



WANDER WILD PANTANAL

September 19 - 26, 2027



INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Life Changing, World Changing

Dear Travelers,

As we approach the **50th anniversary of the International Wildlife Film Festival**, I can't think of a better way to celebrate than by inviting you on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Brazil's **Pantanal**. This milestone is so much more than a number – it represents five decades of culture and conservation coming together. And to honor that legacy, we're taking the festival's spirit **beyond the screen and into the wild, September 19 – 26, 2027**, embarking on an adventure that marries our love of storytelling with hands-on wildlife exploration.

For half a century, the IWFF has **promoted awareness and understanding of wildlife and habitat through the power of film**. Year after year at the Roxy Theater – the cherished home of IWFF – we've shared packed theaters with a community eager to learn about our world and be inspired. We've watched stunning stories of nature unfold on screen, from heartfelt conservation documentaries to breathtaking wildlife dramas, all with one goal: to inspire wonder and protect our planet. **Founded in 1977 by bear biologist Chuck Jonkel**, IWFF is the **oldest and longest-running wildlife film festival** of its kind. Its cultural impact over the decades has been profound – sparking conversations, forging friendships, and nurturing a global community bound by a passion for nature.

To honor our 50th year, it's time to **live the very stories we've been celebrating**. That's why we're thrilled to partner with Rewild Safaris to invite you to the Pantanal, often called "*Brazil's wild heart*." The Pantanal is **one of the planet's most extraordinary ecosystems – a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world's largest tropical wetland**. Its ecological importance is hard to overstate: this vast mosaic of rivers, marshes, and forests is teeming with life, home to **over 650 species of birds and**

around 100 species of mammals. Picture yourself drifting along a quiet waterway at dawn as flocks of macaws and herons take flight overhead, or scanning the riverbanks for the elusive jaguar. Every sunrise and sunset here is truly *“a photographer’s dream and a storyteller’s paradise”*. You won’t just observe incredible wildlife – you’ll be immersed in it, crafting your own stories with every encounter.

Storytelling is at the heart of conservation, and it’s the heart of this trip as well. Just as our films use storytelling to bridge the gap between people and nature, this journey will let you create personal narratives that connect you even more deeply to the natural world. Imagine ending each day under the Pantanal’s brilliant stars, sharing stories with fellow travelers about that day’s adventures – the family of giant river otters playfully swimming alongside our boat, or the moment a community of caimans emerged silently from the marsh. These are the kinds of vivid, unscripted moments that stay with you forever. They remind us *why* we conserve: because we’ve looked into the eyes of a jaguar or listened to the chorus of wetlands at dusk, and we’ve been moved. This trip is more than a vacation; **it’s a chance to connect with nature, support conservation efforts, and return home with stories worth sharing for years to come.**

I share this invitation with you with a full heart and tremendous excitement. Whether you’re an IWFF veteran who’s attended the festival for years or a nature enthusiast drawn by the promise of adventure, I encourage you to **take this leap into the story yourself**. Come celebrate 50 years of IWFF by stepping into the living, breathing world that has fueled our imaginations for so long. **Let’s commemorate this golden anniversary by creating new memories together in the Pantanal** – watching hyacinth macaws soar at twilight, feeling the thunder of capybaras splashing into the water, and waking to the symphony of the wetlands at dawn. These are the moments that deepen our understanding of why conservation matters, and I can’t wait to experience them side by side with you.

Thank you for being part of the IWFF family and for considering this adventure. Here’s to **50 years of wildlife stories** – and to the new chapter we’ll write together on this journey. I truly hope you’ll join us for this extraordinary celebration of film, nature, and community. Together, let’s carry the festival’s mission into the field and come home inspired to share what we’ve seen.

