

# BRAZIL

**August 13 – September 3, 2022**

## **Iguassu Falls**

Post-trip Extension  
August 13 - 17, 2022

**5 Days / 4 Nights**

**\$1995\***

Single Supplement \$395

\*Group of 8 – 12

Group of 6 – 7, add \$200

Group of 4 – 5, add \$300

## **Main Tour:**

Pantanal with a touch of  
the Amazon  
August 17 – 28, 2022

**12 Days / 11 Nights**

**\$4195\***

Single Supplement \$395

\*Group of 8 – 12

Group of 6 – 7, add \$300

Group of 5, add \$600

## **Atlantic Forests**

Post-trip extension  
Aug. 28 – Sept. 3, 2022

**7 Days / 6 Nights**

**\$1995\***

Single Supplement \$445

\*Group of 8 – 12

\*Group of 6 – 7, add \$200

\*Group of 5, add \$300

\*Group of 4, add \$500

**REGISTER FOR ALL THREE PARTS AND SAVE \$300:**

**\$7885\* FOR 22 DAYS**

**\*Final price will depend on group size.**

**(Repeat traveler discount will also apply to the main tour.)**

Imagine visiting Brazil – a country with varied biomes, including tropical rain forests, massive wetlands, forested mountains, and broad savannas providing refuge to over 1750 species of birds. Brazil is the number one country in the world in bird endemism, with 232 endemics in 30 families. Our Brazil tour is offered in segments to allow you to visit for as little or for as long as you like. Our main tour covers the Pantanal and just the edge of Amazonia, allowing plenty of time for jaguar sightings as well as fantastic birding opportunities with plenty of photo ops. You can opt to begin your adventure with a pre-trip extension to the world-famous Iguassu Falls, where both scenery and bird life will leave you spellbound. Then, continue after the main tour to the Atlantic Forests, where most of Brazil’s endemics are found and where the most stunning tanagers on Earth are found.



*Hyacinth Macaws*

## DETAILED ITINERARIES

### Iguassu Falls Pre-trip Extension

#### **Day 1, August 13**

Today you will arrive at the Iguassu Falls Airport in Brazil. If you arrive in Brazil through Sao Paulo, you will most likely be on an internal flight that departs Sao Paulo at 9:20 AM and arrives in Iguassu Falls at 10:55 AM. You will be met at the airport and transferred to La Cantera Hotel,



across the border in Argentina, where you will have most of the afternoon to rest after your long flights. If the group feels up to it, we will visit some hummingbird feeders on the way.

**O/N La Cantera Hotel (D)**

<http://www.hotelesdon.com/lacanterabydon/habitaciones/>



*Plush-crested Jay*

### **Day 2, August 14**

We will visit the Argentina side of the falls today. While the falls are the main attraction, we will not ignore the Bushy-crested Jays, Scarlet-rumped Caciques, Toco Toucans, or any of the colorful tanagers that show themselves along the way. We'll enjoy a buffet lunch inside the park so we can enjoy a full day of birding here.

**O/N La Cantera Hotel (BLD)**

### **Day 3, August 15**

Today we will visit an Uruguan State Park in Argentina for a full day of birding. We'll take a packed lunch and return to the hotel in late afternoon.

**O/N La Cantera Hotel**

### **Day 4, August 16**

We will do some early morning birding on the hotel grounds and then drive to the Brazil side of the falls after breakfast. We will enjoy a full day of birding there with buffet lunch inside the park. From an observation platform on the Brazil side of the falls, one of the highlights is seeing Dusky Swifts as they fly through the massive torrent of water to reach their nests on the cliffs behind the falls. In late afternoon, we will transfer to the Bourbon Hotel.

**O/N Bourbon Hotel (BLD)**

### **Day 5, August 17**

We will depart from the Bourbon Hotel very early to transfer to the Iguassu Falls airport for our (tentatively scheduled) 6:10 AM flight to Cuiaba (via Sao Paulo), where you will catch a flight back to Sao Paulo or Brasilia to begin the journey home. **(B)**

## **IGUASSU FALLS EXTENSION PRICE INCLUDES:**

- ~ Private transportation for all transfers and excursions in air-conditioned vehicle
- ~ Bilingual naturalist guide throughout the tour
- ~ Four nights' accommodations on a standard twin/double basis, all rooms en-suite
- ~ All meals as noted in the itinerary, beginning with dinner on day 1 and ending with breakfast on day 5
- ~ Admission fees to all national parks and nature reserves
- ~ Services of two **Cheepers!** tour leaders (Jim and Cindy Beckman) IF group size is 6 or more
- ~ Pre-trip gift box including customized checklist
- ~ Post-trip electronic version of final checklist and digital photo collection

## **IGUASSU FALLS EXTENSION PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- ~ International and domestic airfares and airport taxes
- ~ Brazil and Argentina visas (if required)
- ~ Beverages other than bottled water
- ~ Tips to local leaders, guides, drivers, hotels and restaurants personnel, etc.
- ~ Personal travel and medical insurance (highly recommended)
- ~ Items of a personal nature, such as laundry services, telephone calls, etc.

