

**Three Ecosystems
8 days - 7 nights
Cuiabá, Amazon Rain Forest, Nobres, Chapada dos Guimarães, Pantanal
Amazon, Cerrado (Savanna) and Pantanal**

The mythical Amazon can only be described in superlatives. It covers an area of more than 5 millions square kilometers of which 80% is on Brazilian territory in 8 States, one of which is the State of Mato Grosso. It is the largest and most intact rain forest region in the world. Through this large area, flows an extensive drainage system of more than a thousand rivers, which account for 20% of the world's fresh surface water.

The heartland of Brazil covers an area equal to Western Europe (494,000,000 acres), and its original vegetation is called "cerrado". It is considered the richest savanna in the world, due to its high plant diversity and endemism. Most of Brazil's big rivers find their sources here. It is a region of enormous ecological importance with many areas of spectacular beauty, like the National Park of "Chapada dos Guimarães", only 34 miles from the Cuiabá airport. Its biodiversity includes 837 birds species, 161 mammals, 120 reptiles and over 10.000 vascular plants from witch 44% are endemic.

The Pantanal, one of the last great wildernesses, is the largest contiguous wetland on the planet, declared a World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, and is South America's primary wildlife sanctuary. With a total area of 59,000,000 acres located in the center of the continent, Pantanal is a biogeography mixing bowl, containing elements of the Amazon and Atlantic Rainforests, the Brazilian Savannah and the Paraguayan Chaco. This fantastic biodiversity includes 698 bird species, 100 mammals, 177 reptiles, 40 amphibians and over 250 fish species.

PANTANAL WATER CYCLE											
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Flooding			Dry out			Dry Period			Rain season		
									Burgeoning		

Day 1: Cuiabá, Amazon Rain Forest

Arrival at Cuiabá, Várzea Grande airport for pick up and regular transfer to the Amazon Rain Forest (193 miles paved federal road- approximately 4.5 hours). Get to the lodge late afternoon for a welcome drink and check-in at Jardim da Amazonia Lodge. A refreshing swim in the pool with crystal clear running waters is recommended. Bird watching along the Orchid Trail (numerous hummingbirds, painted parakeet, blue-headed parrot, masked trogon, etc.) Dinner and overnight Jardim da Amazonia Lodge.

Recommendation: Schedule flight with early arrival. Lunch not included

Day 2: Amazon Rain Forest

After breakfast, an amazing trail leads deep into the Forest, in contact with its exuberant fauna and flora. Good chances to see a tapir, the largest mammal in South America as well as numerous birds (solitary tinamou, royal flycatcher, silver beaked tanager, etc.). A fish barbecue and a light nap in a hammock will follow the walk. Later, canoe down the Claro River, enjoying the solitude of the jungle and its different life forms: (muscovy duck, long tailed tyrant, cormorant, Amazon kingfisher, green and rufous kingfisher, swallow tanager, herons...) Dinner and overnight at Jardim da Amazonia Lodge. [B/L/D]

Day 3: Amazon Rain Forest, Nobres, Chapada dos Guimarães

After breakfast, departure to Nobres by regular transfer (safari transfer only driver), a municipality located 87 miles Northeast of Cuiabá. Due to a large concentration of limestone in its ground, there are many caves and grottoes. The topography of the area features a small mountain range called the "Tombador Complex", with rolling valleys and tablelands. These characteristics present a remarkable visual effect. Dozens of complex cave systems cross the region, the area has many rivers, lakes and

caverns of blue crystal-clear waters, habitat of several species of fishes and plants, outstanding for snorkeling and caving.

Three-hour-drive towards Nobres until we arrive at Vila de Bom Jardim. Your guide will give you safety and floating instructions before you pick up mask, snorkels and floating vests for a 45-minute-long floating activities along the Salobra river and its ponds, filled with hundreds of colorful fishes. Salobra River is a 1,640-foot-long stretch for floating and snorkeling in 80°F warm waters. Opportunity for diving in Aquário Encantado, one of the Salobra river's sources, 6 yards deep. Start the first floating activity among many species of gorgeous and colorful little fishes. Stop for lunch, take a rest and then continue on to Chapada dos Guimarães, in the heart of the South American Continent. Arrive by the end of the day at Chapada National Park, check-in at the charming Park Eco Lodge and take a reconnaissance walk. Dinner and overnight at the Park Eco Lodge. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Chapada dos Guimarães National Park

