



Jaguar, hummingbirds, incredible nature...

# BRAZIL 2024

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PHOTO TOUR  
August 17-29, 2024

This tour starts and finishes in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Start with hummingbirds and amazing colourful birds.
- \* Photograph Brazil's famous Pantanal.
- \* Jaguar up close and quality time.
- \* Photograph dozens of species of birds.
- \* Enjoy tasty Brazilian meals.
- \* Exclusive shoots!
- \* Navigate the channels in search of subjects in exclusive boats.

## INCLUSIONS

- \* Professional WPA Photo guide - your images come first!
- \* All accommodation and all meals as per itinerary.
- \* All land transport.
- \* Local expert guide.
- \* Park fees as per itinerary.



This is an Ultimate South America Photo Adventure! This is our 9th time to the wild's of Brazil and our third time to the Pantanal. It is truly an amazing nature experience! Plus, we have added a visit to the amazing Alto Ribeira State Park where hummingbirds, rainforest and incredible wildlife are the key targets.

"We return to one of the greatest nature experiences on our planet - Brazil's Pantanal. I can say this as I have taken groups to many such locations, but none offer the raw wild adventures of Jaguar tracking from a boat, birds of various sizes, colours up close and land experiences that are simply too incredible to describe. You have to experience them yourself!" *Darran*



The Pantanal is a vast natural region located in the heart of South America encompassing the World's largest tropical flooded wetland. Although it is shared by Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay, more than 70 % of the Pantanal floodplain is located in Brazil. Though the Amazon rainforest is well known worldwide due to its diversity, the Pantanal offers more numbers of visible species and individuals and is one of the most productive wildlife habitats on Earth in terms of photogenic wildlife! Iconic species such as yacare caimans, capybaras, anacondas, ocelots, rheas, marsh deer, crab-eating raccoons, tapirs, peccaries, giant otters, jabirus, toucans, flocks of numerous species of parrots, parakeets, ibises, plus giant anteaters and jaguars, among many others, transform the Pantanal in a dream for any demanding wildlife photographer!

Quality Time for Photography: The Leal family, guarantees quality time for photography, ensuring you have ample opportunities to capture the unique landscapes, nature and creative images that the targeted region offers. Whether you're a seasoned photographer or simply enjoy taking photos, this tour will provide outstanding results.

Experienced and Qualified Team: WPA is backed by the expertise of Darran and Julia, who have over 80 years of combined experience in photography, travel, and tour industries. Their sons Pearce and Frazer also contribute their unique experiences and knowledge. With their extensive backgrounds, you can trust that you're in capable hands throughout the journey.



Registered and Insured Tour Operator: WPA is a registered tour operator with the Queensland government and is covered by Tour Operator Insurance. This accreditation ensures that the business adheres to strict standards and procedures, providing you with peace of mind and professionalism. For more details, go to: <https://www.qtic.com.au/industry-development/accreditation/qtf/>

By joining WPA, you'll have the opportunity to explore and photograph some of the world's most stunning locations while being guided by experienced professionals who are passionate about creating memorable journeys.



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## **DAY 1- SAO PAULO - ALTO RIBEIRA STATE PARK**

### **August 17**

Pre tour accommodation in Sao Paulo will be named about the same time we book flights. We depart from this hotel early this morning and drive to Alto Ribeira State Park (35,000 hectares), a very special area located in the heart of a biological corridor that protects large stands of primary Atlantic Rainforest, with numerous waterfalls and some of the largest caves in Brazil.

However, the main reason to come to this park is the abundant wildlife. While nature has many variables, we know that we will target fabulous subjects like rare Ornate hawk-eagles and other beautiful rainforest wildlife. We will also shoot other colourful birds such as Magpie tanagers, Bare-throated bellbirds, several species of tropical hummingbirds, and Channel-billed toucan.

