

Accommodations

During our Pantanal expedition we are welcome guests at Refúgio Ecológico Caiman, a private working ranch that offers superb accommodations surrounded by one of the richest wildlife habitats on Earth. Our lodge, or pousada as it's known in Brazil, provides the comforts of home — private bedrooms and baths with hot showers, a relaxing living room with open fireplace and bar, as well as an inner garden with a swimming pool. The southwestern style of the architecture and interiors reflects the rich heritage of the pantaneira cowboys that have lived here for hundreds of years. While visiting Iguazú Falls we stay at the luxurious Hotel Tropical das Cataratas.



Above and below: Refúgio Ecológico Caiman, our deluxe accommodations in the Pantanal.

What's Included

- All scheduled ground transportation in Brazil.
- All excursions accompanied by English-speaking naturalist guides.
- Complete pre-departure information to help you get the most out of your expedition.
- All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary.
- All transfers, portage and service charges.
- In summary, everything except international and U.S. airfare and departure taxes, foreign departure taxes, domestic air tax, tips to guides, passport fees, and items of a personal nature, such as laundry, alcoholic beverages, etc.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be made in writing and are effective upon receipt in our office. Cancellations received up to 90 days prior to departure will be refunded all monies less an administrative charge of \$150. Cancellations between 89 and 61 days prior to departure are assessed \$350. Cancellations between 60 and 0 days prior to departure are assessed the full cost of the journey.

Rates and Fares: All rates and fares are accurate and available at the time of publication. Costs are based on a minimum of 15 guests for the expedition and 8 for the extension.

Travel Protection Program: We highly recommend that you avail yourself of our travel protection program, since your personal insurance policies may contain limitations. Note that premiums are non-refundable.




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Brazil's Grand Savannas & Iguazú Falls



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Above: Toco Toucan; Oval: Iguazú Falls - Photography by Mason Fischer



Hyacinith macaws - Photograph by Mason Fischer

BRAZIL'S PANTANAL RESERVATION CERTIFICATE - THE NATIONAL AVIARY

A deposit of \$500 per person is required for the Pantanal expedition. If you wish to take the Atlantic Rainforests extension, an additional \$150 per person is required. **Please make checks payable to International Expeditions**, and return your deposit and reservation form to:

INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS
 One Environs Park • Helena, Alabama 35080
 Phone: 800-633-4734 • E-mail: nature@letravel.com

Departure Date: October 1, 2005

Please guarantee ____ spaces for Pantanal Atlantic Rainforests Extension

Name _____ Birth Date _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

I have read and accept the conditions and further understand and agree that the trip I am taking may have risks. I therefore assume all risks involved with regard to this trip and agree that the National Aviary, International Expeditions and its affiliates will in no way be responsible for any injury or damage to me. This is acknowledged by me knowingly and willfully and shall be binding on my heirs and next of kin. **EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN THIS WAIVER.**

Date _____ Signature(s) _____ T#9271

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Prices are per person, double occupancy.

Person with whom you wish to room _____

Assign roommate for me on the Pantanal expedition. YES NO

Assign roommate for me on the Atlantic Rainforests Extension. YES NO

Are you a smoker? YES NO

(Single supplement charges will be applied when required or requested.)

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

International Expeditions will be happy to assist you with air reservations from your hometown to Miami.

Please make my domestic air reservations from _____ Airport to Miami International Airport.

Please charge my domestic airfare. YES NO

Please make my international air reservations from Miami to São Paulo YES NO

(Deposit, airfare and final payment may be charged to credit card. If your deposit is paid by credit card, the final payment will automatically be charged to the same credit card on the appropriate due date.)

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

Credit Card Name _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

(A Confirmation Package will be sent to you upon receipt of this reservation form.)

A 10-Day Brazil Wildlife Expedition • October 1-10, 2005


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Rheas, sometimes called the South American ostrich, can grow up to 5 feet tall.



Above: A naturalist guide will accompany us, offering great insight into the wildlife of the region.

Right: The Pantanal is home to the largest variety of jaguars on Earth.