With warm regards and wild enthusiasm,

Sarah Ferguson

Executive Director, The Roxy Theater & International Wildlife Film Festival

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Day	Activities
Day 1 Sunday Sep 19, 2027	Welcome to Cuiabá <hr/> VIP Meet & Greet Arrival Services <hr/> Transfer departs Cuiaba Airport Transfer arrives Hotel Deville Prime <hr/> Check In at Hotel Deville Prime Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included <hr/> Welcome Dinner Beverages on traveler's own account.
Day 2 Monday Sep 20, 2027	Check Out from Hotel Deville Prime <hr/> Transfer departs Hotel Deville Prime Transfer arrives Araras Ecolodge Duration: 2 hours <hr/> Journey to the Transpantaneira Highway to enter the Pantanal, where adventure awaits! <hr/> Check In at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge Room Type: Suites Basis of Stay: Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks <hr/> Alcoholic beverages on traveler's own account
Day 3 Tuesday Sep 21, 2027	Full Day Activity - Jaguar Express <hr/> Overnight at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge Alcoholic beverages on traveler's own account

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<p>Day 4 Wednesday Sep 22, 2027</p>	<p>Full Day Activity - Pantanal Trails & Cultural Night</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages on traveler's own account</p>
<p>Day 5 Thursday Sep 23, 2027</p>	<p>Full Day Activity - Wildlife Encounters & Sunset Adventures</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages on traveler's own account</p>
<p>Day 6 Friday Sep 24, 2027</p>	<p>Full Day Activity - Exploring the Heart of the Pantanal: Adventure & Discovery</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages on traveler's own account</p>
<p>Day 7 Saturday Sep 25, 2027</p>	<p>Half Day Activity - Sunrise Hike</p> <hr/> <p>Check Out from Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages on traveler's own account</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer departs Araras Ecolodge</p> <p>Transfer arrives Hotel Deville Prime</p> <p>Duration: 2 hours</p> <p>Box lunch provided</p> <hr/> <p>Check In at Hotel Deville Prime</p> <p>Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included</p> <hr/> <p>Farewell Dinner</p> <p>Beverages on traveler's own account.</p>

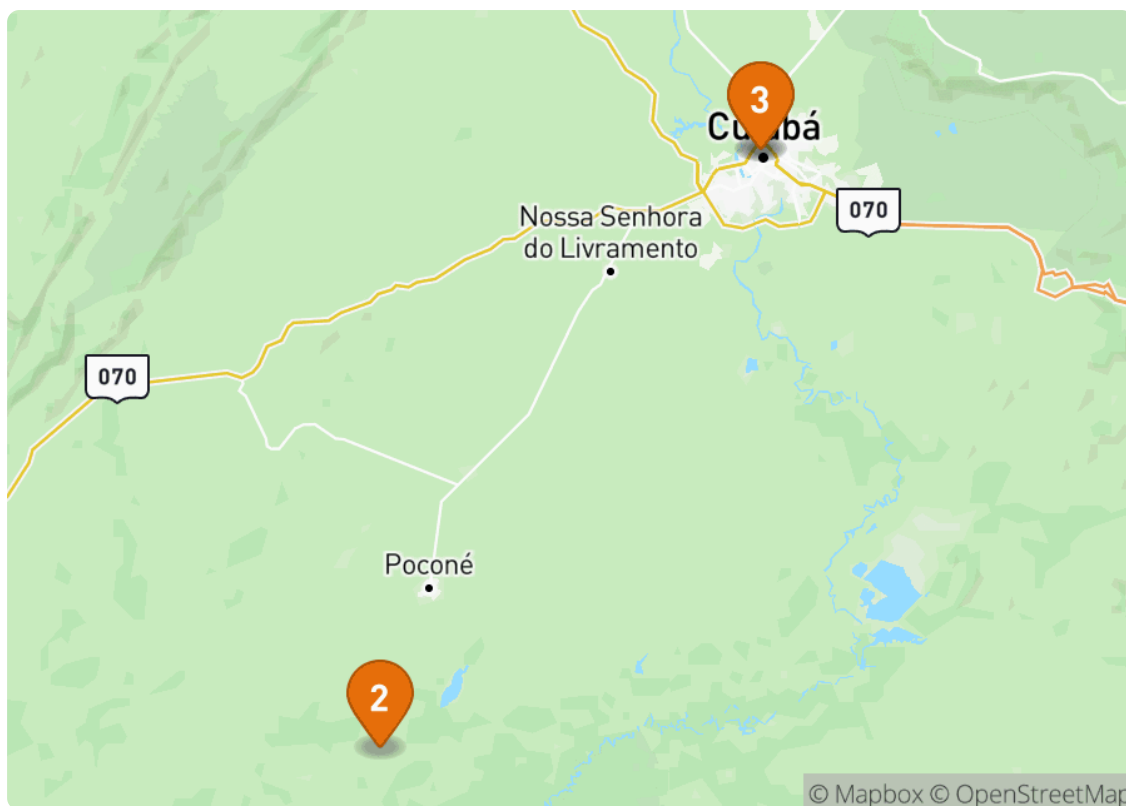
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Day 8 Sunday Sep 26, 2027	Check Out from Hotel Deville Prime <hr/> Transfer departs Hotel Deville Prime Transfer arrives Cuiaba Airport

YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS

Day	Accommodation	Details	Nights
September 19 - 20, 2027	Hotel Deville Prime	<i>Breakfast Included</i>	1
September 20 - 25, 2027	Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge	Suites <i>Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks</i>	5
September 25 - 26, 2027	Hotel Deville Prime	<i>Breakfast Included</i>	1

MAP



Key Dates

- 1) September 19 - 20: Hotel Deville Prime, Cuiabá
- 2) September 20 - 25: Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge, Pocone
- 3) September 25 - 26: Hotel Deville Prime, Cuiabá



DAY 1
SUNDAY · SEPTEMBER 19, 2027

Welcome to Cuiabá

Today you will arrive in Cuiabá

Area Overview

Cuiabá was founded in 1719 at the height of the gold rush, along the geographical center of South America. One of the hottest cities in Brazil, it is the capital of Matto Grosso as well as the gateway to the Northern Pantanal.

Nearby is the iconic Transpantaneira Highway, also known as MT-060, which leads into the Pantanal via over 100 wooden bridges. Along this mostly dirt road, the landscape changes from farmland to Panataneiro ranches, which combine ecotourism with traditional ranching, all the way up to the Cuiabá River, where the city of Cuiabá itself sits.

VIP Meet & Greet Arrival Services

Overview

Once you land, you will be met by one of our local team members who will assist you through every step of the way until exit. They will guide you through passport control and customs.

Once you have successfully made it through and collected your bags, you will then be guided to your first accommodation.

Transfer to Hotel Deville Prime

- Depart Cuiaba Airport
- ⋮
- Arrive Hotel Deville Prime

Check in at Hotel Deville Prime

Breakfast Included

1 Night

Property Overview

An authentic high-standard journey in the heart of Cuiabá and in the geodesic center of South America. Located in the center of the city of Cuiabá, and 25 minutes from the international airport of Várzea Grande, the Hotel Deville Prime Cuiabá has quick access to the commercial, cultural and tourist points of the capital of Mato Grosso.

A reference of quality accommodation in the capital of the Pantanal, having an excellent structure of special services to ensure the best stay and/or event for those who are working or leisure.

Experience

The Deville Prime Cuiabá pool is perfect for relaxing and enjoying the heat. Here you have the comfort and practicality of cooling off at any time.

At Deville Prime Cuiabá, you will find a space dedicated to your health and well-being, with several first-rate equipment available so that the trip does not harm your routine for a healthy life.

Welcome Dinner

Beverages on traveler's own account.

Activity overview

Get to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner before setting off on your adventure!



DAY 2
MONDAY · SEPTEMBER 20, 2027

Check out from Hotel Deville Prime

Transfer to Araras Ecolodge

- Depart Hotel Deville Prime
- ⋮ Transfer Duration: 2 hours
- Arrive Araras Ecolodge

Journey to the Transpantaneira Highway to enter the Pantanal, where adventure awaits!

