

*Mark your 2005 calendar to join us in the
PANTANAL
Brazil's Grand Savannas & Iguazú Falls
Added value and a complimentary helicopter excursion!*

Dear Traveler,

I hope this finds you doing well, with the New Year off to a great start. With Valentine's Day at hand, I thought to write to tell you about a destination we absolutely love, the Brazilian Pantanal. With so many terrific travel opportunities to look forward to, I hope you will make 2005 the year to join us in this destination — one of my absolute favorites.

Your timing will be perfect, as our Pantanal journeys are better than ever. We've added an extra day at Iguazú Falls, giving us more time to explore this World Heritage Site from the dual vantage points of Brazil and neighboring Argentina. And you will **enjoy this extra day with our compliments**, since we've kept the price the same as 2004's.

This is a great value that we hope you will take advantage of.

To further show our appreciation for your joining us in the Pantanal, you can take us up on a **complimentary helicopter flightseeing excursion over Iguazú Falls** if you make your reservations right away. This thrilling ride is sure to stand out as a highlight of your travels. It certainly was for me.

I had the privilege of leading a group of International Expeditions guests to the Pantanal this past fall, and we had the best time together. In the Pantanal we saw more wildlife than ever: hyacinth macaws, giant anteaters, toco toucans, a tapir with her baby. We even had the great fortune of seeing a pair of jaguar!

Continuing on to Iguazú Falls, I decided to surprise everyone with a helicopter over-flight of this amazing landscape. Our guests were just thrilled. So we decided

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that in the future, we simply had to treat all our International Expeditions guests to this experience.

Here are some of the things you'll see and do on this journey:

- You'll find spectacular wildlife, including giant anteaters, giant otters, ocelots, hyacinth macaws, toco toucans, jabiru storks and other remarkable wildlife.
- You'll explore the Pantanal's mosaic of habitats (often compared to those of southern Africa's Okavango Delta): tropical savannahs, rainforests and wetlands.
- You'll meet "Pantaneiro" cowboys, who work the land as they have for hundreds of years. It's fun to talk with them and learn, in an easy way, about what they do.
- You'll see the marvel that is Iguazú Falls: a huge complex of falls where you can take walkways to get astoundingly close to the waters. It's one of those places you simply must see. And as I mentioned, you'll also get an aerial perspective by helicopter!
- On our optional extension, you'll find Rio de Janeiro's spectacular beaches and rare wildlife that inhabits the Atlantic Rainforest.

I'm enclosing information on our 2005 departures, with a number of dates for you to choose from. Please call us at 1-800-633-4734, and Melissa (ext. 134), Jennifer (ext. 116) or any of our helpful travel consultants can assist in reserving your place, or see your travel agent. I promise you an experience you'll love.

Wishing you the best,



Mason Fischer
Pantanal Destination Manager

P.S. Act now to insure your place on this journey, which is very much in demand — and enjoy a complimentary helicopter flightseeing excursion at Iguazú.