

Sandwich Bird Tours

BRAZIL JUNE 25-JULY 8 PLUS FLIGHT DAYS

WITH SERRA DOS TUCANOS

North Pantanal 2020

The Pantanal offers any birder or wildlife enthusiast the perfect combination of great birding and mammal spotting opportunities! The habitat is “birder friendly” as it’s relatively open which makes birding slightly easier and a little more relaxing.

It is one of the best places in the world to see the endangered and stunning Hyacinth Macaw, 100’s of Jabiru Storks, Maguari Storks, Wood Storks, Herons and Ibises, waterfowl and literally 1000’s of Caimans, this together with excellent chances of seeing Jaguar, fantastic photographic opportunities and spectacular scenery makes a trip to the Pantanal a must!

We will spend 9 days within the world’s largest freshwater wetland, that covers approximately 195.000 km². During this time we shall travel all the way to the end of the famous Transpantaneira dirt road (145km), well known for its amazing birds and wildlife. Once at the end of the Transpantaneira road we will spend 2 full days based at the Hotel Pantanal Norte at Porto Jofre where we will take daily boat trips looking for various species of birds and our main mammal target, South Americas largest cat.... the mighty Jaguar!

Day 1 June 25th

Arrival at the airport in Cuiaba and transfer to Pouso Alegre Lodge. Overnight.

Upon arrival into Cuiaba we will be met by our guide and take the 1.5 hour drive to the beginning of the famous Transpantaneira road. Upon arrival at the start of the Transpantaneira we have a further 30km to travel to our first lodge. Along the way we will be moving at a slow pace and making several stops to watch many species including Snail Kite, Black-collared Hawk, Cocoi Heron, Bare-faced Ibis, Roseatte Spoonbill, Greater Rhea, Red-legged Seriema, Striated Heron, Ringed, Amazon and Green Kingfishers, Jabiru, Snowy and Great Egrets and Cocoi Heron. These species all provide fantastic photographic opportunities and it’s hard to know where to look as there is so much going on!

We will arrive at our accommodation and hope to see species such as the stunning Hyacinth Macaw, American Wood Stork, Great Rufous Woodcreeper, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Black-fronted Nunbird and Bat Falcon. We will spend some time in the lodge grounds and after dinner do some spotlighting looking for Brazilian Tapir, Southern Tamandua and various other mammals and night birds.

Day 2 June 26

We will be up early to give us our best opportunity of seeing the wonderful Giant Anteater! We will spend the morning in and around the lodge grounds and after lunch move onto our next lodge, the Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso. After check in and a short break we will head out on our first boat trip along the Pixaim River looking for species such as Black-collared Hawk, Great-black Hawk, Zig Zag Heron, Agami Heron, Sungrebe and hopefully our first views of Giant River Otters! This boat trip is particularly good for flight shots of various species. We will spend the night at the Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso.

Day 3 June 27

After an early breakfast we will spend the morning along the forested tracks out the back of the hotel looking for species such as Helmeted Manakin, Golden-collared Macaw and Mato Grosso Antbird amongst others.

After lunch we will check out and continue along the Transpantaneira road, along the way we will make several stops looking for species such as White Woodpecker, Green-barred Woodpecker, Crested Oropendola, Blue-fronted Parrot, Buff-necked Ibis, Plumbeous Ibis, Scarlet-headed Blackbird, Rusty-collared Seedeater, Black-capped Donacobius, Golden-collared Macaw, Lineated Woodpecker, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Maguari Stork, Laughing Falcon, Whistling Heron, White-faced Whistling Duck, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Muscovy Duck, Bare-faced Curassow, Blue-throated Piping-Guan, Bay-winged Cowbird, Giant Cowbird, Cooi Heron, Sungrebe and Sunbittern together with all five species of South American kingfishers, Ringed, Amazon, Green, Green and Rufous and the Pygmy.

Upon arrival at Porto Jofre we check in for the next 3 nights. If time allows we will go spotlighting for nocturnal wildlife.