Check in at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge

Suites (Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks)

5 Nights

Alcoholic beverages on traveler's own account

Property Overview

The Pantanal is the largest floodplain on the planet, and a UNESCO World Heritage and Biosphere Reserve, the true wildlife sanctuary of South America.

Located the center of the continent, with an area of approximately 150,000 km², Pantanal consists of a transition area containing elements of Cerrado, the Amazon, and Atlantic forests, of Paraguayan Chaco and Caatinga. Such fantastic biodiversity includes approximately 698 species of birds, 80 species of mammals, 26 of fish and 50 of reptiles.

Among this unique and rare biological diversity is the Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge. Built in perfect harmony with its surroundings, it has access assured throughout the year through the Transpantaneira Park Road, only 132 km (82 miles) south of Cuiabá (Capital of Mato Grosso), accessed in approximately two hours.

Experience & Activities

From this self-sustainable lodge, you will have the opportunity to enjoy excellent birdwatching, walk on trails in primary forest and on suspended walkways over wet areas, practice canoeing, explore fields and forests on horseback, take day and night photo safaris, and much more, with the assistance of naturalist guides specialized and fluent in several languages.

Accommodations

Suites

Your refuge in the middle of Pantanal to rest at the end of each day in comfort and safety, the rooms of the Araras Lodge have rustic decoration with a touch of modernity.

The suites are equipped with splint air-conditioning, ceiling fan, screened windows, and private bathroom with hot and cold shower.

Fast Facts

Highlights

“Farm-to-Table” gastronomy utilizing products from the farm and the region

Enjoy the pool and relax to the sound of Pantanal birds

Visit the world's largest floodplain with over 650 bird species, 100 mammals and more

Horse riding, observation towers, and photographic safaris offer sustainable tourism in this part of Brazil

Quick facts

19 suites
Air conditioners & ceiling fans
Net-protected windows
Porches with armchairs and hammocks
Swimming pool
Outdoor and indoor dining
Reading and conference room
Bar and Restaurant
Souvenir shop
Three observation towers
Eco-friendly



DAY 3
TUESDAY · SEPTEMBER 21, 2027

Jaguar Express

Full Day Activity

Activity overview

Experience a unique adventure exploring the Cuiabá River and the Encontro das Águas State Park, home to the world's largest concentration of jaguars. Aboard a 12-seat motorboat, navigate along beaches and cliffs in search of the majestic jaguar and other incredible wildlife of the Pantanal.

Your day begins with breakfast at the lodge, followed by a 3-hour drive along the famous Transpantaneira Highway, with stops for photography. Upon arrival at Porto Jofre, embark on a river safari, exploring the jaguar's natural habitat.

Enjoy a picnic-style lunch along the river before continuing your search for the jaguar. In the late afternoon, return to the port and begin your journey back to the lodge, where a delicious dinner awaits.

Overnight at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge

Suites (Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks)



DAY 4
WEDNESDAY · SEPTEMBER 22, 2027

Pantanal Trails & Cultural Night

Full Day Activity

Activity overview

Begin the day with a delicious breakfast before setting out on a guided walk along the Rondon Trail, leading to the 12-meter Tuiuiú Tower — a perfect spot to admire the vast beauty of the Pantanal. After lunch, enjoy two to three hours of horseback riding through open fields and forested paths, connecting deeply with nature. In the evening, delight in a hearty dinner followed by a traditional *Pantaneiro* bonfire gathering or an engaging talk about the region's wildlife and culture.

