

BRAZIL - AGUAPE LODGE



INTRODUCTION


Fours by car from Campo Grande airport in Brazil lies a remote area which has belonged to the same family for over 150 years. On this three day Pantanal adventure at the unique Pousada Aguape lodge you can experience this rich and diverse natural habitat and the myriad species for whom the Pantanal is home. Each day offers the opportunity to try out different activities – for example, fishing, boat trips, trekking, horse riding and jeep safari – and finishes with a beautiful Pantanal sunset.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Private transfer from Campo Grande to Pantanal

Assistance at the airport of Campo Grande and private transfer to the Pousada Aguapé located in Pantanal of Aquidauana. The transfer with private car and local driver from Campo Grande to the Ranch/Pousada is almost 200km and takes 3 - 4 hours (conditions of the dirt road can vary). Depending on what time you arrive, you may be able to do a tour in the afternoon. This could be piranha fishing on the lake or the Aquidauana River that is located a few metres from the Pousada. The activity schedule for the following days will be organized at the ranch with your local guide depending on group interests, weather conditions and the time of year.




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DAY 2: Pantanal day tour

You will experience two daily activities during your stay, the first commencing in the morning before the warmer mid part of the day, after breakfast and the second after lunch in the afternoon or early evening. Daily activities are scheduled based on group interests, seasonality, and current weather conditions. Here is an example of what you can expect today. Today's post breakfast activity is horse riding where you can experience how cattle farming is done here. Riding through the Pantanal's open fields, marshes, capões, ridges, streams, and bays, you encounter a rich variety of lush flora and fauna, typical of a region well preserved. The horses are calm; even those who have never ridden a horse can do this tour. There are several tracks with shorter or longer routes (you decide with your experienced local guide which one is better for you), which can be done in both the floods and dry seasons. The hottest time of the day is again yours to rest. After lunch you go for another activity that is an open Jeep photo safari. This tour gives you the opportunity to cover more ground, going through different landscapes like cerrado (patches of stunted vegetation), open grasslands, “vazantes” (low-lying areas that are often seasonally flooded), “brejos” (swamps) and bays which are permanently flooded areas. It is also the perfect way to observe the wildlife of the Pantanal. During the trip, we will stop so that you can explore by foot. By the time we return to the ranch, it will be evening and time for a nocturnal tour using a strong flashlight to observe the night animals like anteaters, foxes, capybaras, and caimans. You also will experience the sounds of frogs and insects at night and see the beautiful sky of the Pantanal.

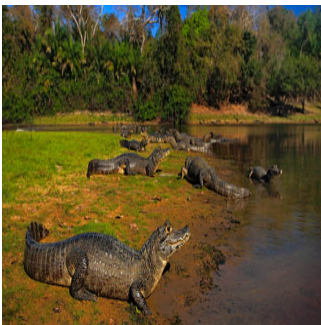


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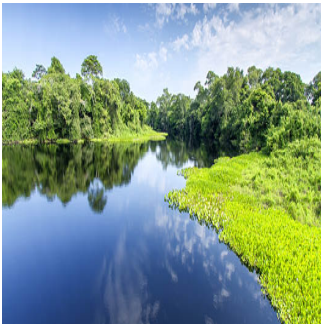
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DAY 4: Departure from Panatal to Bonito

This morning you will depart Aguape Lodge by private transfer and will be dropped off to your hotel in Bonito. Stopping along the way for an exciting afternoon tour.




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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
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Inclusions	Accommodation at the lodge Private transfers to and from airport All meals (not drinks) Two activities per day English speaking guide
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, please contact us for details.
Notes	The Aguapé Lodge is located 195 km from Campo Grande and the nearest town is Aquidauana (about 54 km to the lodge). The last 50 km of access are on a dirt road.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.