Days 4 and 5 June 28-29 MAJOR HIGHLIGHT

We will spend two full days exploring the Pantanal by boat. After our breakfasts we will take boat rides both up and down stream searching for **JAGUAR** and other mammals such as Giant River Otters, Capybaras and the rare Tapir. Some of the target birds for this area include Black Skimmer, Yellow-billed Tern, Large-billed Tern, Pied Plover, Collared Plover, Crested Oropendola, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Black-collared Hawk, White-wedged Piculet, Black-fronted Nunbird, Bare-faced Curassow, Rusty-backed Spinetail, and at the end of the day we hope to see Band-tailed Nighthawks flying above the water.

We saw five Jaguars in one day on our last trip.

Day 6 June 30

After breakfast we will spend a couple of hours in the lodge grounds enjoying some more views of the Hyacinth Macaw, Toco Toucan, Purplish Jay, Buff-necked Ibis and various other species before our departure back along the Transpantaneira to our next lodge, Rio Claro.

The Rio Claro lodge is great for various species of birds such as Little Woodpecker, the amazing Red-billed Scythebill, Great-rufous Woodcreeper and Black-bellied Antwren amongst others. After dinner there will be an opportunity for some spotlighting.

Day 7 July 1

After breakfast we will head out on another boat trip where we hope to see Giant River Otters again together with various species of birds including Jabiru, Black-collared Hawk, Great Black Hawk, Sungrebe and Golden-collared Macaw amongst others. After lunch we will transfer to our final lodge of the tour, Piuval.

Piuval lodge is located in a fantastic area and has a large marshland at the front of the lodge. This can be excellent for getting close to species such as Rufescent Tiger Heron, Bare-faced Ibis, Buff-necked Ibis, Wattled Jacana, Little-blue Heron, Nacunda Nighthawk and Greater Rhea. After dinner we will head out for some spotlighting and hope to see Great-horned Owl, and maybe even Ocelot!

Day 8 July 2

After breakfast we will spend a full day around Piuval Lodge, the marshland and forested areas. We will head out pre-breakfast in hope of seeing both Giant and Southern Anteaters. After breakfast we will head off into some forested areas and hope to see species such as Dull-capped Attila, Band-tailed Antbird, Planalto Slaty-Antshrike, Yellowish Pipit, Undulated Tinamou and various other species. There is also chance of seeing Jaguar and Tapir.

After dinner there will be another chance for spotlighting.

Day 9 July 3

After breakfast we will depart back to Cuiaba for our flights back to Sao Paulo and for those doing the Atlantic forest extension we will fly onto Rio de Janeiro.

Approximate prices for 2020

Group of 06 people: US\$4515.00 per person in double room (approx £3475 --04.10.2018)

Group of 07 people: US\$4255.00 per person in double room (approx £3275)

Group of 08 people: US\$4120.00 per person in double room (approx £3170)

Single Supplement US\$460,00

We need to allow approx another £170 on top for the three internal flights. £120 if not doing the extension.

Included in the above cost:

All overnights, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), all ground transportation (with mineral water and air conditioning), open truck at the Piuval Lodge, bilingual guide full time, 02 days boat ride at Porto Jofre, 06 hours boat ride at the Rio Claro Lodge and Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso.

Not included in the above cost:

Internal and international flights, laundry service, beverages, telephone calls, personal travel and medical insurance and any other personal items.

Extension with:

**SERRA DOS TUCANOS
BIRDING TOURS BRAZIL**



Atlantic forest extension 2020

Serra dos Tucanos Birding Tours has been offering expertly led birding tours to the Atlantic rainforest of south-east Brazil for over 15 years. Previously based at Serra dos Tucanos Lodge we have now relocated to a fantastic eco-lodge surrounded by rainforest at an altitude of 1200m. Tucked away in its own private valley of 50 acres, the property is located within the 58.790ha Tres Picos State Park. The lodge offers comfortable accommodation together with great birding opportunities and easy access to a whole host of other birding sites within the local area.

