

Amazon, Savanna and Pantanal

3 ecosystems

8 days / 7 nights

Mato Grosso is the only state in Brazil with 3 different ecosystems within its borders and quite close from Cuiaba and its airport. Visit the Amazon Rain Forest southern border just 290 km NW from Cuiabá, snorkel amidst fish, visit astonishing waterfalls and rock formations at Chapada dos Guimaraes (Savanna) just 67 km NE from Cuiaba in the South America Geodesic Centre and explore the wilderness of Northern Pantanal.

The mythical Amazon can only be described in superlatives. It is the largest and most preserved rainforest region in the world.

The heartland of Brazil covers an area of 2,000,000 sq km, and its original vegetation is called "Cerrado", considered the richest savanna in the world, due to its high plant diversity and endemism. Most of Brazil's great rivers find their sources here. It's an area of enormous ecological importance with many areas of spectacular beauty, as the National Park of Chapada dos Guimarães, only 55km North East from Cuiabá airport.

The Pantanal, one of the last great wildernesses, is the largest continuous wetland on the planet, declared a World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, is South America's primary wildlife sanctuary.

Day 1. Arrival: Cuiabá to Jardim D'Amazônia

Meeting and greeting at Cuiaba airport. At 13h20, departure to the Amazon ecosystem (290 km on paved federal road– approximately 4.5 hours). Arrival by late afternoon. Welcome drink and check-in at Jardim d'Amazonia Eco Lodge. Dinner and overnight.

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Day 2. Amazon: trails and canoeing

After breakfast, follow the trails through this area, getting to know even more than the local flora and fauna but also the history of the rubber extraction industry – a former important part of the local economy.

A fish barbecue will follow this trekking and you may even relax on a hammock. Later, canoeing on the Claro River, exploring the Anaconda Lake and enjoying the solitude of the jungle and its different life forms: (duck, long tailed tyrant, cormorant, Amazon kingfisher, green and rufous kingfisher, swallow tanager, herons...).

Dinner and overnight.

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Day 3. Departure: Amazon to Bom Jardim

Breakfast and departure to Bom Jardim Village.

Bom Jardim takes place at 162km from Cuiabá Airport and is strategically located in an area of transition between the Savanna and the Amazon rainforest. Bom Jardim is the land of many clear water rivers, lakes and caverns, the habitat of several species of fish and plants. Snorkeling and

caving are outstanding.

At your arrival, 1 km trail until we reach Enchanted Aquarium and Salobra River, where our snorkeling activity takes place. About 2 hours at river pace enjoying the beauties of underwater. Lunch and in the afternoon departure to Chapada dos Guimarães, passing by impressive rocks formation, where we will visit next day. Outstanding scenario to admire until the end of the trip. Visit to Chapada Town historic centre and to the Geodesic Mark of South America for a breathtaking view over the plain. Check in at the charming Park Eco lodge.

Dinner and overnight.

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Day 4. Parque Nacional: Waterfalls, trails and sunset

Breakfast. Join the Tour of the Waterfalls through the Chapada dos Guimaraes National Park. The wind and rain sculpted intriguing shapes in the sand stone covered with rich vegetation. Birds singing and waterfalls add to the enjoyment of this trail. The walk ends with a visit to the Bridal Veil Waterfall and lunch at a local restaurant.

Returning to the Park Eco lodge, enjoy the private trails of the property and a walk to the observation tower. This is the place to be at sunset. It allows you a bird's eye view over the Sao Jeronimo Peak.

Dinner and overnight.

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Day 5. Savanna to Pantanal: Araras Eco Lodge

Breakfast. Today we are headed to Pantanal, Araras Eco Lodge. Arriving in Cuiabá, lunch at local restaurant and departure to Araras Eco Lodge. This transfer is divided into two different stages. The first is a journey on a paved road along farms and cattle ranches. After reaching Poconé – a small mining town and the gateway to the Northern Pantanal, we take the Transpantaneira Park Road at km "0" (108 km / 67.1 mi. from Cuiaba). This is a park road at its best, allowing us to drive above the water level, watching the flora and fauna of the Pantanal ecosystem – a photo safari along 32 km of dirt road with several stops along the way for photos and information. Welcome drink on arrival and accommodation. Later, you will be guided on an introductory walk through the surroundings of the lodge to know our concepts and many preservation projects, follow to the Great Egret Lookout, a 12 m / 39 ft. high observation tower. After dinner, night walk under the Southern Hemisphere sky.

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Day 6. Araras Eco Lodge: Canoeing and trekking

After breakfast, take a photo safari through private dirt roads towards the Clarinho River.

Reaching its banks, board a canoe and paddle down the river, exploring the forest that grows by the riverbanks and mangroves. Here lives a colony of "ariranhas" – giant river otters. With some luck, you may spot a family playing with their babies and teaching them how to swim and fish. Chance of fishing the elusive piranha, not an easy task, but fun. Enjoy a barbecue lunch under the shadow of the trees (*). Hammocks are slanged to enjoy a "siesta".

Return to the Lodge in time for the afternoon tea. Later on, trek the Howler Monkey trail to the Howler Monkey Tower, our highest observation point – 25 m high -, for a magnificent view of the sunset.

After dinner, join a night truck-safari drive in search of nocturnal animals.

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(*) If the Sentinela Camp is not accessible (depending on the weather and terrain conditions), this canoeing tour will take place on the Corixo River. In that case, we will return to the lodge for lunch.

Day 7. Araras Eco Lodge – horseback riding and trekking

After breakfast, enjoy a horseback ride, which will allow you to explore the diversity of the Pantanal landscape including some flooded areas of the Pantanal plain. The Pantaneiro horse are docile and has adapted, through the centuries, to eat with its nose underwater. In this region, the horse is the Pantaneiros' best friend, a daily companion during work and leisure. Return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, trek the Rondon Trail towards the 13 m high Jabiru Stork Tower, where you can watch a Jabiru Stork nest. Return to Araras Eco Lodge for dinner and overnight.
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Day 8. Departure to Cuiabá Airport

Another sunrise walk to witness the dawn of this amazing ecosystem. Return to the Lodge for breakfast. Departure to Cuiabá by 7:00 or 12:30, depending on your flight time.
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END OF SERVICES.

The price of the program is for 1 Pax in \$ USD:

All Year 2019				
1 PAX	2/3 PAX	4/5 PAX	6/ 9 PAX	10/12 PAX
11.288	6.270	5.850	5.085	4.643

*Conservation fee (US\$47 per person is not included)

The Program includes:

- ✓ Regular transfers in air conditioned vehicle
- ✓ 2 nights at Jardim d'Amazonia Lodge
- ✓ 2 nights at Park Lodge
- ✓ 3 nights at Araras Lodge
- ✓ Full board in Amazon, Savannah and Pantanal
- ✓ Activities according to the program with English Speaking Guide/ **naturalist**

The Program does not include:

- International and domestic flights
- Meals and beverages not mentioned
- Services and tours not mentioned in the Program
- Tips and personal expenses

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