



THE PANTANAL

2024



THE PANTANAL PHOTO SAFARI

10TH – 21ST JUNE 2024

COST: \$7595 USD (BASED ON 6 GUESTS)

SAFARI ITINERARY

DAY 1: CUIABA, MATO GROSSO 10TH JUNE 2024

We will welcome you at the airport or your hotel. It is here you will meet your host Bobby-Jo & Fabricio and begin your exciting photographic safari adventure in Brazil.

From there we drive 100km to the city of Pocone. We then drive 40km on a dirt road while enjoying the wildlife and wetland on both sides of the road until we arrive at Porto Jofre.

Spend the next 9 nights at our quality accommodation (twin share)

Lunch & Dinner Included



THE PANTANAL

The Pantanal is an immense floodplain in the middle of the South American continent which is, in fact, a vast alluvial plain. This is, by far, the best place in Brazil to see wildlife. The Pantanal is about half the size of France, some 230,000 sq. km. (88,000 sq. miles) and spreads across Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay, of which a total area of around 130,000 sq. km. (50,000 sq. miles) is located in Brazil.

The Pantanal, which long ago was a sea, is made up of lowlands flooded by the Paraguay River and its tributaries. These waters fertilize the land, revitalizing it and giving birth to wild flowers and vegetation in abundance. It is the biggest natural fish breeding ground in the world.

The infamous piranha also inhabits the waters of the Pantanal. There are close to 600 bird species, making this a paradise for ornithologists and bird watchers. The local fauna also includes caimans, deer, capybara (the world's largest rodent), anteaters, porcupines, jaguars, tapirs, pumas, and monkeys.



DAY 2 – 8 : PORTO JOFRE

11TH - 17TH JUNE 2024

We will spend the next 8 days exploring The Pantanal on our private boat in search of the Jaguar and other incredible wildlife.

Below you find our daily program for our daily Jaguar safaris. Most jaguar sightings are seen during the day and not in early mornings. However, if the group prefers a sunrise in the river this is possible.

Breakfast	6:00 am
Depart	7:00 am
Search for Jaguars	7:00 am – 12:00 pm
Lunch	12:00 pm (in the boat)
Search for Jaguars	13:00 pm -17.30 pm
Return to lodge	18:00 pm
Dinner served	19.30 pm

All meals are included throughout

THE BOATS

We use a modern low-profile boat (build in 2015) equipped with a high quality 90 HP-engine, radio, first aid kit, live jackets, soft seating, canopy and plenty of space. It will provide us with opportunities for great low angle shots and navigate through small shallow creeks, while providing some shade.





DAY 9: POUSADA PIUVAL

18TH JUNE 2024

Today we will travel to Pousada Piuval after an early breakfast. We embark our safari truck and drive back on the Transpantaneira highway towards Piuval lodge. During our journey we will have plenty of opportunities to stop and enjoy the wildlife that we will encounter.

Overnight at our quality accommodation (twin share)

All meals are included throughout

DAY 10: POUSADA PIUVAL

19TH JUNE 2024

Today we have a full day to explore Pousada Piuval. Our focus is to find species such as capuchin monkeys, howler monkeys, capybaras, anteaters, coatis, agoutis, armadillos and caiman crocodiles, as well as jabiru storks, hyacinth macaws and rheas.

Overnight at our quality accommodation (twin share)

All meals are included throughout

DAY 11: POUSSADA PIUVAL

20TH JUNE 2024

Early morning walk looking for birds and then back to the lodge for breakfast, after we will walk or explore by car in the forest looking for mammals and birds, Back to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon we are going to have a boat ride or game drive looking for some very rare birds as azure Gallinule.

Overnight at our quality accommodation (twin share)

All meals are included throughout



DAY 11: CUIABA, MATO GROSSO

21ST JUNE 2024

After breakfast we check-out and start our way back on the Transpantaneira road towards Cuiaba. We normally arrive in Cuiaba around 12:00 pm (lunch time). However if you have an early flight to catch, we can arrange for an early transport to the airport.