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Day 1: July 3 Arrival into Rio de Janeiro, 2.5 hour transfer to our accommodation

Upon arrival at the lodge we will quickly settle in and spend the remainder of the day birding around the lodges grounds and trails. Species we hope to see include Black Hawk-Eagle, Spot-winged Wood-Quail, Maroon-bellied Parakeet, Scale-throated Hermit, Plovercrest, Violet-capped Woodnymph, White-throated Hummingbird, Brazilian Ruby, Black-throated trogon, Spot-billed Toucanet, Yellow-browed Woodpecker, Pallid Spinetail, White-collared Foliage-gleaner, White-throated Woodcreeper, Scaled Woodcreeper, Black-billed Scythebill, Bertoni's Antbird, Ochre-rumped Antbird, Brazilian Antthrush, Blue Manakin, Pin-tailed Manakin, White-rimmed Warbler, Fawn-breasted, Golden-chevroned Azure shouldered, Ruby-crowned and Brassy-breasted Tanagers, Uniform Finch and Green-winged Saltator.

Day 2: July 4 High Altitude Excursion to Pico de Caladonia

This full day excursion is aimed at seeing the small number of endemics that exist above 1500 metres. Our day begins with a 20 minute drive to get as high as possible towards 2000 metres in altitude. This depends heavily upon the weather and road conditions. Once at our destination we leave the transport behind for the remainder of the day and start our days birding. As we gain altitude and continue our walk up a steep road we see a change in the habitat, small stunted trees surrounded by bamboo and other low vegetation provide the first areas in which we hope to see Bay-chested Warbling Finch, Diademed Tanager, Blue-billed Black Tyrant and Rufous-tailed Antbird. As we walk further uphill we begin to enter the habitat where we stand a good chance of seeing the rare and endemic Grey-winged Cotinga, Serra do Mar Tyrannulet, Swallow-tailed Cotinga and Black and Gold Cotinga. We shall also try in this area for Brazilian Antthrush and Mouse-coloured Tapaculo. Almost at the summit we hope to encounter the rare and endemic Itatiaia Thistle-tail.

Day 3: July 5 Lodge grounds full day

Today we will spend a full day in the Lodge grounds walking the Blue Circular Trail and the Orchid Garden Trail. These two trails offer fantastic birding through native bamboo, primary and secondary forest giving us the chance of seeing many Atlantic forest endemics without even leaving the Lodge grounds! Today we hope to see some of the following species: Brown Tinamou, Dusky-legged Guan, Spot-winged Wood-Quail, Black Hawk-Eagle, Black and White Hawk-Eagle, Barred Forest-Falcon, Maroon-bellied Parakeet, Scaly-headed Parrot, Scale-throated Hermit, White-throated Hummingbird, Plovercrest, Brazilian Ruby, Surucua and Black-throated Trogon, Saffron and Spot-billed Toucanet, Yellow-eared and Yellow-browed Woodpecker, Rufous-capped, Pallid, Grey-bellied and Chicli Spinetail, White-browed, White-collared, Buff-browed and Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner, White-throated, Lesser, Scaled and Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Black-billed Scythebill, Giant and Variable Antshrike, Star-throated Antwren, Bertonis, Ochre-rumped and Dusky-tailed Antbird, Rufous-backed Antvireo, Rufous-tailed Antthrush, Cryptic Antthrush, Rufous Gnatcatcher, Spotted Bamboo-wren, Mouse-coloured Tapaculo, White-breasted Tapaculo, Grey-capped Tyrannulet, Grey-hooded Flycatcher, Drab-breasted Bamboo-Tyrant, Grey-hooded Attila, Bare-throated Bellbird (absent April - July), Sharpbill, Greenish Schiffornis, Rufous-crowned Greenlet, Yellow-legged Thrush, White-rimmed Warbler, Half-collared Sparrow, Chestnut-headed, Black-goggled, Ruby-crowned, Azure-shouldered, Golden-chevroned, Fawn-breasted, Brassy-breasted and Burnished-buff Tanager, Uniform Finch and Green-winged Saltator.