Accommodation at Pousada das Cavernas, a charming lodge surrounded by pristine rainforest.  
<https://www.pousadadascavernas.com.br/> (L,D)

## **DAYS 2&3 - ALTO RIBEIRA STATE PARK**

### **August 18 & 19**

Two full days exploring the different areas of this fascinating paradise, including the Devil's Cave and several feeders and gardens visited by dozens of tropical hummingbirds (such as the Brazilian Hummingbird, the Black Jacobin, the Planalto Hermit, the Violet-capped woodnymph, the Swallow-tailed Hummingbird and the tiny Festive Coquete) and colourful birds such as the Brazilian tanager and several parrots and parakeets.

Morning visit to the Ornate hawk-eagle hide and other wildlife locations, as well as to a waterfall surrounded by rainforest. Afternoon visit a stream where is possible to find Fasciated Tiger-heron. Other species include Peach-fronted parakeet, Colourful Purple-throated euphonias, Blue-napped chlorophonias, Crested oropendola and Rufous-tailed jacamar, as well as troops of Coatis.

You photo guide and local expert guide will help you to maximise the many unique shoots over these days. Have lots of card and storage space!

Pousada das Cavernas <https://www.pousadadascavernas.com.br/> (B,L,D)



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## **DAY 4 - ALTO RIBEIRA PARK - SÃO PAULO - CUIABA**

**August 20**

Morning shoot to capture our feathered friends. You can not get enough of the colour and those amazing hummingbirds in particular! We drive back into Sao Paulo and in time to catch our flight (this flight is included) to our next adventure region, Cuiaba. We book into our accommodation.

Hotel accommodation - (B)

## **DAY 5 - CUIABÁ -TRANSPANTANEIRA HIGHWAY**

**August 21**

We depart early and drive southwards to Poconé and start driving along the famed Transpantaneira, an elevated road of 160 km that crosses the savannas, the Pantanal, dozens of rivers including the Cuiabá River. We will stop opportunistically as the Transpantaneira is an excellent road to observe and photograph the abundant wildlife of the region, since the ponds and pools at both sides concentrate a surprising diversity of wildlife even during the dry season, such as caimans, capybaras, marsh deer, jabiru storks, roseate spoonbills and many species of kingfishers.

Accommodation for 2 nights at Pouso Alegre Lodge. The lodge is located inside a large former cattle ranch of the Pantanal and will be our first base to explore the region. Nocturnal exploration in search of wildlife is also a highlight in this private reserve.

Pouso Alegre Lodge - (B,L,D)

## **DAY 6 - PANTANAL - POUISO ALEGRE RANCH**

**August 22**

Full day for exploring the savannahs, wetlands and forests of this region. We will look for spectacled caimans, Brazilian tapirs, black-collared hawks, Amazon kingfishers, wattled jacanas, and many other species.

Spectacled and broad-nosed caimans, yellow anacondas, capybaras and marsh deer frequent the ponds and flooded areas, and the savannahs and forests are the habitat of the giant anteater, greater rheas, coatis and several black-and golden howler monkeys. Very close to the lodge nest two pairs of tame hyacinth macaws, the biggest parrots on Earth.

Pouso Alegre Lodge - (B,L,D)



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## **DAYS 7 & 8 - PANTANAL - AYMARA LODGE**

**August 23/24**

We drive southwards along the Transpantaneira and after less than 1 hour, arrive to our next lodge, where we will be based for 2 days. The lodge is located by a natural lake and inside a private preserve that has been doing a very good job protecting the local ecosystems and avoiding poaching, and that's why the wildlife is so abundant and tame. The area offers photogenic and habituated groups of coatis, capybaras, nesting jabiru storks, capuchin monkeys, and even some Brazilian tapirs, as well as active black-collared hawks that fish piranhas close to the lodge. The number of birds around the house is amazing: colourful tanagers, wattled jacanas, turquoise fronted parrots, tropical-screech owls, squirrel cuckoos and roseate spoonbills, among hundreds of species can be seen and photographed.

