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Primates & Porcupines of Northeastern Brazil

with Jon Hall and Regina Ribeiro

Brazil | 13 Days | May 27 – June 8, 2026

Start in Salvador, Brazil | End in Fortaleza, Brazil.

with optional post-trip extension: The Brazilian Amazon: From Tapajós to Belém

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Caatinga Titi Monkey
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Travel with Jon Hall & Regina Ribeiro

Jon began his quest to see every mammal species on Earth in 1992. Now, more than 30 years, 120 countries, and 2,300 species later, he is a leading voice in the global mammalwatching community. His website, mammalwatching.com, has become the hub of this growing ecotourism movement, which is not only fun and adventurous, but also contributes meaningfully to science and conservation worldwide.



A Brazilian wildlife guide with over 20 years of experience, Regina leads custom and group tours across Brazil, Chile, and Argentina. She specializes in mammals, birding, and wildlife photography, and has worked with top photographers and contributors to mammalwatching.com. Her expertly crafted itineraries highlight iconic species like Jaguars, Maned Wolves, and endemic primates of the Atlantic Rainforest and Southern Amazon.

BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY 1 Arrive Salvador, Brazil

DAY 2 Salvador

DAY 3 Salvador / Lençóis

DAY 4 Lençóis

DAY 5 Lençóis / Aracaju

DAY 6 Aracaju

DAY 7 Aracaju / União dos Palmares

DAY 8 União dos Palmares / João Pessoa

DAY 9 João Pessoa

DAY 10 João Pessoa / Mossoró

DAY 11 Mossoro / Baturité

DAY 12 Baturité

DAY 13 Baturité / Fortaleza / Depart

Join an optional post-trip extension to explore the Tapajós River near Alter do Chão and the biodiverse forests around Belém.

ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Search for Rare Nocturnal Mammals in the Atlantic Forest

Explore the Arua Forest at dusk with expert naturalists in search of elusive endemics like the Northern Maned Sloth, Bristle-spined Porcupine, and Bahian Hairy Dwarf Porcupine.

Track the Critically Endangered Caatinga Titi Monkey and Meet the Armadillo Project Team

Discover Bahia's unique dry savannah ecosystem and support ongoing research to protect the endangered Brazilian Three-banded Armadillo.

Encounter Endangered Primates at Santuario da Mata

Visit a private sanctuary in Sergipe devoted to conserving threatened species like Coimbra-Filho's Titi Monkey and Yellow-breasted Capuchin.

Spot the Elusive Blond Capuchin in João Pessoa

Observe one of the world's most endangered neotropical primates in the fragmented forests of the Engenho Gargaú Reserve.

Seek Out the Recently Discovered Baturité Porcupine

Venture into the biodiverse highlands of Ceará to find a species of porcupine only recognized by science in 2013.

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Embark on an extraordinary expedition through some of Brazil's most fragmented and threatened ecosystems in search of some of the country's most critically endangered, rare, and elusive primates and porcupines. Led by Jon Hall, founder of Mammalwatching.com, and Regina Ribeiro, one of South America's most renowned primatologists, this journey spans over 2,000 kilometers across the highly biodiverse landscapes of Northeastern Brazil. From the lush Atlantic Rainforest to the arid Caatinga and the unique Baturite hills, this tour delves into isolated micro-regions that harbor species teetering on the brink of extinction. With limited human presence and expert guidance, each wildlife encounter promises to be intimate and profound. This is an unparalleled opportunity to witness some of South America's rarest mammals in their natural habitats while gaining insights into the critical conservation efforts dedicated to their survival.

Itinerary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

Arrive / Salvador, Brazil

Arrive in Salvador and transfer to Praia do Forte, a coastal region with healthy patches of Atlantic Rainforest. After settling into Casa de Praia Pousada, embark on an afternoon and evening walk through the Arua forest. Accompanied by an expert team from Arua Observação de Vida Silvestre, we will search for Atlantic Forest endemics such as the **Northern Maned Sloth**, **Bristle-spined Porcupine**, and **Bahian Hairy Dwarf Porcupine**. Additional sightings may include **Common Marmosets** and **White-eared Opossums**. Overnight Casa de Praia Pousada or similar.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Arua Forest Wildlife Exploration

Spend the full day immersed in the Arua forest, focused on locating the above mentioned species. While searching, learn about the Conecta-Vidas project, which builds wildlife corridors to ensure safe passage between fragmented forests. Gain a deeper understanding of the challenges facing this ecosystem and the local conservation efforts, all while searching for some of its most illusive and special mammal species. Overnight Casa de Praia Pousada or similar.