Day 4: July 6 Three-toed Jacamar and open country birding

Many birders who visit south-east Brazil go in search of the endemic Three-toed Jacamar. On this full day excursion we visit several sites where this bird is regularly found. Along the way we pass through a variety of habitats and cover a fair distance (140 km) stopping regularly en-route to look for other species. Our target bird is the Three-toed Jacamar (!), however... other birds we could encounter include Whistling and Capped Heron, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Savanna Hawk, White-tailed Hawk, Laughing Falcon, Aplomado Falcon, Red-legged Seriema, Blue-winged Macaw, White-eyed Parakeet, Blue-winged Parrotlet, Striped Cuckoo, Planalto Hermit, Glittering-bellied Emerald, Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Amethyst Woodstar, White-eared Puffbird, Crescent-chested Puffbird, Black-necked Aracari, White Woodpecker, Band-tailed Hornero, Orange-eyed Thornbird, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, Grey and White-rumped Monjita, Streamer-tailed Tyrant, Yellow-browed Tyrant, Long-tailed Tyrant, White-rumped and Tawny-headed Swallow, Black-capped Donacobius, Curl-crested Jay, Magpie, Hooded, Hepatic, Brazilian and Gilt-edged Tanagers and Hooded Siskin.

Day 5: July 7 Cedae and Theodoro Trails full day

After a 35 minute drive from the lodge we arrive at the beginning of the Cedae Trail. We will spend the morning birding this great trail that starts at approximately 600m in altitude. Our targets for this morning include Plain Parakeet, Saw-billed Hermit, Black-throated Trogon, Rufous-capped Motmot, Buff-bellied Puffbird, Saffron and Spot-billed Toucanet, Channel-billed Toucan, White-barred Piculet, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, White-browed Foliage Gleaner, Pale-browed Treehunter, Black-capped Foliage Gleaner, White-eyed Foliage Gleaner, Plain-winged Woodcreeper, Lesser Woodcreeper, Spot-backed Antshrike, Rufous-capped Antthrush, Spot-breasted and Plain Antvireo, Star-throated Antwren, Ferruginous Antbird, Streak-capped Antwren, White-shouldered Fire-Eye, Black-cheeked Gnatcatcher, Blue Manakin, Pin-tailed Manakin, Grey-hooded Flycatcher, Oustalet's Tyrannulet, Eared Pygmy-Tyrant, Black-tailed Tityra, Rufous-headed, Yellow-backed, Olive-green, Flame-crested, Green-headed and Red-necked Tanagers and Black-throated Grosbeak. After birding this trail we will then take a short drive to the beginning of the Theodoro Trail. Commencing at 1100m in altitude this path offers superb birding. Birds that can be seen include Mantled Hawk, Plain Parakeet, Scale-throated Hermit, White-throated Hummingbird, Surucua Trogon, Yellow-eared Woodpecker, Yellow-browed Woodpecker, Streaked Xenops, White-browed Foliage Gleaner, Buff-fronted Foliage Gleaner, Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, White-throated Woodcreeper, Variable Antshrike, Star-throated Antwren, White-shouldered Fire-eye, Slaty Bristlefront, Brazilian Antthrush, Variegated Antpitta, Sharpbill, Grey-hooded Atilla and Brazilian Laniisoma.

Day 6: July 8 If time allows the morning will be spent birding the lodges grounds and trails in search of any new species before departure back to Rio de Janeiro.

Night Birding: Within the Itororo Lodge grounds we are lucky enough to have Long-trained Nightjars, Pauraque, Short-tailed Nighthawk, Tropical Screech-Owl, Rusty-barred Owl, Striped Owl and various other

night birds yet to be discovered! During the course of the itinerary we will go out searching for various species on 2 nights.

Approximate prices for 2020

Group of 06 people: £1555.00 per person in double room

Group of 07 people: £1450.00 per person in double room

Group of 08+ people: £1365.00 per person in double room

Single Supplement £285.00

THE ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

5 nights full board accommodation on a twin/double share basis

Fully guided 6 day itinerary

All ground transportation

Mineral water, tea and coffee

WiFi

THE FOLLOWING IS NOT INCLUDED:

International and domestic flights

Beverages

Laundry service

Telephone calls

Personal travel and medical insurance

Any other personal item

A couple of trip reports you may find of interest.

www.sandwichbirdtours.co.uk/trip_reports/20160217brazil_sept2015trip_report.pdf

www.sandwichbirdtours.co.uk/trip_reports/Brazil_2007_trip_report.pdf

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