



## BRAZIL: WILDLIFE OF THE AMAZON, PANTANAL & IGUAZU FALLS - A MARCO POLO JOURNEY (2024)

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Latin America, Brazil



11 days from AU\$18,230 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

Explore Brazil's iconic rivers, wetlands and waterfalls as you immerse yourself in a world of stunning natural wonders, majestic jaguar and other exotic species.

### Journey Highlights

- Venture into the wild Pantanal, a vast wetland teeming with tapir, giant river otter, anteater, caiman and jaguar
- Join Onçafari's Jaguar Conservation Team for a thrilling day and night of tracking this elusive predator in the field
- Glide along a major black-water tributary of the Amazon as you track pink river dolphin and other animals by canoe
- Embark on an exciting nighttime safari in the Amazon, glimpsing a wild nocturnal world of predator and prey
- Feel the mist of Iguazu Falls, taking in its cascades from both the Brazilian and Argentinian sides



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Manaus, Brazil**

Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

***Hotel Villa Amazonia***

### **Day 2: Brazilian Amazon - Into The Wild**

Begin your wild adventure in the Anavilhanas Archipelago of the Brazilian Amazon, a refuge of diverse species such as river otter, giant armadillo, piranha, manatee, black caiman, pink river dolphin and spider monkey. After lunch at your secluded lodge, hike out to explore the mainland forest and learn the secrets of jungle survival. Return to the lodge as you Ride Like a Local by canoe, taking in a revealing new vantage of the river.

***Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge / Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Brazilian Amazon - Nocturnal Safari**

This morning, explore the river by wooden canoe, keeping your eyes peeled for pink river dolphin and other exotic denizens. After lunch at the lodge, set out for some hands-on target practice with traditional hunting implements. Return to the lodge for dinner. After nightfall, venture into the wilderness in search of nocturnal species.

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### **Day 4: Brazilian Amazon - Fascinating River Safari**

Today, set out on a riverine safari of Rio Negro, an Amazon tributary, encountering new species as they hunt along the riverbanks.

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### **Day 5 Campo Grande - Gateway To The Pantanal**

Rise before the sun and head to the islands to watch a rainbow of colourful, exotic birds dart against the lush canopy and dawn-painted Amazon sky. After breakfast at the lodge, transfer to the airport for your flight to Campo Grande. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

***Hotel Deville Prime Campo Grande / Meals: BL***

## **Day 6 The Pantanal - Vast Wetland Habitat**

This morning, resume your wild adventure as you transfer to your lodge secluded in the heart of the Pantanal, a vast wetland harbouring giant river otter, caiman, capybara and the elusive jaguar. Close your day with a Scenic Sundowner before dinner.

***Caiman Ecological Refuge / Meals: BLD***

## **Day 7 The Pantanal - Wild Encounters**

Set out on a guided exploration of the Pantanal on foot, scanning the canopy life. Later, delve deeper into the wilderness on a 4x4 game drive and a riverine sunset safari by canoe. After nightfall, search for nocturnal species: ocelot, anteater and jaguar.

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## **Day 8 The Pantanal - Tracking Jaguar With The Experts**

Join Onçafari's Jaguar Conservation Team for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to monitor this critical species in the field. Learn the team's tricks of the trade as you home in on jaguar, checking camera traps and searching for tracks. After nightfall, find a prime location to lie in wait as the nocturnal wetlands come alive and these elusive predators begin to stalk the Pantanal.

***Caiman Ecological Refuge / Meals: BLD***

## **Day 9 Iguazu Falls - Nature's Majesty**

Fly to Iguazu Falls and transfer to your hotel, just a short walk from the cascades. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

***Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls / Meals: BD***

## **Day 10 Iguazu Falls - The Devil's Gorge**

Today, discover the Argentine side of the falls by train, taking in spectacular views of the falls as well as the tropical flora and fauna. In the afternoon, proceed to a catwalk above the lush basin called the Devil's Gorge. For dinner this evening, head to a local home for a regionally inspired Chef's Table experience.

