

**Day 4 Oct 31 (BLD):** Transfer to our second lodge, the SouthWild Jaguar Flotel, with wildlife viewing from the open Safari Truck (Truck has sun/rain roof and comfy bucket seats) as we travel south deeper into the heart of the northern Pantanal on the wildlife-rich Transpantaneira to Porto Jofre where we will board our boats to travel upstream to the Flotel. This is a photo safari in and of itself.

The wetlands become more open as we travel through several different marsh and forest habitats en route to the end of the Transpantaneira at Porto Jofre. Here, we will board our radio-equipped Jaguar search boats and travel approximately 1 hour upstream on the 250 meter-wide (820-foot-wide) Cuiaba River, the border between the Brazilian states of Mato Grosso and Mato Grosso do Sul. The search for Jaguars is on! If we or one of our other boats reports a Jaguar, we go straight there and postpone the check-in at the Jaguar Flotel.

After check-in at the Flotel, we will have lunch and siesta before an afternoon boat ride in search of Jaguars and other fauna such as Giant Otters, Brazilian tapirs along with the wide variety of birds that call this area home.

**Days 4-9 Oct 31 to Nov 5 (BLD):** SouthWild Jaguar Flotel - We will be in the heart of Jaguar country, in a flotel anchored in the section of the Cuiaba River that has produced the best Jaguar sightings in recent seasons. This optimal location, combined with radio-equipped and highly trained Jaguar spotters and administration by expert biologists, allowed all guests to see the big cats on multiple occasions. In each year our group has seen at 10 to 18 different Jaguars over the span of four days. The Flotel is at the center of very large complex of private and public protected lands where hunting of Jaguars is banned.

We will explore in our small maneuverable motorboats the narrow and wild rivers - Three Brothers River (Tres Irmaos), Cuiaba River, and the Piquiri River in the center of this huge Jaguar area. We will go out each day right after breakfast and return to the Flotel for lunch and a siesta. We will go out again in the afternoon to spend more time searching for Jaguars and other wildlife.

September, October & November the driest months in the Pantanal, are the best to see Jaguars. The cats are often seen resting on the riverbanks, swimming, or hunting prey. We do our best to track the cats for best viewing and photography opportunities. Patience is needed during these adventures - we are on Jaguar time - but patience is often rewarded with views of Jaguars displaying natural behaviors. We also have a high probability of seeing the Brazilian tapir and Giant Otters. And, of course, lots more birds

including Hyacinth Macaws, a variety of hummingbirds, cuckoos, birds of prey, and songbirds.



Sunrise from SouthWild Pantanal

**Day 9 – Nov 5 (BLD):** Morning: we will be on the Jaguar Rivers for a portion of the day and then drive back on the Transpantaneira to Pouso Alegre lodge one of the largest private properties in the Pantanal reversing the route taken. After leaving SouthWild Jaguar Flotel and arriving at Pouso Alegre Lodge we will be assigned to our comfortable rooms, all of which have a private bathroom with hot shower, overhead fan, and air conditioning. Once we have settled in, a spectacular lunch will be served in the fully screened living/dining area with many fans. to see again - or take another picture in a different situation. In late afternoon, we will go out to one of the blinds/hides to watch for Tapirs and other animal's coming to drink at the pond.

We will end the day with a delicious dinner and time to talk about the events of the day

**Day 10 – Nov 6 (BLD):** Another day at Pouso Alegre Lodge with our choice of the actives on offer.

**Day 11 – Nov 7 (BL):** Transfer from Pouso Alegre Lodge to Cuiaba. After breakfast we will drive back along the Transpantaneira to the town of Pocone and then on asphalt to Cuiaba. Our trip ends here. You can either spend the night in a hotel of your choice, go on to other post-trip destinations, or fly back to Sao Paulo/Brasilia to connect to your return flight home. We will get back to the airport around 11:30 or so.



the daylight hours.

Prices per person include meeting you at your hotel or the Cuiabá Airport (CGB), road transfer to SouthWild Pantanal Santa Tereza (SWP) at scheduled time, 4 nights at SWP with activities that involve a combination of motorboat outings, canoe excursions, forest walks, tower experiences, night spotlighting outings, and horseback rides with an English-speaking naturalist guide. Land and boat transfer to SouthWild Jaguar camp, 5 nights at SWJF. Full board at SWJF. Two long motorboat outings on each full day. Outings include each guest spending up to 8 hours per day in boat outings in search of Jaguars and other fauna and flora. We add extra hours when needed, but at our discretion. On every day, at least three boats with radios will be searching the rivers for Jaguars for more than half



Chestnut-eared Aracari

#### Hyacinth Macaw

All services are shared with a few other guests. The maximum number of guests in a fixed departure is 12, though in practice the average number per departure is 6 to 8, not counting the English-speaking naturalist guide. Unlimited drinking water is available at SouthWild Jaguar camp and SouthWild Pantanal from large water coolers.



Juice is included at breakfast, and coffee and tea are included at all meals. All other beverages, including sealed, plastic bottles of drinking water, are extra. Bring your own bottle to refill, thereby eliminating plastic refuse and avoiding extra charges for bottled water.

Children under the age of 12 are not recommended at SouthWild Jaguar camp.

Crab-eating Fox pup

Contact us for your pre-& post trip excursions - through our connections we can get you booked to the best places throughout Brazil, many that are not known to standard travels agents.