Overnight at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge

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DAY 5
THURSDAY · SEPTEMBER 23, 2027

Wildlife Encounters & Sunset Adventures

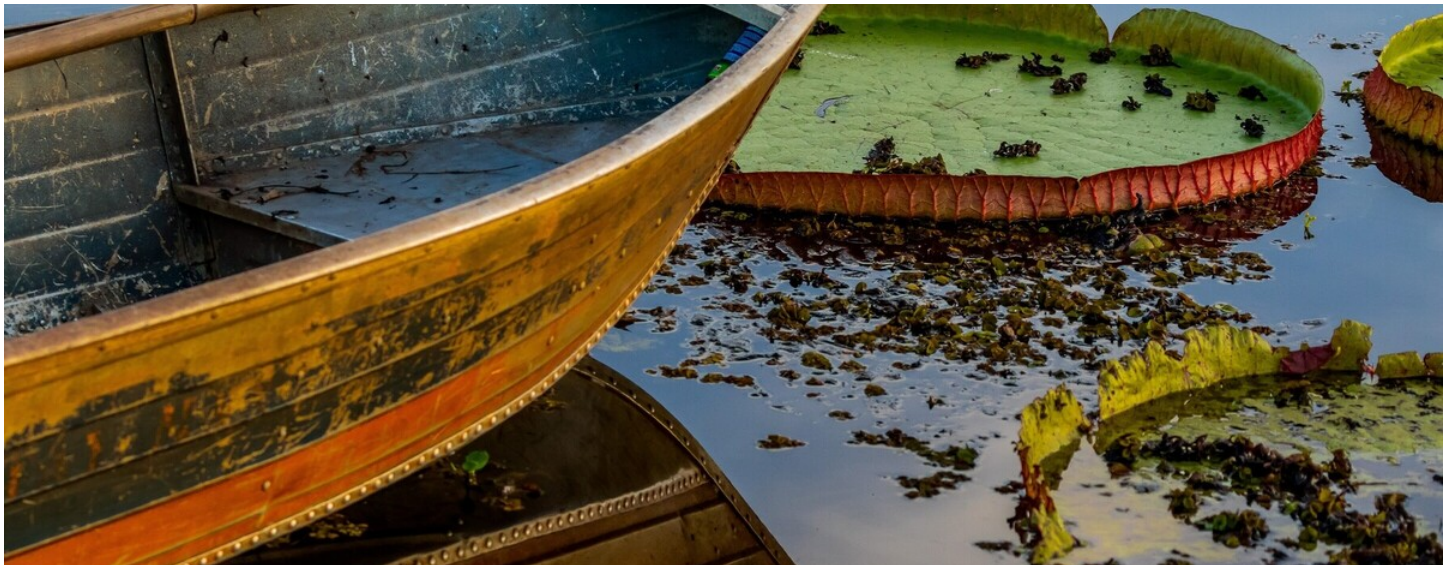
Full Day Activity

Activity overview

After a hearty breakfast, set out on an unforgettable photo safari, capturing the vibrant wildlife of the Pantanal. Continue your adventure with a peaceful canoe ride along calm waters, surrounded by the sounds of nature. Enjoy lunch by the river, then take a scenic walk to the iconic 25-meter Howler Monkey Tower, where breathtaking panoramic views await. As night falls, savor a delicious dinner before heading out on an exciting nocturnal safari to spot the fascinating creatures that come alive after dark.

Overnight at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge

Suites (Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks)



DAY 6
FRIDAY · SEPTEMBER 24, 2027

Exploring the Heart of the Pantanal: Adventure & Discovery

Full Day Activity

Activity overview

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before heading out on a morning hike along either the scenic Rondon Trail or the southern trail leading to the Monkey Tower. After lunch, choose your afternoon adventure: cycling through scenic landscapes, exploring on foot, or gliding silently by canoe or venture out on a thrilling photo safari along the legendary Transpantaneira Road. As night falls, enjoy dinner and embark on your second nocturnal safari, uncovering the hidden wonders of the Pantanal under the stars.

Overnight at Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge

Suites (Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks)



DAY 7
SATURDAY · SEPTEMBER 25, 2027

Sunrise Hike

Half Day Activity

Activity overview

Awaken to the magic of a Pantanal sunrise and set out on a peaceful early-morning walk as the wetlands come to life. Return for a final breakfast surrounded by the sounds of nature before bidding farewell to Araras Lodge — carrying with you unforgettable memories of this unique wilderness.

