



ABSOLUTE TRAVEL

PRIVATE | LUXURY | JOURNEYS

YALE ALUMNI SERVICE CORPS PANTANAL POST-TRIP

CUSTOM PROPOSAL: OCTOBER 14, 2016

WHAT WE OFFER & WHAT TO EXPECT

We Travel Differently

We are a team of energetic explorers seeking to inspire you to embrace the unexpected and immerse yourself in the extraordinary. Our trips embrace **the highest quality accommodation and an experiential focus** to bring you face to face with the world's most fascinating cultures, magnificent wildlife and humbling landscapes.

Our passion for travel is rivaled only by our commitment to those we serve. We take care of our clients: from planning the ideal trip, to delivering the most seamless journey on the ground, we go out of our way to ensure a luxury travel **experience that exceeds your expectations**. We strive to **connect with our travelers** and **impact the way they see and interact with the world**.

GUIDES & EXPERTS

Your trip's guides are on hand to enrich your journey, offer local insight and add a unique personal perspective to your adventure.

TRIP STYLES

Our luxury travel specialists will design the customized journey of your dreams. Whether you want to do something more active like hiking and trekking, or something more relaxing like yoga on the top of a mountain...we can make it happen.

PROPERTY SELECTIONS

We select accommodations that best reflects the character of the places you visit, as well as your personal style. Depending on the location, this could be a luxury 5-star hotel, a charming heritage boutique, or a luxurious tent in the desert under a beautiful starry sky.

TRANSPORT

How you get around while abroad largely depends on where you will be traveling. Most transfers and touring are conducted by private vehicles with professional drivers. In some instances, it may be better to use local transportation such as taxis, trains and boats, in other cases, a chartered flight may be the ideal option. Our pricing generally includes internal transportation as specified but does not include international airfare.

MEALS

Included meals are indicated in your daily itinerary. Unless a property is all-inclusive, we tend to leave many lunches and dinners free for you to be spontaneous and discover regional delicacies on your own. Or if you prefer, we are happy to make restaurant reservations on your behalf. Included meals are indicated in the day-by-day itinerary with the following key: B=breakfast L=Lunch and D= Dinner.

SUSTAINABLE CHOICES

Sustainable and responsible travel is very important to us. Please ask us to learn more and we can curate a GREEN trip that is specifically tailored to your interests. Please also be sure to visit the [Absolute Awareness](#) section of our website to learn more about our commitment to partnering with organizations that share our commitment to preserving the habitats we promote.



AT A GLANCE

YOUR JOURNEY WILL BE A PRIVATE, CUSTOMIZED
TRAVEL EXPERIENCE, BASED ON YOUR INDIVIDUAL
SCHEDULE AND INTERESTS.

TRAVELING TO: BRAZIL

- MARCH 26 Ilhéus - Cuiabá**
Flight Ilheus-Brasília, Brasília-Cuiabá and Transfer to Hotel
Golden Tulip Cuiaba
- MARCH 27 Cuiabá - Pantanal**
Pousada Rio Mutum Patanal Eco-Lodge
- MARCH 28 Pantanal**
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- MARCH 29 Pantanal**
Pousada Rio Mutum Patanal Eco-Lodge
- MARCH 30 Pantanal**



DAILY ITINERARY

Pantanal – Ilhéus – Cuiabá

DAY 1

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

The Pantanal is the world's largest wetland and home to a dense variety of flora and fauna. This biological hotspot offers some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities in South America. The expansive lowland plain is entirely overgrown by lush vegetation dotted by thousands of multi-colored flowers, which bloom during the rainy season (Dec to March). It shelters innumerable rivers and crystal-clear lakes. Along the shores are rare species of animals such as jaguars, peccaries, bobcats, wild boars, gray teals, partridges and herons, which live in total and undisturbed harmony. No experience is more rewarding than a "safari" into this privileged wilderness to photograph the countless birds and animals silhouetted against the brilliant backdrop of foliage and blue skies. In the Pantanal visitors will find an area of 77,220 square miles (nearly equal in size to the country of Romania) full of life and nature, much of it untouched by the hand of man.

Today, you will be transferred to the Ilheus airport to board Avianca flight 6327 Ilhéus-Brasília 16:45-18:35. Connect to Avianca flight 6187 Brasília-Cuiabá 19:45-20:30. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Cuiabá.

PROPERTY

Golden Tulip Cuiaba

FLIGHT

O6 6327 Ilhéus-Brasília 16:45-18:35
O6 6187 Brasília-Cuiabá 19:45-20:30

Cuiabá – Pantanal

DAY 2

MONDAY, MARCH 27

This morning at 08:00, you will be met and transferred by road to Pantanal. Pass through the small village of Mimoso where Candido Rondon was born. Along the way, you will observe many kinds of birds, small mammals, and tropical landscapes.

Upon arrival, check-in to the lodge for a three-night stay and enjoy an introduction to the lodge and surrounding areas. This evening enjoy piranha soup before dinner. After dinner, you will be briefed on the activities of the following days.

PROPERTY

Pousada Rio Mutum Patanal Eco-Lodge

MEALS

B,L,D

Pantanal

DAY 3

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

After breakfast, set out on horseback for a trail ride through the woods to the edge of Siá Mariana bay. A wide variety of birds, animals, and reptiles can be observed. Return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, set out by boat for a photographic safari in the pristine Mutum River, where it's possible to spot giant otters, stingrays, and schools of small fish. At the riverbank, it's possible to spot a wide variety of bird species. Return to the lodge for dinner, followed by a nocturnal animal spotting by jeep in the surrounding jungle.

