

THE PANTANAL AND THE AMAZON:

The world's largest wetlands
and the world's largest jungle

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Tour Highlights

- Viewing wild jaguars in their natural habitat, the world's largest tropical wetland
- The unique scenery of the Pantanal's vast, seasonally flooded plain
- Spotting giant anteaters, tapirs, capybaras, anacondas, giant river otters, and piranhas on safari expeditions
- Scenic train journey to Machu Picchu
- Cruising the Amazon on an elegant 42-guest expedition river vessel



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Tour overview

This journey takes you into three of South America's most iconic and contrasting landscapes—the world's largest wetlands, the world's biggest jungle and one of the world's great archeological sites. It's a truly Blue Dot experience: full of wildlife and natural wonders.

The Pantanal region stretches across nearly 200,000 square kilometres—a vast mosaic of rivers, lagoons, and floodplains where wildlife thrives on a scale found nowhere else. In Brazil, we have carefully chosen two lodges with the best wildlife viewing opportunities – from capybaras and caimans to the elusive jaguar. Your days will be filled with guided walks, river safaris and exploration with local naturalists who are experts in the ecology of the region.

Spanning across nine countries, the sheer scale of the Amazon Jungle is a wonder in itself. Journey into the heart of the Peruvian Amazon on board the Delfin III, where floor-to-ceiling windows frame endless rainforest views.

Guided by expert naturalists, explore winding tributaries, spot vibrant wildlife, walk canopy walkways, and meet river communities. It's an intimate, curated experience that blends comfort with the raw beauty of the world's greatest rainforest.

Throughout this journey, you'll enjoy quality accommodation, a variety of meals, plus amazing wildlife sightings and landscapes with expert local guiding that brings these regions to life.



Activity rating: Moderate

You must be capable of walking up to 8,000 steps daily; occasionally ascending 3-4 flights of steps; standing at attractions for 1-2 hours; boarding and disembarking transport unaided and handling your own luggage.

Day 1: Friday 3rd September AUSTRALIA – SAO PAULO VIA SANTIAGO

Depart Australia for Santiago, Chile, and connect to São Paulo. Overnight: São Paulo **D**

Day 2: Saturday 4th September SAO PAULO

After breakfast, the group will take a guided day tour of this vibrant city, which is Brazil's leading financial centre. Your tour will include Park Ibirapuera, the Cathedral of São Paulo, the Pateo do Colégio historical area, the local farmers' produce market, Batman Street art and points of interest along Paulista Street. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight: Sao Paulo **B/D**

Day 3: Sunday 5th September SAO PAULO – CUIABA

This morning we'll fly from São Paulo to Cuiabá – the gateway to the world's most extensive wetlands. On arrival, we'll transfer to our hotel, where we'll stay for just the one night before travelling deep inside the Pantanal. Overnight: Cuiabá **B/D**

Day 4: Monday 6th September CAIMAN LODGE

Today we fly from the city of Cuiaba to Campo Grande on one or more small planes, depending on the group size. Then, we'll overland transfer (about 3.5 hours) to the lovely Caiman Lodge, where we'll stay for three nights. Check in and enjoy the lodge's surroundings before having dinner. Overnight: Caiman Lodge **B/D**

Day 5: Tuesday 7th September CAIMAN LODGE

The group will participate in various activities throughout the day. You'll have the opportunity to learn about the wildlife of the Pantanal with professional naturalists. Activities will include wildlife safaris, ecological walks, night explorations to view the nocturnal wildlife and canoeing for those interested. Overnight: Caiman Lodge **B/L/D**

Day 6: Wednesday 8th September CAIMAN LODGE

There are more activities today focusing mainly on the wildlife. Enjoy the lodge's facilities during any downtime. Overnight: Caiman Lodge **B/L/D**

Day 7: Thursday 9th September TRANSFER TO PORTO JOFRE – SOUTHWILD JAGUAR SUITES

After breakfast and a morning safari, the group will return to the lodge for lunch before taking a charter flight to Porto Jofre, a small settlement on the Cuiaba River. From here, we will take a boat transfer to the Southwild Jaguar Suites, where we will stay for three nights. Overnight: Southwild Jaguar Suites **B/L/D**

Day 8: Friday 10th September SOUTHWILD JAGUAR SUITES

The jaguar suites offer unmatched viewing of these big cats. Located in the epicentre of "Jaguarland," guests enjoy minimal – if any – commute time to sightings. Jaguars are frequently seen patrolling the riverbanks just metres from the suites. Each of the floating suites is a 30-square-metre haven, featuring floor-to-ceiling, 3.6-metre-wide glass doors that open onto a private screened porch with panoramic views of the river and forest. The suites are surrounded by pristine wilderness, where the sounds of howler monkeys, giant otters, and hundreds of bird species create a symphony of the wild. Despite being in a remote location, the suites are fully air-conditioned and include en-suite bathrooms, ensuring comfort without compromising the immersive experience. This is not just a stay—it's a front-row seat to one of the most thrilling wildlife spectacles imaginable. Overnight: Southwild Jaguar Suites **B/L/D**