Breakfast included

END OF SERVICES

COST INCLUDES	COST EXCLUDES
Airport and road transfers	International flights and visas
Accommodation and meals as specified	Guide and lodge staff tips
Photographic coaching by Bobby-Jo	Travel and Medical Insurance
Park Fees and Government taxes where specified	Any Covid-19 Testing or additional requirements imposed by local authorities.
Boat rides & wildlife activities	Drinks
	Laundry
	Domestic flights return to Mato Grosso
	Items of a personal nature

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BOOKING INFORMATION

To book on this exciting safari please fill in the booking form at the end of this itinerary document and forward back to us.

Please take the time to read and understand all the tour terms and conditions featured at the end of this document.

In order to confirm a booking a **30%** non-refundable deposit is also required.

The final balance payment is then due **90 days** prior to the safari start date.

For gorilla trekking permits, **100%** payment is due immediately.

In the event that you may have to cancel your safari booking then this cancellation notice will need to be made in writing and

For cancellations **made more than 90 days** prior to start date: **30%** cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. full deposit).

For cancellations **made less than 90 days** prior to departure date: **100%** cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost).

CANCELLATIONS

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- For cancellations **made less than 90 days** prior to departure date: **100%** cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost).



WHY IS YOUR DEPOSIT NON-REFUNDABLE?

Sometimes things just don't work out for whatever reason. Plans made this year may need to be changed for medical or personal reasons. However, as soon as you confirm your place with Bobby-Jo Safaris your 30% deposit is immediately distributed amongst the many lodges, camps & suppliers that are used to make up a successful and memorable safari. It locks in the required services for particular dates often in peak season that the camps or suppliers cannot then offer to other travellers.

Your decision to change your plans might be made months out from the start and often travellers will question – Why can't you just get someone else to take my spot? It is a valid question but sometimes not that easy. The moment we secure those services we are locked in for the safari arrangements for our whole group. Permits & park passes are issued and if we are unable to find other travellers to fill a cancelled spot then Bobby-Jo Safaris is left with paid services and no one to fill them. Additional marketing and promotion expenses are also incurred trying to find other interested travellers.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

For every traveller that participates in any Bobby-Jo Safaris experience it is a non-negotiable requirement that they purchase and carry a comprehensive travel insurance policy.

It is advised this policy is taken out at the time of paying your deposit to cover you for any unfortunate or unforeseen events either before or during the tour that may affect your plans and therefore could possibly cover cancellation costs incurred.

As outlined in Why is your deposit non-refundable? the 30% deposit required to secure your place on a specific safari is non-refundable. If your plans have to be cancelled due to a medical issue or personal reason that is covered under your travel insurance policy then a claim can be made via your travel insurance provider and they will assess whether you qualify for a refund through your travel insurance policy. Please note that travel insurance policies do not process claims or issue refunds should a traveller change their mind or just want to change their plans.

Bobby-Jo Safaris will not be liable for any costs resulting from any traveller's failure to purchase sufficient travel insurance and all travellers participating in any tour are required to sign the booking form at the end of this document containing our full terms and conditions.

***For an update on Covid-19 related travel insurance please refer to pages 14-17 of this document.**



VACCINATIONS

Bobby-Jo Safaris also recommends visiting your personal GP or travel vaccination service as soon as booking your safari to discuss your personal requirements that may be required in the form of injections or medications whilst travelling.

Vaccinations and medications will vary from person to person and only your GP or medical service can provide up to date and accurate information for your specific needs. Included in these discussions should be topics such as but not limited to Malaria, Yellow Fever & Hepatitis etc.

***For an update on Covid-19 vaccinations and related information please refer to pages 14-17 of this document.**

ABOUT BOBBY-JO SAFARIS

Bobby-Jo Safaris has been created by Bobby-Jo Vial who is incredibly passionate about wildlife and conservation.

Bobby-Jo has been travelling to and hosting safaris in Africa and around the world for almost two decades and in the process, has developed a network of contacts and relationships with camps, safari guides and local safari operators which allow us to organise your safari with trusted and reliable local operators.

Bobby-Jo Safaris has been developed to deliver value-based wildlife photography safaris to some of the most amazing wildlife habitats left on the planet with a genuine focus on quality and providing all guests a real value for money experience.

Many of our safaris will make a genuine difference to wildlife conservation by visiting specific projects and providing guests with a unique insight into on-the-ground projects and raising the funds necessary to continue this important work.

For more information on Bobby-Jo Safaris please visit our [website](#).