PROPERTY

*Pousada Rio Mutum Patanal
Eco-Lodge*

MEALS

B,L,D

Pantanal

DAY 4

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

This morning set out for an ecological walk through the jungle and open fields to observe animals and birds. Pantanal is undeniably one of the world's best spots for birdwatching. Return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy a boat trip down the Mutum river banks, along the Siá Mariana and Chacororé bays. Take in the sunset at Siá Mariana bay and fish for piranha. In the evening, you will see the cayman feeding and spot other nocturnal species. Enjoy dinner at the lodge this evening.

PROPERTY

*Pousada Rio Mutum Patanal
Eco-Lodge*

MEALS

B,L,D

Pantanal

DAY 5

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Rise early this morning, at approximately 4:30am for canoeing on the Mutum river to observe the sunrise and the beauty of wildlife at the break of dawn. Return to the lodge for breakfast and then check-out before being transferred to the Cuiabá airport to board your departure flight (booked independently).

MEALS

B

PROPERTY SELECTIONS

OUR SELECTIONS FOR YOUR TRIP:

GOLDEN TULIP CUIABA

Duration of Stay: March 26 - March 27

Location: Cuiabá



POUSADA RIO MUTUM PATANAL ECO-LODGE

Duration of Stay: March 27 - March 30

Location: Pantanal



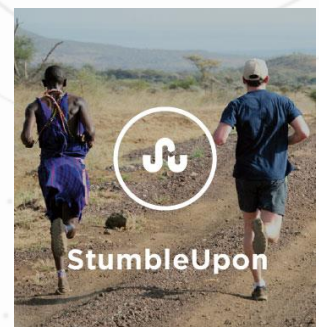
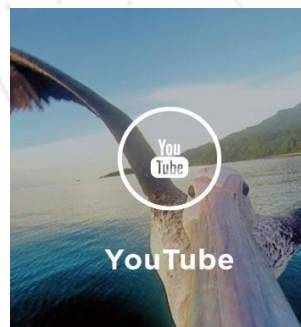
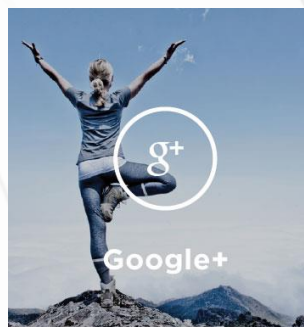
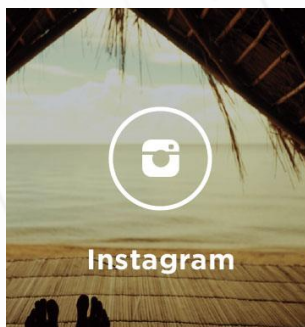
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INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

PRICE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$1,240.00

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$270

INCLUSIONS

Personalized itinerary planning and destination research by Absolute Travel; all accommodations, including hotel taxes and service charges; regional air (unless otherwise specified) and surface transportation; privately guided sightseeing conducted by local, English-speaking guides; meals as indicated in day-by-day itinerary; airport transfers; government fees and local handling charges; travel permits where required; admission fees; the full services of Absolute Travel and our associate offices overseas before, during, and after traveling; pre-trip travel document packet.

EXCLUSIONS

International air; fuel surcharges are not included if levied after the date of the quote; airport taxes; visa processing costs are not included unless specified; meals that are not specified; gratuity for local guides and drivers; travel Insurance—we strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance—your travel specialist will discuss this with you upon confirmation of services.

BOOKING INFORMATION

PRICES

All tour costs are based on the services specified in each tour's detailed itinerary. Services are sold as a complete package and Absolute Travel will not provide a breakdown of trip component costs. All costs quoted are based on availability and subject to change. When included, airfare and airport taxes are current and subject to change without warning until date of departure, as airlines can unexpectedly impose rate increases: airfare may increase between time of booking/payment and issuing of ticket due to fuel surcharges and other fees imposed at the discretion of the airlines.

THANK YOU

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Leslie Overton is the Managing Director of Absolute Travel and is honored to have been Conde Nast Traveler's Top Travel Specialist in Exotic Family Travel for eight years running. With her kids in tow on over a dozen family adventures to Asia, Africa, South America, and the Middle East, Leslie is an expert! She also enjoys working on major donor trips for many of our Absolute Awareness partners. These trips allow Leslie to give back to, and to learn more about, destinations that she loves and has long relationships with. Leslie also delights in incorporating her other interests, such as yoga and cooking, into her travels.



HERE'S TO WONDERFUL ADVENTURES AHEAD.

We are a team of passionate, curious, and discerning experts who strive to create once-in-a-lifetime journeys based on firsthand destination knowledge. Like all of our custom itineraries, this trip was built from scratch just for you.

We love exploring our planet and know you do too. This is why we're not only dedicated to designing life-changing trips, but also to protecting the world's wild places through Absolute Awareness. Our partnerships with impactful organizations like The Explorers Club and the Clinton Global Initiative allow us to share the world's wonders in a sustainable way today, so it's worth exploring for generations to come.

In 2013 Travel + Leisure readers and travelers like you named us the #1 World's Best Tour Operator, the ultimate accolade! Thank you for sharing our dedication and hunger for exploration.

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