# Main Tour: Pantanal and Jardim da Amazonia

## Day 1, August 17

Today you will arrive in Cuiaba. We will transfer to Pousada Piuval, our first stop in the amazing Pantanal. Our arrival time will depend on flight schedules of the participants, but we hope to arrive in time for some birding before dinner. If we enter the Pantanal before dark, expect to see a plethora of herons, egrets, ibis, and other waders along the way, including Jabiru. After dinner, we will take a night drive to look for some nocturnal species.

**O/N Piuval Lodge (D)**

## Day 8, August 18

We'll spend today birding the area around Piuval, hoping to spot giant anteater as we bird near our lodge. We should get our first sightings of Hyacinth Macaws today, as well as Greater Rhea, Yellow-chevroned Parakeet, Turquoise-fronted Parrot, Guira Cuckoo, Glittering-throated Emerald, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Campo Flicker, Rufous Hornero, Vermilion Flycatcher, Chalk-browed Mockingbird, Bay-winged Cowbird, and Cattle Tyrant.



*Purplish Jay*

Other possibilities are Purplish Jay, Rufous Cachalote, Narrow-billed Woodcreeper, Saffron-billed Sparrow, and a good assortment of tanagers, pigeons, doves, and kingfishers, among others. Crab-eating Fox are regularly seen near the lodge. Other exciting possibilities include tapir and maned wolf, and we will search for them at dusk. We'll also have another night drive for nocturnal species.

**O/N Piuval Lodge (BLD)**

## Day 3, August 19

We will do a bit of early morning birding at the lodge before breakfast, and then continue our journey along the Transpantaneira Highway. Here, in the largest fresh-water wetland in the world, we can expect to see a plethora of wading birds, many in breeding plumage and many nesting. There is no shortage of raptors, with Snail Kite, Black-collared Hawk, and Savanna Hawk among the most common species in the area. The vegetation along the edge of the road can harbor a good variety of passerines, including Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Guira Cuckoo, Buff-throated Woodcreeper and, if we're lucky, Subtropical Doradito. We'll likely see multiple Hyacinth Macaws today. We plan to arrive at the Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso in time for lunch,

followed by an afternoon boat trip on the Cuiaba River. From our boat, we should see plenty of Kingfishers, Jabiru, Black-collared Hawks, and Yellow-headed Caracaras, some of whom may oblige us by diving into the water for fish that our guide throws out for them – great photo ops here!

**O/N Hotel Pantanal Mato Grosso (BLD)**

## Day 4, August 20

Today we will slowly make our way to the end of the Transpantaneira Highway, birding en route. Expect to see a wide variety of birds today, from tiny Spinetails hiding in the bushes at the road's edge to a plethora of water birds in the remaining stands of water, and everything in between. We will arrive at **Porto Jofre** in time for dinner.

**O/N Porto Jofre Hotel (BLD)**

## **Days 5 & 6, August 21 - 22**

Two full days of birding from a comfortable boat on the Cuiaba River. As we move along the river, we will search for the elusive Jaguar. As we search for this largest of the South American felines, we won't overlook the Black Skimmers, Large-billed and Yellow-billed Terns, Pied and Collared Plovers, or any other birds that can be seen along the sandy banks of the Cuiaba River. We will return to our hotel for lunch and a midday break between excursions on the river. During our midday break,

you might want to walk around the grounds instead of taking a nap, especially if you like to photograph birds. Southern Screamers, Nacunda Nighthawks, Wattled Jacana, Toco Toucans, Hyacinth Macaws, Vermilion Flycatchers, Guira Cuckoos, Buff-necked and Plumbeous Ibises, Rufous (Gray-crested) Cachalotes, Yellow-chevroned Parakeets, and Crested Caracaras are just a few of the obliging birds near our rooms. With some luck, you might



get a good photo of White Woodpeckers. In the afternoon, we may have chances for Giant River Otter as well as both Agami and Zig-Zag Herons, and we will, of course, keep a lookout for Jaguars. We also hope to find Sungrebe and Sunbittern among the many other birds that frequent the river. By the end of the day we should hopefully have big smiles on our faces and lots of photographs of Jaguar! We'll stay on the river long enough to appreciate the sunset from our boat and to watch Band-tailed and Nacunda Nighthawks. After dinner on one of our nights here, we'll take a night drive in search of nocturnal birds such as Scissor-tailed and Spotted Nightjars as well as nocturnal animals such as Crab-eating Fox and Ocelot.