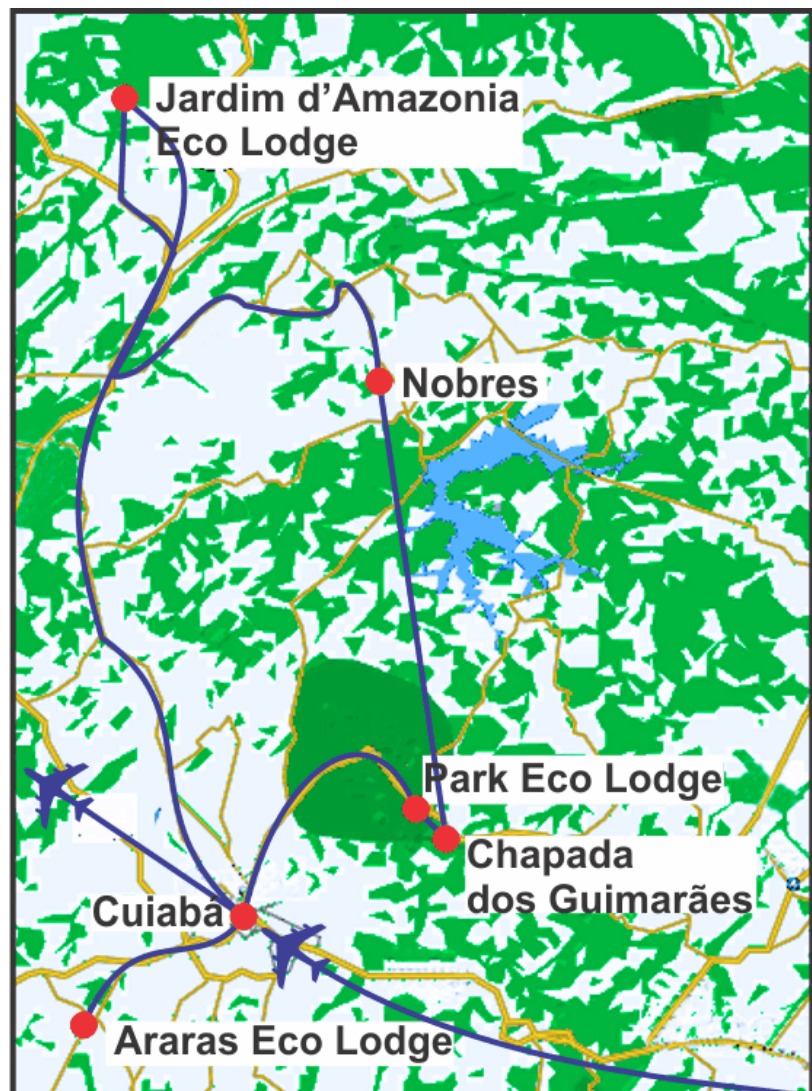
Full day reserved for wonderful hikes through the National Park. The wind and rain have sculpted intriguing shapes in the sand stones covered with rich "Cerrado" vegetation. Its bird's songs and crystal-clear waterfalls add to the enjoyment of the walk. The hike ends at the 610 ft. high water fall "Véu de Noiva" where we stop for a traditional meal at the local restaurant, looking down into this huge canyon. Later, light hike along the "Stone House" trail back to the Lodge. Dinner and overnight Park Eco Lodge. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Chapada dos Guimarães, Pantanal Lowlands

After breakfast and checkout, drive down and visit the "Veredas da Salgadeira", humid areas adorned by the "buriti" Palms at the slope of the Chapada cliffs. Lunch in Cuiabá at Las Velas restaurant. Drive on to the lowlands of the Pantanal along 69 miles of paved road as far as the charming "gold miners" town of Poconé. Fast stop for snacks, comfort facilities and picture taking of its central square, colonial buildings and cathedral. Then continue to the Transpantaneira Park Road for 20 miles until Araras Pantanal Ecolodge, welcome drink and check-in. Brief reconnaissance walk of its surroundings. Dinner and overnight at the lodge. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Pantanal

