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INTRODUCTION

This is our highlights tour of Brazil for wildlife lovers. This exciting holiday begins at Iguazu Falls, which can be accessed from numerous hubs across Latin America. With tours of both the Brazilian and Argentina sides of the falls, you will have the opportunities to see these awesome falls from every possible angle. Continue to the famous and not to be missed Rio de Janeiro with its iconic skyline and beaches of beautiful people. Continue to the awesome Amazon Rainforest for a jungle experience you will never forget. Spend a few days immersed in the forest as you are expertly guided through the immense vegetation, waterways and lakes. From here, travel south to the incredible Pantanal wetlands, one of the world's top wildlife hotspots. Here there is far less vegetation, so sightings are far more common, the sunsets are also out of this world!

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Iguazu

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service includes driver and local English speaking guide.



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DAY 1: Iguazu

The spectacular Iguazu Falls that straddle the Argentine-Brazil border, are made up of 275 individual waterfalls lining a 2.7km wide horseshoe-shaped gorge. The Falls are located where the Iguazu River cascades over the edge of the Paraná Plateau. The Falls can be viewed from both the Argentinian and the Brazilian sides, the Brazilian side offering a broader, panoramic view, with the Argentinian side offering a series of catwalks that allow you to experience the Falls from close range.



DAY 1: Half Day Tour - Iguazu Falls - Brazilian side

Today we see the falls from the Brazilian side of the border. After arriving at the visitor centre, we board buses for a tour of the park. Equipped with panoramic windows, the buses are designed to maximize your views of the falls, while the walkways and steps allow you to get up close to the spray. Views of the Floriania Falls, the Devil's Gorge Canyon and the Iguazu River are spectacular and are guaranteed to impress.



DAY 2: Iguazu Falls - Argentinean Side


After an early morning pick up from your hotel, we travel to the Argentinean side of the Iguazu Falls. Beginning at the visitor's centre, we take a ride on the Rainforest Ecological train before exploring the upper and lower circuit footbridges. The footbridges, which are raised off the jungle floor, provide panoramic views from above and below the falls. A visit to Devil's Gorge arguably the most spectacular falls, is one of the day's highlights.



DAY 3: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



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DAY 3: Arrival Transfer in Rio de Janeiro


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DAY 3: Rio de Janeiro

Known as the "Cidade Maravilhosa", or Marvellous City, Rio never fails to amaze with its sandy beaches, carefree lifestyle and unparalleled natural beauty. As the capital of Brazil until 1960, Rio is today one of the most culturally and economically prominent cities in the country, receiving more tourists than any other part of Brazil.



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DAY 4: Corcovado & Sugarloaf with Lunch

After departing from the hotel, the tour takes a scenic drive from Copacabana beach, continuing along Botafogo beach and passing the Palácio Guanabara, official residence of the State's Governor, on the way to Corcovado Hill (704m), and the greatest national icon - The Christ Redeemer of Rio de Janeiro. Here, you will have time to enjoy panoramic views of Rio and appreciate the giant statue, which was recently named as one of the seven new wonders of the world. From here, the tour continues to the district of Urca and the world-famous Sugar Loaf, where you will board the first cable car to the top of Urca Hill (215m), which offers spectacular views of Guanabara Bay. A second cable car will take you on to the Sugar Loaf (395m), giving you a chance to take in the spectacular 360-degree views of the city and surrounds. Upon descending from the Sugarloaf, we pass through the famous beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema en route to a traditional Brazilian BBQ lunch at a local Churrascaria (lunch is included - all beverages are at your own expense). Following lunch, the tour continues with a visit to the Maracanã Stadium (Bellini's statue and Hall of Fame. Entry into the stadium is not included) and a stop at the Sambadrome. While in the city's historic downtown area, you will have a chance to see the Duque de Caxias Palace, Itamaraty Palace, Tiradentes Square and Lapa Arches, followed by a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral. From here the tour will also make a quick stop to visit the Selaron Stairs, an amazing urban work of art by the late Jorge Selaron. Returning to the hotel along Aterro do Flamengo, we pass by the Monument to the Fallen in World War II and the beaches of Flamengo and Botafogo. Lunch and all entrance fees (for Corcovado & Sugarloaf) are included.



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DAY 5: Rio de Janeiro - Free Day

Famed for its breathtaking setting, Rio is undoubtedly one of the most attractive cities in the world. Enjoy your day at leisure by exploring some of its remarkable sites or take the opportunity to relax on one of Rio's famous beaches such as Ipanema or Copacabana.



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DAY 6: Transfer to the airport for onward destination


You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.



DAY 6: Amazon Ecopark Lodge - Arrival

On arrival into Manaus you will be met and transferred from Manaus airport to the Amazon Ecopark Lodge, a 30 minute boat ride away, on the banks of the Rio Taruma. After settling in to your comfortable room, we visit the Monkey Jungle Reserve and marvel at the many different species of very playful and friendly monkeys. The Monkey Jungle is a centre for the rehabilitation of primates that were rescued from illegal traders or from areas of Brazil that have been flooded or burned. Many of the monkeys are orphans. On arrival the animals receive any necessary veterinary treatment and time to acclimatize to their new home, before being released into the wild. Species of monkeys at the Monkey Jungle include the Spider monkey, Woolly monkey, Squirrel monkey and Capuchin monkey. Later in the evening, a delicious dinner will be followed by a trip by canoe to spot alligators.