### **O/N Porto Jofre Hotel (BLD)**

## **Day 7, August 23**

We will depart Porto Jofre after some early morning birding and breakfast and begin the return drive along the Transpantaneira Highway, birding along the way as time allows. We'll stop at Mato Grosso for lunch and plan to arrive at Aymara Lodge in time to search for tapir at dusk.

### **O/N Aymara Lodge (BLD)**



*Tapir*

### **Day 8, August 24**

We will enjoy a morning of birding along the Transpantaneira Highway as we travel from Aymara Lodge to Pousada Pouso Alegre, where we'll spend our last night in the Pantanal. This is the best area in the region to find giant anteater and tapir, and we'll spend some time searching for these creatures, especially at dusk and on our night drive this evening, where we might even be lucky enough to spot maned wolf.

**O/N Pouso Alegre (BLD)**

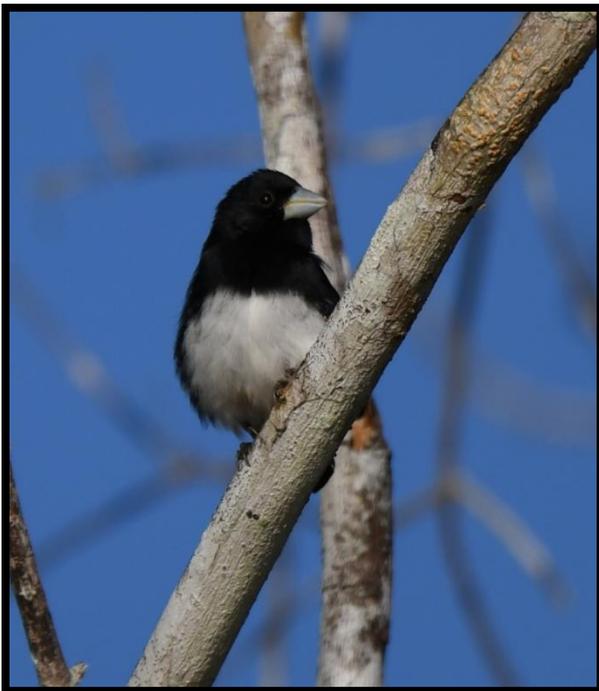


*Southern Screamer*

### **Day 9, August 25**

We will depart Pouso Alegre right after breakfast for our long drive to Jardim da Amazonia. We will take all day getting to Jardim da Amazonia (Gardens of the Amazon) with a lunch stop and birding on the way. Expect to see Blue-and-yellow Macaws as we approach the lodge, along with White Woodpeckers, and a variety of tanagers and flycatchers.

**O/N Jardim da Amazonia (BLD)**



*Cone-billed Tanager*

### **Day 10, August 26**

Today we will enjoy a full day of birding at Jardim da Amazonia and the surrounding area. The Jardim da Amazonia offers excellent food and pleasant rooms with the added advantage of Point-tailed Palmcreepers on Moriche Palm fronds in front of our breakfast table. We will enjoy birding the trails and roads of the property, which is very good for Black-girdled Barbet, Yellow-crowned Parrots, Amazonian Umbrellabird, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, the Brazilian endemic Red-necked Aracari, Blue-necked and Yellow-backed Tanager, Black-faced Dacnis, Blue-cheeked Jacamar, Flame-crowned Manakins, Collared Trogon, among many more. This is a relatively new place for birding, so

every tour adds new birds for the lodge's list. The Jardim da Amazonia has in recent years become more famous, most notably due to the newly-located and most reliable population of the Cone-billed Tanager, a species rediscovered in 2004 after 68 years with no sightings. We hope to see this special bird from our morning boat ride along the Rio Claro.

**O/N Jardim da Amazonia (BLD)**



*Toco Toucan*

### **Day 11, August 27**

We'll enjoy one last morning of birding at Jardim da Amazonia, trying to find any specialties we might have missed. After lunch we will drive to Cuiaba, where we'll enjoy a farewell dinner at a nice restaurant.