MASON FISCHER

Pantanal — It's a "holy grail" destination

for people who love wildlife. Located in a remote region of south-western Brazil, the Pantanal is a wilderness of pristine wetlands, tranquil rivers and lakes, lush gallery forest, and expansive savannahs punctuated by tropical palms. Wildlife viewing in the Pantanal, unsurpassed in the tropics, is often compared to what you experience on the plains of Africa. On your journey you'll see giant anteaters, marsh deer, giant river otters, tapirs, and perhaps even the elusive jaguar, which still roams these savannahs. Toco toucans, greater rheas, jabiru storks and more than a dozen species of colorful parrots, including the endangered hyacinth macaw, are on the list of spectacular birds you're apt to find. While the Pantanal alone is worth a trip to Brazil, we also explore Iguazú Falls, one of the most impressive waterfalls in the world, as well as a World Heritage Site.



Explore the Pantanal, encountering a variety of wildlife. Brown capuchin and black-and-gold howler monkeys frequent the forests, along with raptors such as great black hawks and king vultures. Enjoy afternoon boating on the lake, seeing Amazon kingfishers, black-collared hawks, capybaras and Paraguayan caimans. After dinner take a spotlight safari in search of tapirs, crab-eating foxes, ocelots and other wild cats. (B, L, D)

10-Day Itinerary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 - MIAMI / SÃO PAULO - Depart Miami on an evening jet flight to São Paulo, Brazil. (Meals Aloft)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 - SÃO PAULO / CAMPO GRANDE / REFÚGIO ECOLÓGICO CAIMAN - Arrive in São Paulo this morning and fly to Campo Grande. Continue overland to Refúgio Ecológico Caiman. This afternoon, explore the Pantanal aboard safari vehicles. Return to the ranch house for dinner. (B, L, D)

MONDAY & TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 & 4 - REFÚGIO ECOLÓGICO CAIMAN Explore the Pantanal, encountering a variety of wildlife. Brown capuchin and black-and-gold howler monkeys frequent the forests, along with raptors such as great black hawks and king vultures. Enjoy afternoon boating on the lake, seeing Amazon kingfishers, black-collared hawks, capybaras and Paraguayan caimans. After dinner take a spotlight safari in search of tapirs, crab-eating foxes, ocelots and other wild cats. (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 - REFÚGIO ECOLÓGICO CAIMAN - Visit the Center for Hyacinth Macaw Research and then enjoy a river cruise on the Rio Aquidauana. Paraguayan caiman line the riverbank,

while red-and-green macaws, toucans, and capuchin and howler monkeys inhabit the gallery forests. Return to the ranch for a special farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 - REFÚGIO ECOLÓGICO CAIMAN / SÃO PAULO / FOZ DO IGUAÇU - After breakfast return to Campo Grande and fly to São Paulo, with a connection to Foz do Iguazu. On arrival, proceed to the Hotel Tropical das Cataratas, overlooking incredible Iguazú Falls. (B, L, D Aloft)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 - IGUAZÚ FALLS NATIONAL PARK - This morning enjoy the scenic wonders of Iguazú Falls, one of the largest waterfalls on Earth, with over 275 cascades cutting through rich Atlantic rainforest. From the Argentine side, we'll have lunch and continue exploring the trails that surround the falls. Return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner in town. (B, L, D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 - IGUAÇU FALLS NATIONAL PARK - Today we explore the wildlife and scenic wonders of Iguazu Falls with a new perspective from the Brazilian side. A number of walkways and platforms provide unsurpassed vantage points. Look for colorful tanagers, tropical butterflies, toucans and capuchin monkeys. (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 - IGUAZÚ FALLS / SÃO PAULO - After breakfast explore another side of Iguazú Falls. There is plenty of time to take in the spectacular scenery from a new perspective. You may choose to take an optional flightseeing excursion. After lunch at a local restaurant, fly to São Paulo and on to the U.S. (B, L, D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 - MIAMI - Arrive in Miami and continue with flights home. (Meals Aloft)

