



### TRIP CODE

BRTSPLS

### **DURATION**

4 Days

### LOCATIONS

Brazil



# **INTRODUCTION**

The Pantanal is the world's largest wetlands area. Often overshadowed by the Amazon Rainforest, the Pantanal is actually considered to be the world's densest flora and fauna ecosystem; and its wide open wetland spaces make it much easier to spot wildlife (especially during the dry season where animals are easily found at watering holes). This four-night stay in the beautiful Rio Mutum ecolodge offers you the chance to get to know the Pantanal's unsurpassed natural wonders, while enjoying the comfort and hospitality of the ecolodge.

Please note that other durations are also available - including three, five and six night stays. The four night stay is our most popular itinerary.

# **ITINERARY**



### DAY 1: Arrive Pantanal

As you arrive at Cuiabá airport, you'll be warmly welcomed by a bilingual guide who will accompany you on your journey to the Pousada do Rio Mutum. En route, you'll stop at the charming village of Mimoso, the birthplace of Mal. Candido Rondon. This leisurely drive takes approximately three and a half hours and will offer ample opportunities to admire the region's scenic beauty and observe various species of birds and small mammals. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted with a friendly check-in process, followed by an informative introduction to the lodge and its surroundings. In the evening, you'll savor a delectable piranha soup before indulging in a delicious dinner. Following the meal, you'll receive a presentation outlining the exciting activities that await you during your stay at the lodge. Pousada do Rio Mutum offers a wealth of activities for guests to enjoy, such as hiking, bird watching, horseback riding, canoe trips, and visiting indigenous communities. These activities are carefully curated to provide an immersive and varied experience that showcases the region's natural splendor. \*Please note that the suggested itinerary may be subject to change due to external factors such as weather conditions and availability.



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### DAY 2: Pantanal Excursions

After breakfast, you'll have the opportunity to embark on a scenic horseback ride through the lush woods, all the way to the Siá Mariana bay's edge. This area boasts a diverse range of fauna, including various species of birds, animals, and reptiles that can be observed throughout the year. After your ride, you'll return to the lodge for a satisfying lunch. In the afternoon, you'll enjoy a tranguil boat trip along the Mutum River banks, Siá Mariana bay, and Chacororé bay. During the journey, you'll witness the breathtaking beauty of the Pantanal's diverse flora and fauna. You'll also pause to admire the stunning sunset over the Siá Mariana bay and try your hand at piranha fishing\*. Later in the evening, you'll feed the caimans with the piranhas you've caught, followed by an exciting nocturnal animals spotting adventure. \*Please be aware that fishing is not permitted from October to March in adherence to legal regulations.





### DAY 3: Pantanal Excursions

After breakfast, you will have the chance to go on an ecological walk through the jungle and open fields to observe the wildlife. The Pantanal is renowned worldwide for its diverse bird population, making it one of the best hot spots for birdwatching. You will have the opportunity to observe and photograph a wide range of species in their natural habitat, such as the hyacinth macaw, jabiru stork, and the tuiuiú, the largest bird in South America. Remember to bring your camera to capture these incredible moments. After the ecological walk, we will return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, we will embark on a boat ride for a photographic safari in the pristine Mutum River. This is a great opportunity to observe other wildlife such as giant otters, stingrays, and huge schools of small fish. At the Mutum river banks, you will also be able to observe a large variety of birds. Later in the evening, we will return to the lodge for dinner, followed by a nocturnal animal spotting excursion by jeep in the surrounding area of the lodge.



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# DAY 4: Depart Rio Mutum Lodge

Start your day early at the break of dawn (4:30 am) with a captivating canoe trip along the Mutum River. Watch the stunning sunrise and behold the fascinating wildlife that thrives in the Pantanal during the early hours of the day. After the canoe trip, you'll return to the lodge for breakfast and check-out. We'll then transfer you to the Cuiabá airport, marking the end of your unforgettable journey in the Pantanal.



	INCLUSIONS & DETAILS
Accommodation	Comfortable Jungle Lodge
Inclusions	All expeditions from the lodge, airport transfers to the lodge, accommodation, all meals.
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	US\$ 600



Internal flights not included in this tour. Price quoted is

for twin room.

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**Price Dependent upon** Season and availability

# **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.

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