**O/N Hotel near airport TBA (BLD)**

### **Day 12, August 28**

People who are ending their Brazilian journey today will transfer to the Cuiaba airport for their flights back to Sao Paulo (or Brasilia or Rio de Janeiro), where they will catch their outbound international flights later this evening. Those who are going on the Atlantic Forest extension will transfer to Itatiaia National Park upon arriving in Sao Paulo, which is approximately a 4-hour drive in an air-conditioned bus. **(B)**

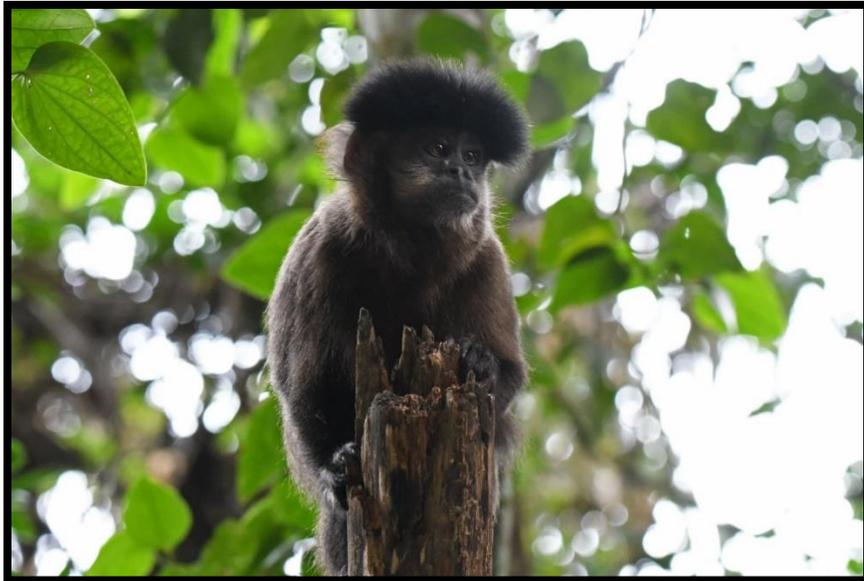
## **MAIN TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

- ~ Private transportation for all transfers and excursions in air-conditioned vehicle
- ~ Bilingual naturalist/birding guide throughout the tour
- ~ Eleven nights' accommodations on a standard twin/double basis, all rooms en-suite
- ~ All meals as noted in the itinerary, beginning with lunch (or dinner, depending on your arrival time) on day 1 and ending with breakfast on day 12
- ~ Admission fees to all national parks and nature reserves
- ~ All boat rides as listed in the itinerary
- ~ Services of two ***Cheepers!*** tour leaders (Jim and Cindy Beckman)
- ~ Pre-trip gift box including customized checklist
- ~ Post-trip electronic version of final checklist
- ~ Post-trip digital photo collection

## **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- ~ International and domestic airfares and airport taxes
- ~ Brazil visa (if required – visa was not required in 2019-2020, but this could change)
- ~ Beverages other than bottled water
- ~ Tips to local leaders, guides, drivers, hotels and restaurants personnel, etc.
- ~ Personal travel and medical insurance (highly recommended)
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# Atlantic Forest Post-trip Extension



*Black-capped Capuchin*

one of the most popular birding sites among Brazilian birders. Here we hope to see the Black-and-Yellow Cotinga whose ringing calls seem to be constantly reverberating from the canopy.

**O/N Hotel do Ype (BLD)**

## Day 3, August 30

This morning we will be birding in the highest part of Itatiaia National Park, up to 9000 feet in elevation. Wonderful scenery and breath-taking vistas will add to the enjoyment of this day filled with target species such as the very rare Black-and-gold Cotinga, Red-rumped and Baychested Warbling-Finches, Mouse-colored Tapaculo, Brassy-breasted and Gilt-edged Tanagers, and the famous and endemic Itatiaia Thistletail. We will enjoy the entire day in the field, having a box lunch to maximize the amount of time for birding. We will return to the hotel in time for dinner.

**O/N Hotel do Ype (BLD)**

## Day 4, August 31

We will enjoy a last morning of mountain birding before checking out of our hotel. We will bird our way to Ubatuba, stopping at a feeder known to have lots of Red-necked and Greenheaded Tanagers.

Birding is so good along this route, we will need to pay close attention to not only the Streamer-tailed Tyrants, Crescent-chested Puffbirds, Red-eyed Thornbirds and other avian treasures, but also the clock to make sure we arrive at our hotel in time for dinner.