Atlantic Rainforests

4-Day Optional Extension

Extend your Pantanal experience by exploring Brazil's Atlantic rainforests, with opportunities to explore lowland jungles and montane cloudforests, and see the beautiful golden lion tamarin. We'll also visit Rio de Janeiro, Poço das Antas and Itatiaia, a center for avian endemism in Brazil.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 - IGUAZÚ FALLS / FOZ DO IGUAÇU / RIO DE JANEIRO Arrive in Rio de Janeiro and proceed to your hotel on famous Ipanema Beach. (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 - RIO DE JANEIRO / POÇO DAS ANTAS BIOLOGICAL RESERVE - After an early breakfast we begin our drive from Rio de Janeiro to the lowland rainforests of the Poço das Antas Biological Reserve, a stronghold for the endangered golden lion tamarin. This morning we have the unique opportunity to work with primatologists as they track the tamarins and observe



Above: Look for the endangered golden lion tamarin in the Poço das Antas Biological Reserve.

them in their natural habitat. Lunch is at a family farm, where we see hummingbirds, tanagers and euphonias. (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - RIO DE JANEIRO / ITATIAIA NATIONAL PARK After breakfast we proceed to the Rio de Janeiro Botanical Gardens, where we spend our morning. This afternoon we transfer to Itatiaia National Park and check in to our hotel and accommodation for the next two nights. (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 - ITATIAIA NATIONAL PARK - After early morning birding (optional), we have breakfast and enjoy a full day of exploring Itatiaia National Park. Established in 1937, Itatiaia is one of Brazil's oldest parks and protects a variety of habitats. Giant tree ferns, palm trees and tropical hardwoods characterize these forests that are rich in orchids, bromeliads and other epiphytes. Look for the masked titi monkey, three-toed sloth and a variety of the more than 400 species of native birds found here. (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 - ITATIAIA NATIONAL PARK / RIO DE JANEIRO After breakfast we continue exploring Itatiaia National Park, enjoying the crystal clear streams and cascading waterfalls. This afternoon we return to Rio de Janeiro to meet our international flight home. (B, L, D Aloft)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 - RIO DE JANEIRO / MIAMI - Our flight from Brazil arrives in Miami this morning, where we connect with our flights home. (Meals Aloft)

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner



Atlantic rainforest.

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10-Day Nature Expedition

October 1-10, 2005
\$2,398

(plus international airfare from Miami: \$975)
Price is per person, double occupancy.
For a single room, add \$600.

4-Day Optional Atlantic Rainforests Extension

October 10-14, 2005
\$1,398

Price is per person, double occupancy.
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Dear Traveler,

We are pleased to announce that this coming October the National Aviary will offer an exciting journey to Brazil's Pantanal, one of South America's most remarkable wildlife destinations. I sincerely hope you will join us.

From the tropical savannahs and wetlands of the Pantanal to the lush rainforests and scenic wonders of Iguazú Falls, this exciting nature expedition offers one of the greatest opportunities for wildlife viewing in all of South America.

We will experience the wonders of the Pantanal's sweeping savannahs and abundant waterways, seeing giant anteaters, toucans, monkeys, giant river otters and perhaps the elusive jaguar. We'll also explore the marshes and rainforests on excursions from our deluxe accommodations at a private ranch and wildlife reserve.

But perhaps most important, you'll enjoy the camaraderie of a wonderful group of nature lovers who will make this experience as enriching as it is memorable.

We do hope you'll join us in Brazil's Pantanal, and we can't wait to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Tiffany Sander
The National Aviary

P.S. As a special treat, you'll enjoy a complimentary flightseeing excursion over Iguazú Falls. This is bound to stand out as a highlight of your travels.

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Encounter rare wildlife including giant anteaters, giant river otters, ocelots and other wild cats.
- Observe spectacular birds — hyacinth macaws, toco toucans and jabiru storks.
- Deluxe accommodations on a private ranch
- Great opportunities for wildlife photography
- From Brazil and Argentina, explore the rainforest surrounding spectacular Iguazú Falls, one of the largest waterfalls on Earth, and enjoy a complimentary flightseeing excursion over the falls.
- Extend your experience in Rio de Janeiro and explore the surrounding environs, including Poço das Antas, the last stronghold of the rare golden lion tamarin, and Itatiaia, a center for avian endemism.