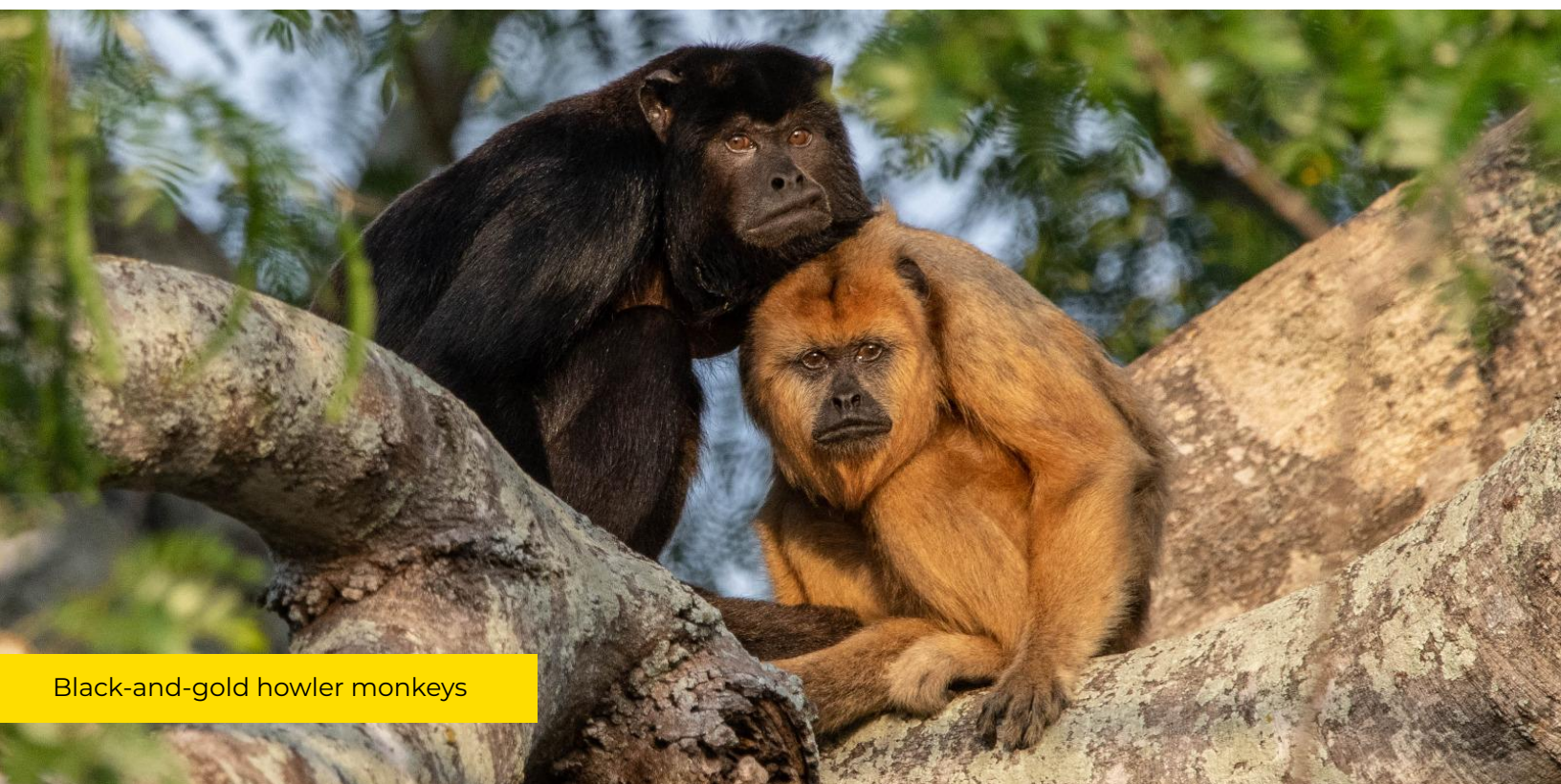




Hyacinth macaw



Jaguars in Porto Jofre



Black-and-gold howler monkeys



Maned wolf



Stunning flora



Caimans



# Trip Accommodations

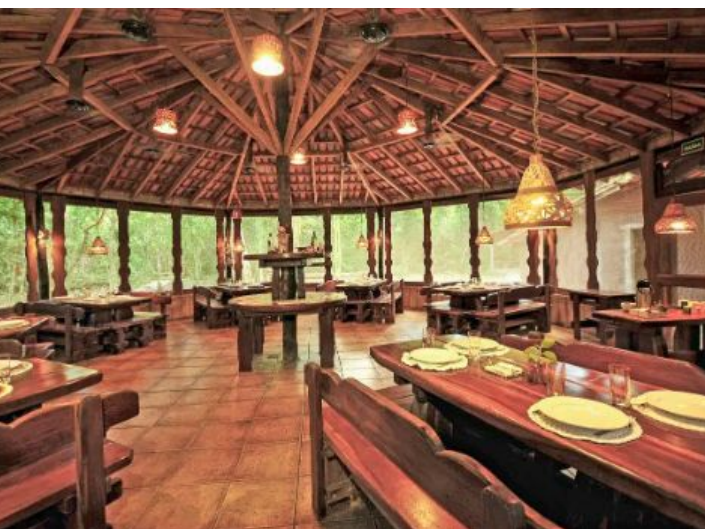


## Pousada Trijunção

Nestled in South America's Cerrado, Pousada Trijunção offers a blend of natural beauty and contemporary luxury at the junction of Minas Gerais, Bahia, and Goiás. This exclusive lodge features seven suites that combine rustic charm with modern comfort, using sustainable materials. Guests enjoy gourmet meals inspired by local traditions and access to 33,000 hectares of pristine habitat, home to species like the maned wolf and dwarf caiman, and over 250 bird species. Partnering with Onçafari NPO, Pousada Trijunção supports wildlife conservation. Activities include birding, biking, kayaking, and 4x4 safaris, with nearby Grande Sertão Veredas National Park enhancing exploration opportunities, making it a haven for discovering the Cerrado's beauty and biodiversity.

## Porto Da Capivara Inn

Porto da Capivara, near Porto Jofre in the Pantanal, is a top destination for wildlife enthusiasts – especially those in search of Jaguars. This lodge offers comfortable accommodations with direct access to the wetlands and its own fleet of speed boats, together with a private landing strip for charter aircraft. The primary activity here is boat safaris on the Cuiabá, Piquiri, and Three Brothers rivers, where guests have the best possible chances of encountering jaguars, as well as many other species.



## Aymara Lodge

Located in the North Pantanal, Aymara Lodge offers an immersive wilderness experience with modern amenities. The lodge, designed in a rustic style with ipê wood details, provides calm and tranquility, featuring air conditioning and ceiling fans in each suite. Guests enjoy activities like canoeing through the Corixo wildlife refuge, exploring by foot or horseback, and wildlife spotting from hides. Unique day and night safaris reveal the diverse flora and fauna of the Pantanal, allowing for an authentic connection with nature in one of the world's most wildlife-rich regions.

# Why I love this trip...



*What truly sets this trip apart is the chance to search for two of the planet's most elusive and awe-inspiring predators: the Maned Wolf and the Jaguar. These majestic creatures are notoriously difficult to spot, yet our carefully planned safaris maximize our chances of encountering them. Witnessing the Maned Wolf in the Cerrado and the Jaguar in the Pantanal is a testament to the untouched beauty and raw power of these environments. The thrill of tracking these predators, combined with the expertise of our local guides, ensures that each moment is filled with anticipation and excitement. This journey is not just a trip; it is an unforgettable adventure that celebrates the wonders of biodiversity and the thrill of discovery.*