FRIDAY, MAY 29

Salvador / Lençóis

Depart Praia do Forte and embark on a scenic 6-7 hour drive to Lençóis, a historic colonial town and gateway to Chapada Diamantina National Park. Arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy a leisurely evening, with dinner served in town. Overnight at Hotel de Lençóis.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Caatinga Wildlife + Armadillo Conservation

After breakfast, drive 13 miles to search for the critically endangered **Caatinga Titi Monkey**, the only primate endemic to the Caatinga biome, found only in Bahia and Sergipe. After lunch, continue to the dry savannah to join the Brazilian Three-banded Armadillo project team and learn about the species, known for its unique defence of curling into a ball. Other potential sightings include the Rocky Cavy. Return to Chapada Diamantina in the late afternoon for dinner and overnight.



Juvenile Blond Capuchin Monkey

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Lençóis / Aracaju

Enjoy a morning walk for another chance to encounter the **Caatinga (Blond) Titi Monkey**. Afterward, embark on an 8.5-hour drive to Aracaju, arriving in the evening to relax and prepare for the next day's adventure.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Santuário da Mata Exploration

Spend the day at the Santuário da Mata, a private sanctuary dedicated to the protection of endangered primates. This sanctuary offers a communal living space where several local projects are run to protect one of the few remnants of forest left in the State of Sergipe. Focus on observing specialty species such as **Coimbra-Filho's Titi Monkey** and **Yellow-breasted Capuchin**, and Learn about the local conservation initiatives supporting these species. Return to Aracaju in the evening.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Aracaju / União dos Palmares

Pernambuco Dwarf Porcupine Search

Driving about six hours northeast we will check-in to Quilombo Park Hotel. The area around this accommodation is a great place to search for the elusive **Pernambuco Dwarf Porcupine**. We will also try here for a **variety of bat species**, including Lesser and Greater Sac-winged Bats, Northern Ghost Bat, Greater Dog-like Bat, Great fruit-eating Bat, Broad-eared Bat, Southern Dog-faced Bat, Velvety free-tailed Bat, and Black Mastiff Bat. Overnight at Quilombo Park Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

União dos Palmares / João Pessoa

Blond Capuchin Monkey Observation

Travel overland to João Pessoa and spend the afternoon at the Engenho Gargaú Reserve, a critical habitat for one of the most endangered neotropical primates, the **Blond Capuchin Monkey**. Search the fragmented forests here for this illusive species and learn about the challenges of preserving this critical habitat. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Manaira.



Coimbra-Filho's Titi Monkey

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Red-handed Howler

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Red-Handed Howler + Capuchin Spotting

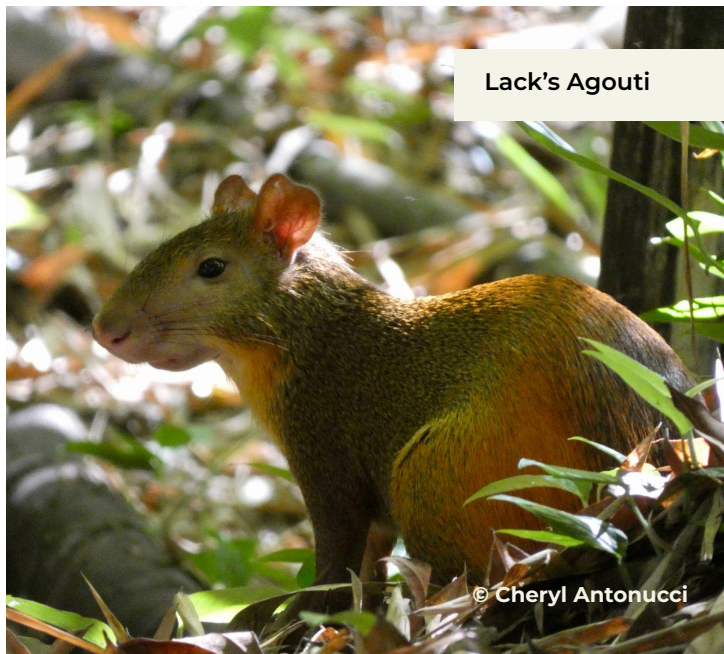
In the morning make a trip to Fazenda Pacatuba to observe **Red-handed Howlers**. In the afternoon, return to Gargaú Reserve for another attempt to encounter the **Blond Capuchin**. Reflect on the day's sightings over dinner.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