Breakfast and departure to Clarinho River along private dirt roads. Explore its calm waters in canoes. Good chances of spotting giant river-otters. Fish for piranhas to complete the local style barbecue on the banks of the river. Walk on the trails along its shore. Later in the afternoon, return to the lodge to enjoy the sunset at a 80 ft. high Howler Monkey Tower panoramic wood-tower. Dinner and overnight Araras Pantanal Ecolodge. [B/L/D]



Day 7: Pantanal

Day to exploring the Lodge private reserve. After breakfast, horseback or walk across this gorgeous ecosystem led by the guide. Lunch. In the afternoon photo-safari down the Transpantaneira Park Road for an additional 16 miles. Dinner and overnight Araras Pantanal Ecolodge. [B/L/D]

Day 8: Pantanal, Cuiabá

Sunrise walk followed by breakfast. Morning at ease for personal undertakings with the assistance of the guide. Transfer to Cuiabá. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Package includes:



- 7 nights' accommodation
 - Jardim Amazonia Lodge - 2 nights
 - Park Eco Lodge - 2 nights
 - Araras Pantanal Eco-lodge - 3 nights
- Meals
 - Breakfast daily
 - 7 lunches
 - 7 dinners
- All transfers
- Safari transfers in air-conditioned vehicle (only driver)
- All meals as per program

- English speaking guides
- All hotel taxes and service charges

Tour does not include:

- International airline tickets
- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature
- Environmental Fee: \$45 per person

Hotels in your Tour

<p>"Jardim d' Amazônia" Eco Lodge</p>	<p>Tripadvisor rating: 4.5</p>
	<p>is on the banks of the Claro River, the main tributary of the great Tapajós River. It is surrounded by 2,470 acres of abundant forest, representative of the transition from the Cerrado to the Rain Forest and housing several springs of crystalline water. This area enables exciting trails, refreshing baths, fresh water fish barbecue in the jungle like the ancient rubber collectors did, canoe rides downstream the Claro River amid impressive biodiversity, and much more. Its 7 well decorate rooms, delicious home food and hearty reception, adds to the excitement of this great experience.</p>
<p>The Park Eco Lodge</p>	<p>Tripadvisor rating: 4.5</p>
	<p>Is strategically located on the borders of Chapada dos Guimarães National Park (S 15° 26' 27" – W 55° 49' 34") at an altitude of 2,460 ft., houses in its 370 acres of private reserve, 2 water-falls (from Dec. to Jul.), amazing outlook over the entire park, caves, and several well-prepared trails for the enjoyment of the most demanding nature lovers. Its 8 rooms and 1 suite offer comfort with a charming decoration in full privacy and the "Teta da Loba" Restaurant & Bar serves delicatessen from the region rich flora. From the Lodge most of the main attractions of the "Chapada dos Guimarães" National Park, like the 250 ft. high Véu de Noiva waterfall, the 2,790 ft. high "São Gerônimo" peak, the "Casa de Pedra" cave and the Complexo das Cachoeiras a sequence of 7 waterfalls, are at walking distance. Not to be forgotten are the almost daily, glorious sunset, which can be enjoyed from its large verandas and hammocks.</p>

The ARARAS ECO LODGE

Tripadvisor rating: 4.7



Is located at 16°30'42,3" South latitude and 56°42'39,4" West longitude, amidst a unique and rare biological diversity and built in harmony with the environment, without renouncing comfort. It offers 19 rooms with air conditioning. A swimming pool to refresh after a good walk, a bar with large choice of cold drinks and a restaurant with delicious home styled food, complete the lodge's structure. It's reachable all year-round through the Transpantaneira Park Road, only 82 miles South of Cuiabá, on an interesting 2 ½ hours' drive. It's enviably preserved surroundings, spread on 6,670 acres of private reserve, offers the possibility to do first-class bird-watching, trekking in pristine forest, canoeing, horseback riding, jeep photo-safari and much more. Two observation towers with a 39 ft. and 82 ft. height, linked with 3,900 ft. of boardwalk on stilts, guarantee easy access to nature and wild life, during flooded or dry season.

Tour Prices

Season	Double
2020 Departures	
Apr-Jun	\$4,889
Jul-Dec 20	\$5,615

Prices are per person and are subject to change without notice.

Rates are minimum per person sharing a room and may change without notice.

Rates may change depending on the date of travel.

Prices for single room or for 3 passengers sharing a room are available on request

Valid through December 20th 2020. Not valid for Holidays and big Conventions.

Other blackout dates may apply.

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