Sam

## PRICE

### **Twin Share (Standard Room)**

\$10,990 per person

### **Twin Share (Premium Room)**

\$11,949 per person

### **Single Room**

\$14,980

## DEPOSIT

\$2,000

## INCLUSIONS

- 11 nights accommodations
- All meals and non-alcoholic drinks during mealtimes
- All excursions, transportation, and local guides
- Taxes and permits
- Gratuities
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal airfare:

*Charter flight from Cuiabá to Porto Jofre*

Group size: 12 travelers

## BOOK NOW

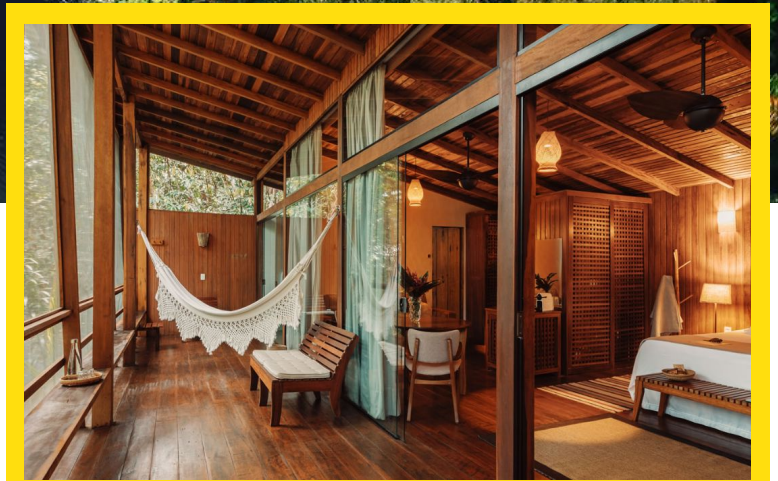
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# The Brazilian Amazon

Pre-Trip Extension | 4 Nights | August 12 – 16, 2025



## MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

### Manaus, Brazil / Anavilhanas National Park

Arrive in Manaus and depart overland for Anavilhanas National Park, part of the UNESCO listed Central Amazon Ecological Corridor that protects one of the world's largest river archipelagos. Check in to the stunning Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge, set on the banks of the Rio Negro. Settle in to your cozy room, complete with a thatched roof, peaceful veranda, and beautiful views of the surrounding forest, then join your fellow travelers for a meal inspired by the flavors of the Amazon.

## TUESDAY – THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 – 15

### Anavilhanas Lodge and Archipelago

Spend three full days exploring by canoe, motorboat, and on foot. A variety of activities will be available to offer an in-depth overview of the region's abundant wildlife, diverse landscapes, and fascinating indigenous culture. Cruise among the islands at dawn to watch the amazing colors of sunrise and experience the bustle of activity as the forest awakens. Search for pink and gray dolphins among the countless lakes and canals, these curious creatures often come quite close to visitors. Learn about the different herbs, fruits, and medicinal plants on a trek through the forest. Embark on river cruises and walks to search for a wide range of birds and wildlife such as macaws, tanagers, hummingbirds, giant river otters, sloths, and the elusive jaguar. Visit with a local community to learn about their lifestyle, traditions, and agriculture, with the option to practice your bow and arrow skills with an original Waimiri-Atroari Indian artifact. We'll also have the opportunity to search for nocturnal species

Surrounded by lush greenery, Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge has 24 accommodations that blend seamlessly with nature, inspired by caboclo architecture. Close your eyes and listen to the sounds of the forest!

such as night monkey's, snakes, caimans, and a variety of nocturnal birds. Far from city lights, the stargazing here is simply stunning.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

### Anavilhanas / Manaus / Brasília

After breakfast, depart overland for Manaus and board our flight to Brasilia. Upon arrival, check in to the Hotel Windsor. Join your fellow travelers for a festive welcome dinner to start the main program.

#### PRICE

**\$4,490 per person**

**(add \$990 for a single room)**

#### INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights at [Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge](#)
- Meals and non-alcoholic drinks during mealtimes.
- All excursions, transportation and local guides
- Taxes and permits
- Gratuities to local guides