MEET YOUR HOST

Bobby-Jo is incredibly passionate about Africa and its wildlife.

Her professional and talented works have inspired many people to take an interest in wildlife and conservation and her laid back approach and bubbly personality see many people loving to travel with her and rebooking time and again on her next safari adventure.

Her images have featured in publications around the globe including Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, The Daily Telegraph, The Guardian, The Times, The New York Post, Huffington Post, Paris Match, Hello Magazine and Africa Geographic.

A publication of her own titled Reflections of Elephants was released by Melbourne Books in August 2016 coinciding with World Elephant Day. This book features many of her favourite elephant images and raises funds for the protection of some of the last Tuskers of Africa via her connection to The Askari Project.

When not on safari, Bobby-Jo work hands on with wildlife and is involved with wildlife conservation projects. As a qualified senior zoo-keeper of eighteen years, her perception and insight into animal behaviour in the wild enables guests to capture unique and endearing images. Bobby-Jo has developed an ability to often interpret animal behaviour which leads to very special photographic opportunities.

You can see more of Bobby-Jo's work at <https://www.facebook.com/bobbyjophotographer>



COVID-19 INFORMATION & CHECKLIST

The Covid-19 pandemic and resulting international border closures have had a devastating effect on the international tourism industry. International travel as we once knew it has changed for the foreseeable future with additional health testing & border requirements.

This checklist is for the benefit of travellers on this safari and is aimed to provide some helpful information and links to assist you in navigating what is required for your journey.

Please note however that health and border requirements are subject to change depending on local or international situations and as such this check list is to be used as a guide only. Whilst we will endeavour to keep you updated of any changes we do not accept any responsibility for changing situations that may result in additional costs or requirements you may encounter in the course of your travels.

1. Prior to departing on your safari you must have had your approved Covid-19 and other required vaccinations such as Yellow Fever (in the case of travel to countries such as Tanzania and Zambia etc) and be carrying in your possession proof of these vaccinations and a valid International Covid-19 Vaccine Certificate. For Australian travellers please visit this link to find out more about this Covid-19 certificate and how to obtain it:
<https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/COVID-19/COVID-19-vaccination-certificates>
2. Prior to your departure you need to purchase and carry a comprehensive travel insurance policy. You will need to ensure that your policy covers you for Covid-19 provisions and related issues that some travellers may encounter on their journey. Clients can choose whatever policy they feel best suits their needs and requirements. This link is not a recommendation from Duma Safaris by merely an example of a well-known brand on the market right now offering such policies:
<https://www.covermore.com.au/travel-insurance/benefits/covid-19>

*We have received a couple of enquiries from potential guests about what happens if someone contracts Covid-19 whilst away on international travel. It is well noted that being vaccinated against Covid-19 provides an increased & valuable layer of protection against developing any serious illness or complications for the vast majority of people.

In the event that travellers do feel unwell and require medical assistance this situation would be treated like any other situation that may have occurred on one of our tours in the past. We have a network of fantastic ground operators that live in and work in local conditions and as such are able to provide the best advice and directions where suitable help can be obtained. If a client returns a positive PCR test it will most likely prevent them from boarding a flight home and finalising their journey.



They may be required by local health authorities to spend time in a local hotel which may incur additional costs until they are able to produce a suitable PCR result for them to resume their journey. It is for this type of situation that it is important to ensure you understand what your Travel Insurance Policy with Covid-19 provisions does and does not cover you for. Most Covid policies will now cover you for these additional expenses and our ground teams will be able to provide the help and assistance with any bookings or requirements affected guests may need.

3. To facilitate any of your international travel plans into the foreseeable future an app like the IATA travel pass may be a good option for you to look into :
<https://www.iata.org/travel-pass/>

Please check with the airline you have chosen for your international flights the best way to sync up your International Covid-19 Vaccine Certificate & PCR test results with their system.

If you are spending any time in any additional country on the way to or home from Tanzania you will need to check on any additional entry or health related forms that may be required prior to arrival.

Please click on this link below to keep up to date with country specific information. The included links contained in the information will direct you to relevant websites or online documents that you may be required to fill in prior to your travels:

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.htm>

Another helpful site for Australian travellers to keep up to date with country specific information and requirements is:

<https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/COVID-19/global-covid-19-health-advisory>