Since 2011 the sightings of jaguars were more frequent due to the abundance of preys around the ranch. Navigation along a lake and a river will give us chance to photograph the Pantanal's wildlife. Accommodation at Aymara Lodge for 2 nights - (B,L,D)

## **DAY 9 - AYMARA LODGE - PORTO JOFRE (SANTA ROSA LODGE)**

**August 25**

We continue driving southwards up to the end of the Transpantaneira, with stops for adding new species of wildlife, reaching the Cuiabá River and our accommodation for the next 3 nights: Hotel Santa Rosa, a lovely comfortable lodge located by the river. While the whole tour offers outstanding nature adventures, this region will go a step further.

Around Porto Jofre is probably one of the best regions in the world for spotting and photographing jaguars. These stunning felines are not afraid of humans due to the protection of nearby Encontro das Aguas State Park, plus the large abundance of prey along the riverbanks, such as caimans, capybaras, Brocket deer, tapirs, yellow anacondas, and other species.

How exciting! After lunch we take our first boat trip along the river, returning to our accommodation at sunset. We hunt for jaguar and you might be the first person to spot one. However, the river is alive with nature so birds and other creatures will also end up in your unique image collection.

Hotel Santa Rosa x 3 nights. (B,L,D)



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## **DAYS 10 & 11 - CUIABÁ RIVER and ENCONTRO DAS AGUAS STATE PARK August 26/27**

We will navigate Cuiabá River and its tributaries at Parque Estadual Encontro das Aguas (Meeting of the Waters State Park), where jaguars use to hunt spectacled caimans, capybaras, tapirs, Anacondas and other preys along the riverbanks during the dry season (from June up to November). The Pantanal jaguar subspecies is the largest one in the Americas, and its population has been growing in the region due to the protection.

We will depart in motorboats very early in the morning and also in the afternoon in search of these spectacular and endangered felines that usually hunt caimans and mammals without being afraid of photographers, but we will also focus in other wildlife such as Giant river-otter, Brazilian tapir, Capybaras (the World's Largest rodents), Broad-nosed and Spectacled caimans, Chaco chachalacas, collared peccaries, Anhingas, Capuchin monkeys, Ospreys, Black-collared hawks and Toco toucans, among many other species. Our accommodation is located by the river and is famous for the quality and diversity of its meals.

Hotel Santa Rosa Pantanal - (B,L,D)

## **DAY 12 - PORTO JOFRE - CUIABÁ August 28**

As time allows, another boat trip along the Piquiri River looking for jaguars and other wildlife. We drive back to Cuiabá, with stops along the Transpantaneira for wildlife photography, arriving at about 7:00pm. Our final dinner and the chance to share a few tall stories.

Accommodation Hotel - (B,L,D)

## **DAY 13 - CUIABÁ August 29**

We are transfer to Cuiaba Airport for our flight to Sao Paulo. (Flight is included.) The tour ends at Sao Paulo airport. (B).

(B,L,D) - Confirms if - Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner -  
are included that day. Itinerary and price is subject to change.



# PHOTO TOUR PRICE

## **TOUR PRICE - AU\$16,995.00** **Twin Share per person**

Details include, as per itinerary - accommodation, meals, access to unique photo opportunities, small group size - local driver/guide, and professional photographer.

## **EVENT DEPOSIT REQUIRED - AU\$2,000.00 pp.**

Please read our terms & Conditions and fill in our booking form. At this time, you should organise travel insurance, including deposit protection insurance. Note that your deposit is refundable up to one year before departure, except for a \$500 cancellation fee. After this time, deposits are non refundable. NB: Some events have special terms and conditions.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

If requested, we will try our best to find someone to share with you. On most occasions this is possible. However, part of the booking conditions is that a single supplement is applicable if no one is available to share.

## **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT - AU\$2,295.00 pp.**

This offers you private accommodation throughout the tour. Julia will confirm this with you.

**TO BOOK & FOR OUR TERM & CONDITIONS: Please use our on line booking form:**  
<https://worldphotoadventures.com.au/booking-form/>

Or ask Julia for our booking form with T&C's.

