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Natur Resor has done it again.. A much more elegant and efficient itinerary to combine the best of the south Pantanal with the best of the north Pantanal.

Normally, every group photo trip that wants to see Jaguars and other wildlife of the Pantanal will stay in the north Pantanal, where the Jaguars are much more visible in "Jaguarland" than they are anywhere in South Pantanal, or will stay only in the South Pantanal, accepting much, much lower numbers of Jaguar sightings. When a group trip combines the two, they normally spend an entire day doing unproductive driving on asphalt and waiting in airports in Campo Grande and Cuiabá. Additionally, the Jaguar tours that do only north Pantanal normally drive in from Cuiaba and then drive back out to Cuiaba. Repeating the long driving ends up consuming almost another entire day.

Natur Resor's Annelie Utter visited the Pantanal in 2013 and studied carefully the logistics and locations and has been combining the Jaguars of north Pantanal with the best Giant Anteaters, Macaw Sinkhole, and other wildlife of the south Pantanal. But now, Annelie is pioneering the best, most elegant, most efficient itinerary design possible, and that is to FLY in charter planes from one of the best wildlife lodges of the South Pantanal to the heart of Jaguarland.....thereby saving what amounts to 1.5 days of unproductive driving and waiting in airports at either end.

Annelie proudly announces the perfectly-efficient itinerary that starts first in South Pantanal with spectacular Giant Anteaters, Red-and-Green Macaws (at the Macaw Sinkhole), and often some Jaguar and Ocelot sightings at Fazenda San Francisco, and then she flies with her group directly to the heart of Jaguarland, where she carries out her traditional, Jaguar-rich extravaganza based out of the Jaguar Flotel. In 2017, the Jaguar Flotel will feature new ways to enjoy Jaguars in private on a 17,000-hectare ranch that Annelie's operators are paying not to kill their very habituated Jaguars.

Please join Annelie as she redefines the cutting edge in high quality photo expeditions in the Pantanal. The last lodge on this elegant new itinerary features the world's most photogenic and predictable Ocelots...so the trip will finish with a bang with the best of Jaguars and the best of Ocelots.



SOUTH PANTANAL

17 October Land in late morning in Campo Grande and drive to the Sinkhole of the Macaws for a full afternoon at this, the world's bet location to photograph large, colorful macaws from above, at close range, Overnight at the Hotel Vitoria, the finest air conditioned hotel of the town of Jardim in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil.

18 October Hotel Vitoria. An entire morning photographing at the Sinkhole of the Macaws and then experience very tame wild fish and other creatures (even sometimes a Green Anaconda) in a snorkel outing in crystal-clear springs that upwell through limestone rock formations. Overnight at the Hotel Victoria.

19 October. Drive in the morning for several hours to the Fazenda (Ranch) San Francisco, where the mostly land outings by day and by night in large safari vehicles and two boat outings (one on the Aquidauana River and the other on an oxbow lake) produce a rich variety of excellent photo opportunities for Ocelots, sometimes Jaguars, Paraguayan Caimans, and even occasionally a Maned Wolf.

The outings also normally produce a few good views of Giant Anteaters. Night at the lodge at FSF.

20 October The same

21 October Drive approximately 2 hours to Pousada Aguapé, which has very tame caimans, Jabiru Storks, Crab-eating Foxes, Hyacinth Macaws, and their particular specialty---Giant Anteaters. Probably no other lodge in the world can boast more opportunities to see and photograph Giant Anteaters up close. Normally, we see several each day, often at only 5-12 metres from your camera lens

22 October Three outings at Pousada Aguapé, morning, afternoon, and night. This location is a veritable festival of Giant Aneaters. Based at the lodge itself is a small, Cessna 182, high-wing plane and its highly-experienced pilot, who offers scenic overflights of the classic round and oval lakes of that part of the Pantanal. These overflights are available at an extra charge that can be paid right there at the lodge on your bar bill.

23 October. Today, Annelie unveils her master stroke of using a set of charter planes to fly the group directly from Pousada Aguapé for 90 minute north to the landing strip of Fazenda Santana, a 17,000-hectare ranch that does not kill any Jaguars thanks to the payments made to the ranch by Annelie's ground operator. Thus, the payments that

Annelie makes for her trip are helping pay this ranch not to kill Jaguars. This payment scheme to protect Jaguars that otherwise would be shot is the first and only such "pay-tosave" deal in the history of Latin America from Mexico to Argentina and Chile. Thus, Annelie can be proud that Natur Resor is a leader in this pilot project to protect Jaguars on this ranch. There will be three outings per day while in Jaguarland---morning, afternoon, and evening. And the ranch and Annelie's ground operator are offering new ways for guests to enjoy and photograph wild Jaguars in privacy. These new methods to offer private Jaguar watching involve three new methods: 1) finding Jaguars on parts of the riverbanks of the ranch, an hour or more by boat travel from the area where most of the cheaper boats are gathering now, 2) finding newly-killed cows and putting up our Jaguar Cage for guests to sit safely within "the kill zone" of the huge Jaguars that come back to finish off the remains of the cow that they killed the previous night, and 3) having guests wait comfortably inside a roomy, permanent hide located at a very active waterhole on the ranch. This is Latin America's only comfortable, permanent viewing hide or blind at a mammal waterhole, and the mammals that come to drink there regularly include Jaguars, Pumas, Brazilian Tapirs, White-lipped Peccaries, and even Maned Wolves. The rivers of Jaguarland are roughly 100 km of channels with 52 habituated Jaguars, and Annelie's ground operators have been building up and maintaining an ID guide for the Jaguars of the area. So far, the guide includes 135 different Jaguars over 12 years, and in each season, we tend to see between 44 and 50 different Jaguars along the rivers...all of them habituated thanks to years of no hunting.

Jaguarland, which represents only one half of one percent of the entire Pantanal is also Giant Otter land as the world's most habituated families of Giant Otters live there. In fact, there are six habituated families these huge, playful, and powerful fish-eaters here in Jaguarland, and Annelie's groups normally have amazing sightings of them up close, exhibiting natural behavior at close range (6-15 metres from the boat).

This day, there will be time for an afternoon outing and an evening outing, and then overnight at the Jaguar Flotel and Jaguar Suites flotel. On one or more of the days in Jaguarland, the group will see a good flock of photographable Hyacinth Macaws, as there are three very good locations in Jaguarland for photographing this species, the world largest and most spectacular of the 345 species of parrots of the world.

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