João Pessoa / Mossoró

Agouti and Marmoset Observation

Begin the day with a visit to Parque Zoobotânico, where we'll search for **lack's Agouti** and **Common Marmoset**. After lunch, drive roughly 430 kilometres to Mossoró for an overnight stay.



Lack's Agouti

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Mossoro / Baturité

Transfer to the mountainous Baturité Massif region of Ceará and enjoy afternoon exploration of this biodiverse landscape. Our target species here is the **Baturité Porcupine**, a species endemic to this microregion that was discovered as recently as 2013. Overnight at Alto da Serra Lodge.



Common Marmoset

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Baturité

Spend the entire day immersed in the serene surroundings of Baturité, searching for mammals. Observe a variety of local species and continue the search for the rare **Baturite Porcupine**. Overnight at Alto da Serra Lodge.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Baturité / Fortaleza / Depart

Transfer to Fortaleza Airport for your international departure, concluding an unforgettable wildlife expedition through some of Brazil's most unique and dwindling bio-regions.

Why I love this trip...



Pernambuco Dwarf Porcupine

"Brazil is one of the world's premier mammalwatching destinations, and this adventure—a first of its kind—takes us far off the beaten track in search of fascinating and little-known species."

Jon

PRICE

\$7,530 per person
add \$790 for a single room

DEPOSIT

\$1,500

Group size: 6 travelers

INCLUSIONS

- 12 nights accommodations
- All meals and non-alcoholic drinks during mealtimes
- All excursions, transportation, and local wildlife guides
- Taxes and permits
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, restaurants, and hotel staff
- Arrival and departure transfers
- WiFi where available



The Brazilian Amazon: From Tapajós to Belém

Post-Trip Extension | 5 Nights | June 8 – 13, 2026

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MONDAY, JUNE 8

Baturité / Fortaleza

From Baturité, transfer to Fortaleza and settle in at the Hotel Praiano. Enjoy dinner and relax in preparation for your journey to the Amazon. Overnight at Hotel Praiano.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Fortaleza / Santarém / Alter do Chão

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Santarém. Upon arrival, embark on a scenic 1.5-hour drive southeast to Alter do Chão, a charming town nestled along the Tapajós River, a major tributary of the Amazon. The area is rich in biodiversity, offering opportunities to spot primates like the **Silvery Marmoset**, **Spix's Red-handed Howler**, and **Red-bellied Titi Monkey**. Overnight at Vila Arumã Pousada or similar.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Alter do Chão

Spend a full day exploring the lush forests around Alter do Chão in search of the above mentioned primates, as well as other more common species. Overnight at Vila Arumã Pousada or similar.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Alter do Chão / Santarém / Belém

Enjoy an early morning in Alter do Chão before transferring back to Santarém airport for an afternoon flight to Belém. Upon arrival, check in at Hotel Vila Rica to unwind and overnight.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Santa Bárbara do Pará Exploration

After an early breakfast, drive northeast to Santa Bárbara do Pará. Here, you'll search for the endemic and Vulnerable Eastern Black-handed Tamarin. Spend the day observing these fascinating primates, with lunch at a local restaurant. Return to Belém in the afternoon. Overnight at Hotel Vila Rica.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Belém / Depart

Before your departure, visit the Bosque Rodrigo Alves and the Botanical Garden of Amazonia, a small conservation area in Belém. This park is home to mammals like the Brown-throated Three-fingered Sloth, Black-rumped Agouti, Red-rumped Agouti, and Collin's Squirrel Monkey. Enjoy a final lunch together before heading to the airport for your independently booked flight home.

PRICE

\$3,090 per person

Add \$490 for a single room

INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights accommodations
- Meals and non-alcoholic drinks during mealtimes.
- All excursions, transportation and local guides
- Taxes and permits
- Gratuities to local guides



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