



## PANTANAL AMAZON SAVANNAH

three  
biomes



*The water divisor between three huge river basins and the setting for an impressive meeting of three important biomes, Mato Grosso at the Savannah boats crystalline water that feeds, to the North, the Amazon Rain Forest; and, to the South, the Pantanal wetland - an ecological Sanctuary.*

### THREE BIOMES jaguar & amazon

The largest cat in Americas is the elusive Jaguar – the top of food chain at the three most important biomes. At the Amazon, with dense vegetation, they are smaller than in Pantanal where they hunt on large open fields and rest – for our delight – on the river banks of the Meeting of Water park in between large variety of wildlife.

| TOUR            | DURATION   | CODE      | PLACES VISITED   |
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| JAGUAR & AMAZON | 10 D/ 09 N | BIO-JSK-X | Transpantaneira, Piquiri and Cuiabá rivers, Cristalino park, Chapada Guimarães |

#### **D 01 .../ CUIABÁ/ PANTANAL dynamic**

Pick-up at the CGB airport/ hotel and immediate transfer to the traditional town of Poconé with introduction to the geological formation and flora characteristics, then to the lodge, arriving there after a safari along the Transpantaneira park-road with many stops to observe its rich fauna. Dinner and night safari through the savannah – a night-time drive using a vehicle equipped with a flashlight for highlighting nocturnal fauna, with the chance to observe crab-eating foxes, ocelots, and many caiman's eyes!

#### **D 02 PANTANAL dynamic/ JAGUAR seeking**

In the morning there are some walks through the many mound-hills (portion of non-flooded land that congregate large number of mammals among many birds' nests (LOW) or at the gallery forests (HIG). Lunch and departure for a terrestrial safari along the Transpantaneira until another lodge at the Campo or Porto Jofre, arriving there at the end of the afternoon/ beginning of evening after a long safari along the Transpantaneira park-road with many stops to observe its rich fauna. Dinner and overnight.

#### **D 03 JAGUAR seeking**

Departure - after a 36 km terrestrial safari from Campo to Porto Jofre - by boats equipped with radio-communication for navigating the rivers Cuiabá, São Lourenço, Three Brothers and Piquiri, seeking for Jaguars, hunting Caiman or simply resting on the banks. On the journey can be observed many other species of the rich fauna as the Giant-river Otters, Tapirs among hundreds of birds including the Black-skimmer. During these days, expeditions would be done in varied times of the day (some tours in the early morning or late night) on a way to maximize the chance to see the largest cat in Americas.

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**D 05 JAGUAR seeking/ PANTANAL dynamic**

In the morning is a walk (if at Campo do Jofre) or free (if at Porto Jofre). Lunch and (transfer by boat if at Piquiri) departure for a terrestrial safari along the Transpantaneira until another lodge. Dinner and night safari - a night-time drive using a vehicle equipped with a flashlight for highlighting nocturnal fauna, with the chance to observe crab-eating foxes, ocelots, and many caiman's eyes!

**D 06 PANTANAL dynamic/ AMAZON south**

In the morning is the departure to the Cuiabá airport and immediate connection to a regional flight to the town of Alta Floresta, arriving there after 1:30h. Reception at the airport and, after a welcoming drink at the urban hotel, transfer by jeeps and boats to the Cristalino park. Arrival, accommodation and dinner. A slide-show is presented as an introduction to the Amazonian environment. Opportunity to browse the library.

**D 07 AMAZON south**

In the morning, hike towards the 50 meter Canopy Tower where you will be able to see the forest from above the canopy. Monkeys, macaws and several species of birds can be found here. Then, walk the Ficus Trail, where a giant Ficus Tree is found. In the afternoon, walk the Taboca Trail in an area with seasonally flooded forest, where many monkeys can be found.

**D 08 AMAZON south'**

Walk to the Tree house - a 6 m high hide overlooking a natural clay lick that is regularly visited by tapirs, peccaries and deer. Motor boat ride up river to hike the 'Sierra' trail, a great view of the private reserve and the Cristalino Park including a marvelous sunset. Return to lodge by motorboat turned off observing nocturnal birds and animals by river.

**AMAZON south/ ALTA FLORESTA/ CUIABÁ/ CHAPADA GUIMARÃES**

**D 09**

Light hike in the Tapiri Trail, where the White-whiskered-spider-monkey (*Atelis marginatus*), symbol of Cristalino State Park, can be seen. Transfer to Alta Floresta for lunch and transfer to the airport for the flight to Cuiabá. Reception at the airport and immediate transfer to the Chapada Tableland - at 900m of altitude - where is observed a gorgeous sunset into a large panorama that includes the water spring of three very important rivers that form the Pantanal. Then, on to the pleasant town of Chapada dos Guimarães for dinner and overnight.

