

Paradise in the Pantanal

7 – 17 July 2027

30 August – 9 September 2027

Location: Pantanal region, Brazil

Group size: 4; Cost GBP 8,995 per person



AN 11 DAY, 10 NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC AND WILDLIFE VIEWING ADVENTURE TO THE SPECTACULAR PANTANAL WETLAND IN BRAZIL. THIS TRIP IS ESCORTED THROUGHOUT BY A FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATURALIST, AND IS GEARED TO GIVE YOU A SUPERIOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE IN UNCROWDED SHOOTING CONDITIONS.

WITH A GROUP SIZE OF JUST 4, YOU ARE GUARANTEED PLENTY OF TUITION TIME, AND ALSO PLENTY OF ROOM IN WHICH TO WORK. NO CROWDED BOATS IN JAGUAR-LAND FOR YOU!

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- **SMALL GROUP SIZE OF JUST 4 GUESTS**
- **11 DAYS AND 10 NIGHTS IN PRIME TIMES FOR WILDLIFE VIEWING**
- **6 NIGHTS IN A FLOATING LODGE IN THE HEART OF THE “JAGUAR ZONE”**
- **4 NIGHTS IN TWO DIFFERENT RANCHES, RICH IN TERRESTRIAL BIRDS AND MAMMALS**
- **NIGHTLY USE OF A RESEARCH HIDE FOR OCELOT VIEWING**
- **USE OF AN ADAPTED “SAFARI TRUCK” ON LOCATIONS**

COSTS AND LOGISTICS

- **Group size:** 4 guests only
- **GBP 8,995 per person**, based on twin-share accommodation throughout*
- **Start Point:** Cuiaba Airport, Brazil
- **End Point:** Cuiaba Airport, Brazil

Note: Single accommodation **WILL require a supplement.**

WHAT'S INCLUDED...

- 2 nights accommodation at Pousada Piuval
- 6 nights accommodation at the floating jaguar lodge – the Panoramico
- 2 nights accommodation Aymara Lodge
- Access to a full-time naturalist
- All meals throughout the itinerary
- All transfers to/from Cuiaba as per the itinerary
- Access to Ocelot viewing hide

WHAT'S NOT...

- International and/or any domestic flight to/from the itinerary start/end points
- Items of a personal nature
- Visa fees as appropriate
- Drinks at lodges and Flotel (cash bar system)
- Gratuities

YOUR ITINERARY....

Day 1-2: Arrive Cuiaba, transfer to Pousada Piuval(2 nights)

After your flight to Brazil (preferably to Sao Paulo), you will have then connected onto a domestic flight to Cuiaba, where we will be waiting for you. Of course, this is likely to be a tired morning after a long overnight flight, and a domestic transfer, but we'll soon get rid of the cobwebs by getting some lunch in town before heading off to the start of the world-famous 'Transpantaneira' Road which bisects the Pantanal. If any situations arise that we wish to make more of, we'll simply pull-up, disembark with cameras in hand, and then head off to start shooting! Your first two nights will be spent at Pousada Piuval. This homely Fazenda (Estancia/Farm) is full of wildlife including coatis, marmosets, howler monkeys, anteater (giant and lesser), tapir (if we're lucky), deer and even pumas! The birdlife is also sensational, and there are some great encounters to be had with caiman as well. All in all, this is a great place to start your adventure for two nights, giving us the chance to try all sorts of different photography, and feel the ground beneath your feet. **(2 nights, B, L, D)**

Days 3-8: The Jaguarland Flotel (6 nights on the Panoramico)

An early start from our lodge as we head onwards to the ends of the Transpantaneira, stopping for any great sightings on the way. The road itself is a marvel, with over 130 bridges and the photographic opportunities are endless. By late morning, we will arrive at Porto Jofre, and will transfer to your boat for the ride to the Panoramico – a floating lodge, moored up river and away from the circus that is the main lodge area at Porto Jofre! This will be your transport for the next 6 days of Jaguar (and other river wildlife) searching...and you'll be starting right after lunch that day. You will then follow a daily pattern of leaving early from the lodge, cruising the rivers and their smaller tributaries, and constantly searching for fantastic wildlife encounters. From a butterfly resting on a caiman's eyelid, to a Jaguar hunting in the shadows...all things are possible. At night you will be back on the floating lodge – meaning that we get longer every single day than those who stay at Porto Jofre and have to "commute" 4 times a day (as they go home for lunch...when we will stay out!) and waste

hours on non-productive parts of the river system. By being out as much as we can be (obviously there will be a break in the middle of the day), and never away from the main action, you are certain to give the maximum possible chance for excellent wildlife sightings and photo ops. In fact, it gets me excited just thinking about it! (6 nights, B,L,D)

Days 9-10: Aymara Lodge (2 nights)

After six days on the river, we will transfer after an early breakfast back to Porto Jofre, to re-connect with your ground transport, and commence our journey back up the Transpantaneira road to Aymara Lodge – your home for 2 nights – where you will check in, discuss your plan for the remaining days and enjoy dinner. Our activities here are land-based looking for wildlife, and on one night, perhaps use a specially constructed hide where Ocelot are known to frequent for that “once in a lifetime” chance of snaring one of the world’s most elusive and beautiful cats. We have excellent bird photography at this lodge also. (2 nights Lodge, B,L,D)

Day 11: Depart for Cuiaba...and onward

Ultimately, though, our adventure will come to an end, and we will transfer onto our original vehicle to head back to civilization and Cuiaba airport. We can arrange to drop you here, or in the city itself, but this is where we will bid our last farewells and recall the amazing wildlife experiences we’ve shared for the last 11 days.

EXTENSIONS...BEFORE AND AFTER...

If you’re heading to Brazil, you may well want to keep experiencing that samba rhythm for a few days more at the end of your trip, and as such we have a number of fantastic photographic options that we can set you up with using our tried and trusted network of hides, locations, guides and contacts. Some of these include extensions to photograph Harpy Eagles at nest height, close up encounters with Golden Lion Tamarins, or tracking Maned wolves and watching tool-using Capuchins in remote areas of Brazil’s grasslands. We also have access to some spectacular locations outside Brazil too, and can advise and arrange accordingly. All of these extensions will not have Andy or one of our other photographers on board, but will still operate **EXACTLY** as if they were. It’s about providing **YOU** with a quality experience, and the chance to capture memorable images.

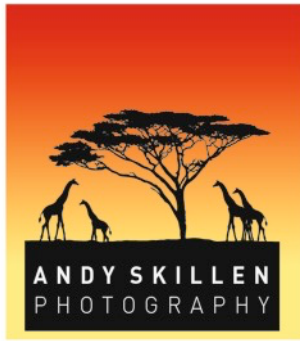
If you’re interested in extensions, mention it when you reserve your space and we’ll discuss some of the ideas with you once we know the kind of thing you want to do.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

To reserve your space on either of these very special departures, send an email to

Andy@faunavista.com

to register your interest and receive a booking form



CHANGING THE IMAGE OF WILDLIFE TRAVEL...