## **NEED MORE HELP?**

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## **SICKNESS WHILE TRAVELLING**

Viruses, bacteria and other health risks have always been possible when travelling. We select accommodation and operators to limit risk to your health. Before departure, we suggest that you consider limiting your exposure to large groups and other high risk location/situations at least 7 days before departure. Please bring face masks, and hand sanitizer. Should you feel unwell during the event, please let your tour leader know ASAP. Some form of isolation maybe required, or professional medical help maybe sort. Your tour leader is happy to help at all times. Please look at the following site for more helpful details. You can also register at this site for updates.  
<https://www.smartraveller.gov.au>



# OTHER DETAILS

## THE COST INCLUDES

- All land tour costs as per itinerary.
- Two domestic flights - return Sao Paulo.
- Accommodation - lodge/hotel.
- All meals as detailed in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees to parks as per itinerary.
- Professional photo guide.
- Local expert driver/guide.

## NOT INCLUDED

- International Air tickets & flights
- Personal expenses
- Items not included in the itinerary
- Tips and drinks
- Travel Insurance

## PRE TOUR

Accommodation, and services start for this tour - DAY 1 in Sao Paulo. All travel services before this are not included. We suggest that you arrive at the start point at least 48 hours before this tour begins. This timing will give you a chance to relax and acclimatise to the new time zone. We generally commence booking pre/post tour accommodation/flights about 8/9 months before departure.

NOTE: This itinerary is flexible to allow your guides to maximise your photo and travel interests to weather and unique opportunities. Specific targeted subjects will be offered the night before departure each day. This will offer you 'the best of the region'. Meals not included in the itinerary, are organised to 'fit in' with the days shoots.

## FINAL ITINERARY

Note that a final itinerary will be sent to you about one month before departure.

## IMPORTANT

To make sure you book the correct dates and times, we would request the following:

1. Don't purchase any air tickets, until our guides flights have been booked, which we will do approximately 8 - 9 months prior to the tour departure. We will advise you when the guides flights are booked and you can then use this itinerary, to help you use points or similar. This will also coincide with confirming the tour departure, making sure we have met minimum passenger numbers for the tour and the logistics of the tour have not changed.
2. We suggest you arrive a minimum of 24 hours prior to the tour departure - even 48 hours - to help with jet lag and in case of airline delays.





# OUR GOALS

There are many reasons our tours are so successful. Here are just a few ...

## **WHO BOOKS OUR PHOTO HOLIDAYS?**

From animated 'point and shoot' amateur photographers to seasoned photographic veterans, we get a broad cross-section of photo enthusiasts on every tour. Not super keen on snapping? No problem. You are still guaranteed a great time. Whether your finger never leaves or hits a camera during a tour, you will have an unforgettable experience. Our unique locations, top guides and small travel groups ensure it. While our clients vary in age and experience, all attend with the same goal – to have a fantastic holiday. We ensure every client gets exactly that.

## **UNTAMED QUALITY AND EXPERIENCE**

With over 100 years of combined experience in tailoring premium travel quests, our family team ensures you never settle for less than the best. We predominately offer lovely 4 star accommodation for your comfort and enjoyment.

## **EXCEPTIONAL END-TO-END EXPERIENCE**

We work towards delivering the time of your life. Our office gem Julia helps you with all your pre-and post-tour needs. Once you are 'out in the field,' our professional local drivers and guides are right by your side. Your photo guides are the best in the world! World Photo Adventures and its expert team know this beautiful land better than anyone.

## **GREAT TOURS COME IN SMALL GROUPS**

Small group travel gives you flexibility and the ability to follow your interests. That's why we keep tour group sizes small so you can savour your travel experience.

## **FIRST TIME ON TOUR WITH US?**

We'll happily answer your questions, offer advice or connect you with the experiences that will satisfy your wanderlust. Contact Julia at: [julia@worldadventures.com.au](mailto:julia@worldadventures.com.au)

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Your safety and security are essential to us. Apart from the experience of your WPA guides, our local operators are outstanding and very experienced in local cultures and customs. Our itineraries, accommodation and tour information all add up to helping you enjoy a great adventure.

Julia is happy to help with any further questions - [julia@worldadventures.com.au](mailto:julia@worldadventures.com.au)