**D 10 CHAPADA GUIMARÃES/ CUIABÁ**

Brief visits to the National Park, with bath in one waterfall and visit to the largest one - Véu de Noiva with it 86 m entering a majestic canyon. Lunch and immediate transfer for Cuiabá (hotel or airport) with drop-off at convenient time.

### 2013 Prices Net per person in USD - American Dollar - INCLUDE:

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| .ACCOMMODATION<br>_09N | CHAPADA<br>GUIMARÃES   | _01N_Rios >Turismo, Penhasco, Parque,<br>Solar Inglês                       |
|                        | AMAZON<br>south  | _03N_Cristalino Standard bedrooms ><br>Superior, Private, Special bungalows |
|                        | PANTANAL<br>Dynamic low  | _02N_Piuval >Pouso Alegre;  |
|                        | Dynamic high   | _ Rio Claro > MT Pantanal;  |
| .MEALS                 | JAGUAR<br>seeking  | _03N_Porto Jofre Camp >Jaguar Reserve,<br>Porto Jofre hotel, Piquiri.       |
| .SIGHTSEEING           | 26 (Twenty six) 09 Breakfasts + 08 Lunches + 09 Dinners<br><u>Nobres</u> Snorkeling & visits to water springs;<br><u>Chapada</u> Bath in waterfalls, visits to panoramic views;<br><u>Amazon</u> Walking and boat trips;<br><u>Pantanal</u> Walking, boat and canoe trips, horse riding, night<br>& terrestrial safaris.   |   |
| .GUIDANCE              | Assistance of a Portuguese/ English speaking naturalist guide<br>with good knowledge of the Savannah, Amazon and Pantanal<br>nature equipped with binoculars, books and check-lists.   |   |
| .TRANSPORTATION        | <03 pax = Sedan car; <12 pax = Van; <22 pax =<br>Volare. Some journeys/ seasons also demand a 4WD or<br>tractors, jeeps, horse or canoe.   |   |
| .OBSERVATION           | _GROUP SIZE_ Maximum 08 pax per tour guide.<br>_The tour <u>Dynamic Pantanal</u> suggested is the Low at Wet<br>Season and High at Dry Season, or both combined for a<br>wider view of the region and most varied species of wildlife.<br>_The <u>Remote Pantanal</u> is done by land only on the climax of<br>the dry season (Jul/Dec). At other seasons, it would need<br>the use of horses, jeeps, tractors or charter flights to reach<br>it and have the opportunity of observing rare animals.<br>_02 night added to the Remote Pantanal would give, in the<br>climax of the dry season (03 months/ year), the opportunity<br>of crossing two river valleys (Paraguayzinho and Bento<br>Gomes), on taken an off-the-beaten-track through isolated<br>areas only accessed by a 4WD – what guarantees an unique<br>wildlife seen and to live the harmony man-nature. |   |
| .EXTENSION             | _At the <u>Savannah</u> , for relaxing or comprehending the<br>geological formation of the continent is suggested extension<br>to <u>Jaciara</u> (rafting, hot springs and cave paintings).<br>_An extra night in Chapada would allow the full-day visit to<br>the National Park with walks through six waterfalls (Pulo,<br>Andorinha, Degrau, 07 Setembro) and a cave (Casa de<br>Pedra) or to the Aroe Jari cave (the biggest in sandstone  |   |

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|  | formation in Brazil) connected to the Blue Lake Cave and the Martinha waterfalls.<br>_An extra night in Nobres would allow the visit to the Blue Hill Waterfall and a snorkel at the River Triste (with chances to see the fresh water Sting-ray fish). |
| .EXTRAS  | Cristalino Foundation fee of USD 75.00 per person included.   |
| .Doesn't include:  | Flight tickets. Insurance.<br>Beverage (except mineral water on transfers),<br>Laundry, Tips or any personal expenses.  |
| .Payment conditions  | _30% as guarantee of booking;<br>_40% with 30 days in advance;<br>_30% with 07 days in advance to the pax arrival.  |
| .Cancellation Fee  | 60 days or more before tour starts = No cancellation fee;<br>59 to 30 days before tour starts = 20% cancellation fee;<br>29 to 10 days before tour starts = 50% cancellation fee;<br>09 or less days before tour starts = 100% cancellation fee.        |
| .Free staying  | 01 person sharing a DBL room, for 15 paying pax or more.  |
| .Privacy fee<br><06 pax  | TOTAL (Transfers and Tours private)..... = + 30% HS. +15%LS<br>PARTIAL (Transfers shared. Tours private) = + 20% HS. +10%LS<br>*Since 06 pax, this Pantanal and Savannah tour is private.   |
| .Children policy<br>(Pantanal & Savannah)  | 0-5 year olds = free.<br>6-12 = 65% full price. (01 per couple in a DBL)  |
| * PRICE IS NOT VALID FOR THE (HS) HIGH SEASONS:<br>CHAPADA GUIMARÃES_ Week-ends, December 20 <sup>th</sup> -January 31st, July,<br>Holidays. AMAZON_ New Year eve. |   |

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