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## Day 11 Depart Iguazu Falls

After breakfast, explore the Brazilian side of the falls, venturing out on a catwalk for a parting glimpse of the rumbling cataracts. Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

### ***Meals: Breakfast***

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## Journey Details

Internal air included: Manaus/Campo Grande/Iguazu Falls

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 10.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

## Included with every Marco Polo Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations (Where Available)
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access (Where Available)
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

## Customise this Journey

**Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers** or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

## Map





## Accommodation

### Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls



The Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, is a Portuguese-colonial residence and a classic Belmond hotel, redolent with the atmosphere of lazy days lounging on a veranda or beneath sub-tropical palms.

The rooms are decorated in a Portuguese style and feature paintings of the local flora and fauna by the Brazilian artist Ludmilla de Montes, alongside traditional Azulejos "painted tiles" designed exclusively for Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel. The suites follow a similar decorative style, with the addition of outdoor spaces in many cases. All have lovely, marble-lined bathrooms.

This charming hotel is a fantastic location from which to experience the magnificence of the Iguassu Falls, or to explore the paths leading to the mighty Devil's Throat.

### Why we like it

- Some of the suites have private balconies. All rooms are air-conditioned
- The Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel is the only hotel within the Iguassu National Park (on the Brazilian side), and is surrounded by tropical nature alongside the Iguassu Falls

- Dining options include Ipê Grill alongside the pool and the Restaurant Itaipu - both serve international cuisine and local dishes



## Anavilhanas Lodge, Amazon



Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge is a small hotel that celebrates the natural beauty of Amazon. It tastefully blends in with nature and local culture, whilst complying with all the wildlife conservation laws.

The majority of the accommodation consists of suspended wooden structures - beautifully appointed, thatched buildings whose interiors are dominated by slick, clean lines and huge windows. In the luxury category the hotel offers four bungalows completely integrated with the forest. On a hill 10 meters above the others, overlooking the Rio Negro and the islands of the National Park, they are fitted with AC, king size beds and LCD TVs.

The Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge is a one of a kind destination where guests are immersed in pristine natural surroundings abundant with tropical wildlife.

### Why we like it

- All 16 suites are equipped with air conditioning, box beds, hot and cold water, fridge and balcony
- Anavilhanas Lodge is in the heart of the world's largest forest, across from the world's largest river archipelago and surrounded by unforgettable activities in and around the Amazon Forest rivers
- A deck and pool overlook the river and are nested among shading trees
- Other facilities include a bar and library, gaming tables and a small floating deck (which allows guests to take a river dive), whilst activities include tours through riverbanks, river margins, islands and woods

## Caiman Ecological Refuge, Pantanal



Caiman Ecological Refuge is the perfect retreat for a wild, green getaway. It's the combination of two ecolodges, a cattle ranch and conservation projects, surrounded by the wildlife of the Southern Pantanal. Stay in one of two contemporary lodges – Cordilheira Lodge sits on a wooded hillside, whilst the bird-shaped Baiazinha Lodge is a stone's throw from a crystalline lake. Both boast their own swimming pool, social area and dining room, complete with wifi, air conditioning and entertainment facilities.

Make the most of the daily activities accompanied by expert guides. Explore your surroundings with a tour on foot, by canoe or by 4x4. As night falls, venture out for an evening safari – you're likely to spot plenty of wildlife stirring under the cover of darkness. Take a field trip with the conservation team protecting the brilliant-blue hyacinth macaw, or gain an insight into the inner-workings of the on-site cattle ranch. Here, the natural beauty of Brazil is quite literally on your doorstep.

### Why we like it

- The first eco-tourism operation in the Southern Pantanal
- Ideally located for wildlife spotting
- Choose from two exclusive ecolodges, Cordilheira and Baiazinha
- Daily tours and activities are accompanied by expert naturalist guides

## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

### May 18, 2024 - May 28, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$18,230 pp</b>	AU\$6,760	Included	Call for Availability

### Aug 10, 2024 - Aug 20, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,015 pp</b>	AU\$7,070	Included	Call for Availability

### Sep 21, 2024 - Oct 1, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,015 pp</b>	AU\$7,070	Included	Call for Availability

### Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 8, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,015 pp</b>	AU\$7,070	Included	Call for Availability

### Oct 26, 2024 - Nov 5, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,015 pp</b>	AU\$7,070	Included	Call for Availability

### Nov 2, 2024 - Nov 12, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,015 pp</b>	AU\$7,070	Included	Call for Availability

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