

# SouthWild Jaguar Expedition

## 2013 Pre-Departure Information

### Emergency contacts:

Please make sure the person whom you have designated as your emergency contact while you are on our trip has a copy of your air and land itinerary as well as a copy of any additional trip insurance policy and number. It would also be a good idea that you provide that person with the name and phone number of your physician. In the event you are delayed en route, we request that you send a message by email, or telephone to the e-mail addresses listed below. Please give your name, trip name and your new arrival information.

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24-h cell phones for urgent messages in English:

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Claudia Pacheco [011 55 65 9902 5686](tel:011556599025686)

Mariana Valqui [011 55 65 9968 0319](tel:011556599680319) and after 1 August, in the USA at land line 1 410 363 3576

Normally 2 or more of these cell phones and 3 or more of these emails are being monitored all the time, but we cannot be 100% sure which persons will be on duty on a given day, so we offer all the options just to make sure that important messages get through.

### Services include:

- Predeparture information, including a list of commonly-seen birds of Pantanal
- SouthWild-trained, English-speaking guide throughout the entire trip, equipped with a customized SouthWild iPad specially-loaded with scientific lectures, unique, in-house photo-guide of Pantanal birds, other books on Brazilian birds, etc, custom-made Google Earth maps, & other features unique to SouthWild
- Comfortable, air-conditioned transport between Cuiabá and SouthWild Pantanal.
- Open Safari Truck for transfers between SouthWild Pantanal and Porto Jofre
- Eight hours per day of Jaguar searches in a maneuverable, radio-equipped motorboat powered by 15 hp, 20 hp, or 25 hp motor
- Three radio-equipped boats on the rivers specifically searching for Jaguars for at least 8 hours/day
- We lend each guest a SouthWild duffel so that he or she can take reduced amounts of clothes and gear for the 3 or 4 nights at the flotel. The guests's main suitcases remain safely stored at SWP.
- Free WIFI Internet at SouthWild Pantanal whenever weather permits, which is 95% of the time.
- Unlimited drinking water from large water coolers at both SWP and SWJF (refill your own bottles, please).
- In unlikely event that the state government closes Rio Tres Irmãos or imposes new boat use restrictions, we search for and find Jaguars on rivers just outside and around state park. Jaguars are everywhere there.

Not included: Lunch on last day, soft drinks, beer, wine, drinks, laundry service, insurance, air tickets, personal travel gear,

### Important notice about scheduling flights

Please schedule an early morning flight to reach Cuiabá. The group will leave no later than 3 pm from Cuiabá. If your flight is delayed, you will have to pay for private transport to SWP, as it is not fair for late flights to reduce the Pantanal time of on-time guests. The return from SWP to Cuiabá is around 6.30 am, which is ideal for flights leaving Cuiabá at or after 11:00 am. Guests with later flights are welcome to relax in our air-conditioned SouthWild office and use free WIFI. The office is only a 6-min walk or 3-min drive from the airport.

### Weather

During the "dry" months of May-September, cold fronts (sometimes with rain) hit about every 2-3 weeks and are up to 3 days long. Temperatures can drop to 48 F (9 C) . Since most outings are on open trucks or open boats, please bring warm down coat, gloves, and winter hat. A sweater is by no means enough!

**Chiggers**

Chiggers can ruin trips to forests and fields from SE USA to northern Argentina. The miraculous solution is pre-trip permethrin treatment of some socks, sneakers, and the lower half of one pair of field trousers.

**Drinking water**

Unlimited drinking water is available from large water coolers. All bottled beverages, including sealed bottles of drinking water, are extra. Bring drinking bottle to refill at no cost, thus eliminating plastic refuse.

**Packing list**

- ✓ 2-3 pairs of long trousers and long-sleeved shirts to protect from sun and mosquitoes
- ✓ a T-shirt and a pair of absorbent, calf-high, cotton field socks for each day
- ✓ 2 pairs of shorts
- ✓ A pair of sneakers or walking shoes
- ✓ Lightweight sandals or flip-flops that can get wet
- ✓ Windbreaker for boat rides, winter down coat, warm hat and gloves
- ✓ Reusable water bottle
- ✓ Day pack for day gear (with 3-4 large, new plastic bags inside, to pull out if it rains)
- ✓ Camera gear, photo back-up device, and binoculars (7x42 Swarovski, Leica, or Zeiss are best)
- ✓ Long rain pocho or full rain suit. (if rains on boat ride, switch to flip-flops and bag your sneakers)
- ✓ Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a sun hat with stiff brim & good chin strap for windy boat/truck rides
- ✓ Valid passport with visa (if needed), and keep separately a photocopy of passport photo page
- ✓ Personal toiletries, medications, ear plugs, eye shades for night flights, and small flashlight
- ✓ Bathing suit
- ✓ Brazilian currency to pay for drinks, laundry, tips, souvenirs. No credit cards accepted.