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DAY 7: Amazon Ecopark Lodge - Nature Hike

We awake to the fresh morning mist and the magical sounds of the jungle coming alive. After breakfast we set off on a Nature Hike: with over two million species of flora and fauna the thick, impenetrable jungle will have you in awe of its immensity! There are around 10kms of jungle trails in the Ecopark area, which includes virgin rainforest, natural savannahs, creeks and crystal clear streams. The guide teaches you how to find potable water, how to improvise a shelter from natural resources found in the jungle, what plants can be eaten as well as basic orientation and first aid. We return to the lodge for lunch and time to relax, after which we visit the homes of caboclos or local Amazonian residents. Learn about their traditions and customs, the history of the Amazon, how cassava meal is prepared and the rubber cycle including how they smoke the extracted rubber sap. There is also the opportunity for piranha fishing. The notorious piranha is perhaps the most feared freshwater fish in the world. However, it is a common misconception that they are vicious man-eaters and the majority of species are not carnivorous. They make a delicious meal, if you manage to catch them ... with the help of our experts!



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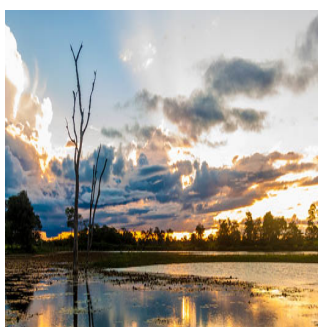
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DAY 8: Amazon Ecopark Lodge - Meeting of the Waters

This morning we depart on a full day tour to the "Meeting of the Waters", a remarkable phenomenon where the black water of the Rio Negro converges with the lighter muddy brown water of the Rio Solimões before they finally merge to form the mighty Amazon River. The two rivers are different temperatures and run at different speeds alongside each other without mixing for several kilometres, in what is known as the "Meeting of the Waters". Following this excursion we have the option of more piranha fishing from canoes. We return to the lodge in the early evening for dinner and another atmospheric night in the jungle.



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DAY 9: Depart from Manaus

After breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Manaus airport for your onward flight.



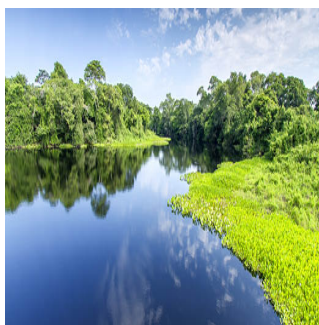
DAY 9: Pousada Piuval: Arrival

Welcome to the Pantanal, a UK-sized montage of seasonally flooded savannahs and tropical forests, which expand across millions of hectares of central-western Brazil, eastern Bolivia and eastern Paraguay. With its extraordinarily concentrated and varied flora and fauna and diverse ecological sub-regions, the Pantanal stands as one of the world's great natural wonders. Today we meet you at Cuiaba airport, and travel to the lodge around 110km away. Built on a 7,000-hectare cattle farm, Piuval is surrounded by some of the most beautiful landscape in the Pantanal. On arrival you will have a chance to settle in before we set off on foot with our expert guides in search of wildlife. We return to the lodge to enjoy dinner.



DAY 10: Pousada Piuval: Horseback riding

The lodge's surrounding waterways, grasslands and forests makes it ideal for wildlife spotting and this morning we set off on horseback to explore this vast terrain. We return to the lodge for lunch before boarding motorized boat for a river safari and a spot of piranha fishing. The pousada's pool bordered by lounges and hammocks hung invitingly under the trees provide you with the perfect place to relax in between each adventure. Dinner is served at the lodge.



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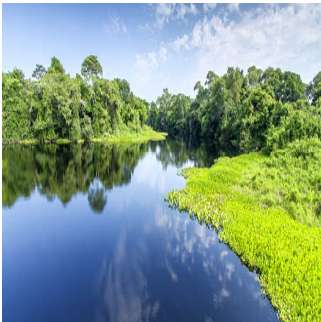
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DAY 11: Pousada Piuval: Photographic Safari


This morning chose between a horse riding safari or boat trip before lunching at the lodge. This afternoon we head off in the jeeps for a photographic safari and after dinner this evening we set off for some alligator spotting.



DAY 12: Pousada Piuval: Departure

We rise early and set off on foot to see the Pantanal at sunrise, one of the best times of day for wildlife spotting. We return to Cuiaba in time for your outgoing flight.



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| Accommodation | Standard |
| Inclusions | Guided tours and excursions Accommodation Ground transfers Transport Internal Flights Breakfasts Other meals where specified |
| Difficulty Rating | 1 (easy) |
| Single Surcharge | Available upon request |
| Notes | Contact us for more details |
| Price Dependent upon | Season and availability |

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations

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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 structured 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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