Check out from Araras Pantanal Eco Lodge

Transfer to Hotel Deville Prime

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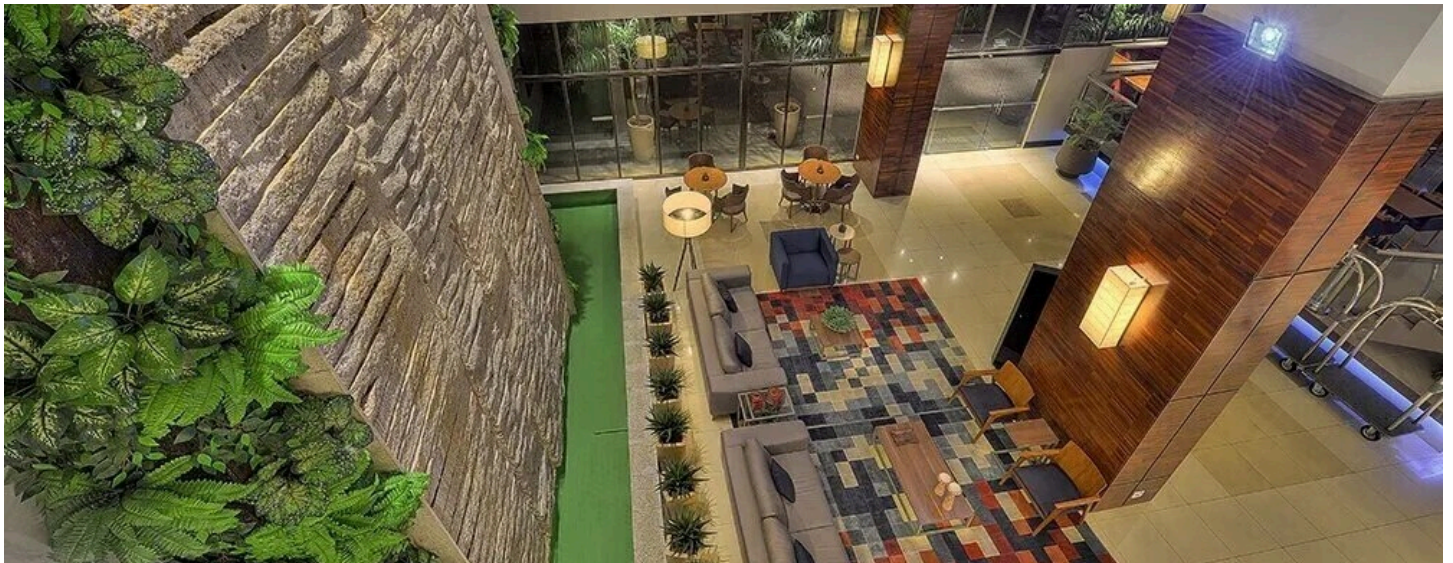
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Farewell Dinner

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Activity overview

Enjoy a final dinner with your fellow travelers, sharing your favorite memories from your adventure together!



DAY 8
SUNDAY · SEPTEMBER 26, 2027

Check out from Hotel Deville Prime

Transfer to Cuiaba Airport

- Depart Hotel Deville Prime
- Arrive Cuiaba Airport



COSTS

Total per person based on 2 guests in shared accommodation: \$13,195

- The minimum number of travelers needed to maintain this price is 9.
- The maximum number of travelers is 10.
- Single rooms are available for a \$2450 Single Room Supplement.

Notes:

- A 30% deposit is required to confirm your registration.
- We accept checks and ACH payments or wire transfers to our US based bank for all payments. **Most major cards may be used only for deposit payments.**
- **If you pay online during registration, you will be sent a receipt and statement with remaining balance and the due date for your remaining payment. If you choose to pay by wire or check, you will receive an invoice shortly after you register.**
- **The balance is due 120 days prior to the start of the safari.**
- **CANCELLATION:** All deposits are non-refundable. Deposits generally cover the costs of canceling the services already booked, if the cancellation is received in our office no later than 120 days prior to arrival. If the fees charged by our suppliers exceed the deposit, an extra charge may apply.