**O/N Ubatuba Palace (BLD)**

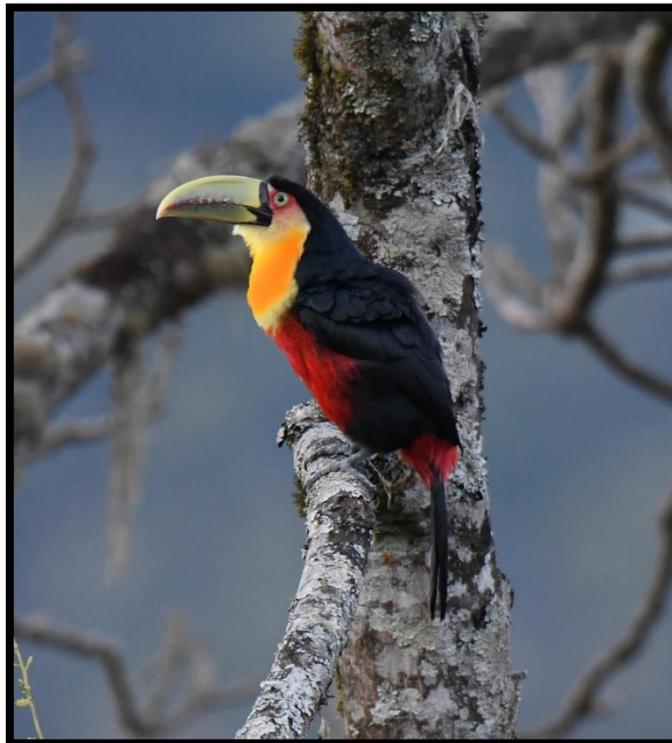
## Day 1, August 28

Tentative flight schedules have us arriving in Sao Paulo from Cuiaba at 2:55 PM. Upon arrival in Sao Paulo, we will board our bus and transfer to Itatiaia National Park, approximately 4 hours away.

**O/N Hotel do Ype (LD)**

## Day 2, August 29

After breakfast at our hotel, we will enjoy the feeders that host many species including Saffron Toucanet, Red-breasted Toucan, Magpie Tanager, Red-rumped Cacique, and Blue-naped Chlorphonia. In the afternoon we will walk along the Agulhas-Negras Road,



*Red-breasted Toucan*

### **Day 5, September 1**

Following breakfast at the hotel, we will be birding on a back road known as "Folha Seca" where we might find Rufous-capped Antthrush, Rufous-winged Antwren, and Slaty Bristlefront, among many other species. A stop at a feeder with many hummingbirds should yield Festive Coquette, Brazilian Ruby, Saw-billed Hermit, and Violet-capped Woodnymph, plus several Tanager and Euphonia species. After lunch and a short siesta, we will bird another road, "Rio Escuro", where we will search for Pin-tailed Manakin, Masked Yellowthroat, River Warbler, Rufous-capped Antshrike, and Bare-throated Bellbird.

**O/N Ubatuba Palace (BLD)**



*Red-necked Tanager*

### **Day 6, September 2**

Expect some brilliant birding this morning! Buff-throated Purpletuft, Long-billed Gnatwren, White-bearded Manakin, Spotted Bamboowren, and a long list of other specialties are to be seen in the famous Angelim Rainforest. After lunch, we will walk and bird on another back road that may produce Blonde-crested Woodpecker, Fork-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant, Buff-bellied Puffbird, and much much more. At the end of the day, we will search for Common Potoo.

**O/N Ubatuba Palace (BLD)**

### **Day 7, September 3**

The amount of time we have to bird today will depend on the flight schedules of the participants. Most flights to the US depart late in the evening, so we should be able to do a bit of birding before we leave Ubatuba to transfer to Sao Paulo for our flights home today.

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*Green-headed Tanager*



*Blond-crested Woodpecker*

## **PRICE FOR ATLANTIC FOREST EXTENSION INCLUDES:**

- ~ Private transportation for all transfers and excursions in air-conditioned vehicle
- ~ Bilingual naturalist guide throughout the tour
- ~ Six nights' accommodations on a standard twin/double basis, all rooms en-suite
- ~ All meals as noted in the itinerary, beginning with lunch on day 1 and ending with dinner on day 7
- ~ Admission fees to all national parks and nature reserves
- ~ Services of two ***Cheepers!*** tour leaders (Jim and Cindy Beckman)
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- ~ Brazil visa (has not been necessary since 2018, but subject to change)
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