Day 9: Saturday 11th September SOUTHWILD JAGUAR SUITES

Your days at the suites will start with a buffet breakfast and then include wildlife spotting both from the lodge and also out on boating expeditions, in an effort to witness a variety of wildlife residing in the region. The owners of the lodge own and patrol around 7,500 acres of pristine "Jaguarland". Tourists inevitably enjoy excellent sightings. Many of the famous photos of jaguars seen in magazines and shown on TV documentaries around the world are taken from this lodge. You'll have the opportunity to learn about the jaguars and other cats from the on-site naturalist. Overnight: Southwild Jaguar Suites **B/L/D**

Day 10 Sunday 12th September TO BRASILIA

Today, we say goodbye to the wetlands and head back to Brasilia for an overnight stay near the airport before heading to Lima for our next adventure. Overnight: Cuiabá **B/D**



Day 11: Monday 13th September BRASILIA – PERU – CUSCO**Note: Talk to us about an option if you visited Machu Picchu**

If you have not visited Peru's most famous destination, this is a fabulous opportunity to do so. The city stands at around 3,400 m above sea level so that some folks may feel a little lethargic on arrival. Today, we will take a leisurely stroll around town to adjust.

Overnight: Cusco **B/D**

Day 12: Tuesday 14th September CUSCO – AGUAS CALIENTES

This morning, take the 4-hour scenic train from Cusco to Aguas Calientes and check into the hotel for one night. In the afternoon, you'll explore the township or relax in hot springs and browse the local markets as you please. Overnight: Aguas Calientes **B/D**

Day 13: Wednesday 15th September AGUAS CALIENTES – MACHU PICCHU – CUSCO

Today you'll take the 30-minute shuttle bus to the ancient Machu Picchu site, where you'll have a full day's guided tour. Marvel at this Incan citadel set high in the Andes Mountains. Built in the 15th century and later abandoned, it's renowned for its sophisticated dry-stone walls, which fuse huge blocks without the use of mortar, as well as intriguing buildings that play on astronomical alignments and offer panoramic views. You'll return to Cusco late in the afternoon. Overnight: Cusco **B/D**

Day 14: Thursday 16th September. CUSCO – SACRED VALLEY – CUSCO

Today involves a full-day tour of the Sacred Valley. You'll take in Pisac, Ollantayambo, and the local markets. Along with Cusco and the ancient city of Machu Picchu, this area formed the heart of the Inca Empire. Stretching roughly 60 kilometres, it's an area of fertile farmland and Spanish colonial villages. Overnight: Cusco **B/D**

Day 15: Friday 17th September FLY TO IQUITOS, PERU

Today, the group will fly from Cusco to Iquitos via Lima. The group will stay for just the one night. All flights and transfers are subject to confirmation. Overnight: Iquitos **B/D**

Day 16: Saturday 18th September

Today, everyone will transfer from the city of Iquitos to the smaller port city of Nauta and board the stunning Delphin III, where you'll enjoy a four-night stay with all meals provided. Overnight: Delphin III **B/L/D**

Day 17/18/19: Sunday 19th September – September 21st AMAZON RIVER CRUISE

Over the next few days, you'll explore the Peruvian Amazon in luxury aboard the fabulous vessel that has a maximum of 44 guests. Your skipper will navigate winding jungle waterways, seeking out an array of diverse wildlife. You'll glide past giant lily pads, gaze up at majestic ceiba trees, and soak in breathtaking sunsets reflected on the tranquil lakes hidden within the vast Amazon. There's also an opportunity to connect with local ribereños communities, whose lives and culture we help sustain through our visit. Overnight: Delphin III **B/L/D**

Day 20: Saturday 22nd September DISEMBARK AND TRANSFER FOR FLIGHT TO LIMA

Today, we say farewell to Delphin III and depart for Iquitos and then on to Lima. Connect for your flight home or stay overnight, depending on flight schedules. Overnight: Lima **B**

Day 21: IN TRANSIT – Depart today for home or to your next destination. B



Accommodation

Our hotels are carefully chosen in an effort to support local communities and to place you in a location that is ideal for experiencing the wildlife. You can expect your accommodation to be a mix of standard hotels, eco-lodges, and independently owned establishments, with one stay on a luxury river vessel. Below are examples of some of our accommodations for this tour:

Caiman Lodge, Pantanal, Brazil
www.aiman.com.br

South Wild Flotel and Jaguar Suites
www.southwild.com

Delfin Amazon Cruises
www.delfinamazoncruises.com

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- Hands on, personalised service including customised flight bookings
- Tipping included in your tour cost

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Enquiries and bookings

A \$500 deposit is required to secure your booking. For more information:

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