- Any cancellations received in our office within 120 days prior to arrival are subject to cancellation fees of 100% of the safari price. Refunds for any services that are voluntarily not used will not be issued.

This cost includes:

- Land and Air Transportation in Brazil: Air transportation, as described in the itinerary, is provided through chartered and scheduled airlines, and may involve flying in light aircraft.
- Accommodations and Meals: All your hotel, lodge, and tented camp accommodations are based on two people sharing a room. At the permanent camps and lodges, your accommodations will have comfortable beds, hot showers, and electricity. Meals as shown in the itinerary.
- Activities: All daily game drives and safari activities at the camps and lodges as described in the safari summary.
- Miscellaneous Fees: All service charges, hotel taxes as imposed by government agencies, and park and reserve entrance fees are included.
- Gratuities
- Pre-departure Preparation: You will receive extensive, personalized information on all aspects of your safari, including health and safety, passports and visas, packing recommendations, electricity, currency and local customs. Land Transportation in Borneo: Land transportation, as described in the itinerary.

This cost does not include:

- International Airfare: **Please book your inbound and outbound flights to and from Cuiabá International Airport - Marechal Rondon (CGB) in Cuiabá, Brazil.**
- Additional transportation costs including transportation between your home and your destination, excess baggage charges, or airline fuel surcharges.
- Passports and visas, travel insurance, immunizations and medical precautions, required medical testing.
- Beverages (unless listed in the itinerary)
- Items of a personal nature (such as medical expenses; room service; spa services; and souvenirs)
- Laundry (unless listed in the itinerary)
- Telephone and internet charges
- Any activities not included in the safari itinerary or those activities listed as optional.



ABOUT REWILD SAFARIS

Rewild Safaris has been designing and conducting tailor-made wildlife safaris around the world since 1983. We strive to enhance wildlife conservation by creating unique wildlife experiences on an intimate level for our travelers while supporting local communities and enhancing people's lives.

Our Team

Tom LaRock

President & Founder

As the former Executive Director of the Friends of the National Zoo, Tom has an understanding and love of wildlife and helps manage sustainable and responsible travel for his clients. To help potential travelers identify their personal priorities, Rewild Safaris relies on Tom's extensive knowledge of wildlife, safari guides, and accommodations to craft an itinerary that meets or exceeds expectations.

James Ward

Chief Exploration Officer

James was introduced to Africa at the age of 15 and has been in love with traveling to the bush to photograph wildlife since. He has traveled extensively throughout Africa, Asia, and the Americas, visiting some of the most beautiful and wildest national parks in the world. James brings a unique perspective as he designs tailor-made group and private safaris.

James has traveled extensively around the world to find new destinations and design unique safaris so Rewild Safaris' travelers can have an intimate experience with nature. His travels have brought him to throughout Africa, including Botswana and Namibia; Asia, including Indonesia, Malaysia, and India; and

the Americans, including Patagonia and Alaska, amongst other locations, visiting hundreds of lodges and destinations to become an expert on safaris to these areas, amongst others.

James is a professional wildlife photographer who tries to share his love of the natural world through his images. He prefers to travel to remote destinations, the wilder the better, and photograph on foot, many times lying on the ground. His images have been published in several publications, including the New York Times, Forbes, Fortune, and Africa Geographic, and his art has been featured in photography exhibitions. James has also been hired by conservation organizations to photograph their projects, including the Saint Louis Zoo's WildCare Institute's Center for Avian Conservation in the Pacific Islands.

Sam Kanakanui

Chief Opportunities Officer

Joining the Rewild Safaris team in 2019, Sam brings over 30 years of business acumen — including knowledge in IT, marketing, and operations to the Rewild Safaris family. Born in Hawaii, raised in the mountains of West Virginia, and now living in the Piedmont of North Carolina, Sam has always enjoyed spending time exploring nature and has developed a keen interest in conservation.