



BRAZIL BIRDING

E X P E R T S

SOUTH PANTANAL PRE-TOUR

5 DAYS



In this pre-tour, you will visit the lovely South Pantanal and its rich avifauna with the influence of Cerrado habitats. Boat rides, feeders, safaris, and trails in Pousada Aguapé will give us the opportunity to explore a wide variety of habitats and see many bird species and, of course, a few mammals if we're lucky. In the famous Buraco das Araras we will be delighted by the Red-and-green Macaws as they fly in synchrony inside the canyon.

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(Mato Grosso do Sul)

Guide: Carlos Gussoni

SUMMARIZED ITINERARY

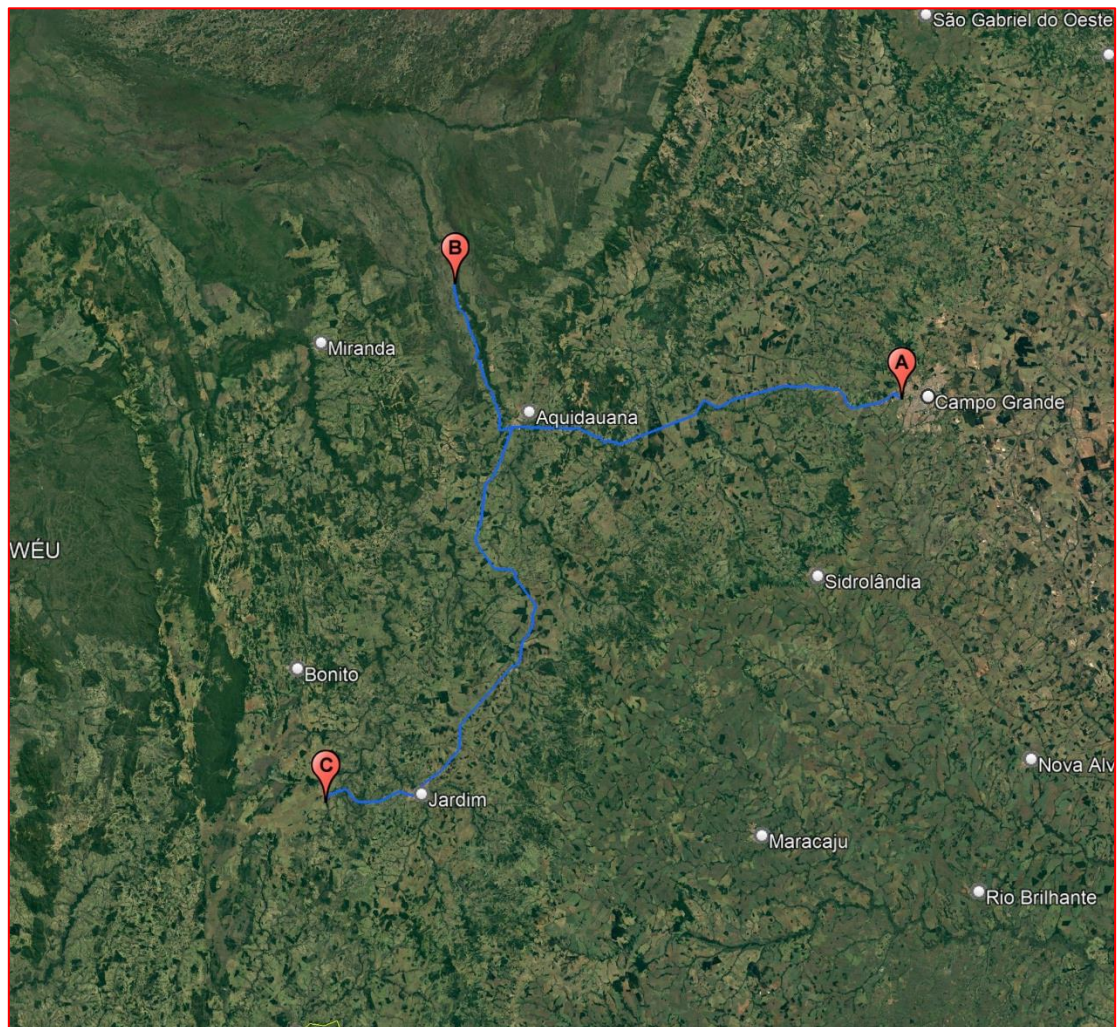
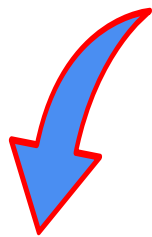
Day	Location (state)	Comments
1	Campo Grande - Pousada Aguapé (200km)	Transfer. PM Birding.
2	Pousada Aguapé	AM and PM Birding.
3	Pousada Aguapé	AM and PM Birding.
4	Pousada Aguapé - Jardim/Buraco das Araras (230km)	AM Birding. Transfer. PM Birding
5	Jardim/Buraco das Araras - Campo Grande (270km)	AM Birding. Transfer.

Date: July 17 to 21, 2025.



OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLETE ITINERARY

Campo Grande (A), Aquidauana (B), Jardim (C), Campo Grande (A).



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 0: Arrivals at Campo Grande.

Day 1: Transfer to **AQUIDAUANA/POUSADA AGUAPÉ** (+/-3h [200Km]).

Area description: an old farm owned by the same family for more than 150 years. The farm has a wide variety of environments from the Pantanal, with Cerrado influence, resulting in a list of almost 300 bird species. We stay inside the farm at the nice Pousada Aguapé, a pleasant place to stay and to start the trip around the Pantanal. During breakfast we can enjoy the feeders by the restaurant, starting the day with colorful birds and great opportunities for photography. The safaris and boat trips we take will be exclusive. For those who enjoy mammals, here we will have a good chance of encountering the Giant Anteater.

Targets: Some of the targets we'll be looking for include Chaco Chachalaca (*Ortalis canicollis*), Chaco Puffbird (*Nystalus striatipectus*), Hyacinth Macaw (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*), Turquoise-fronted Parrot (*Amazona aestiva*), Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*), Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*), Nanday Parakeets (*Aratinga nenday*), Yellow-collared Macaw (*Primolius auricollis*), Blaze-winged Parakeets (*Pyrrhura devillei*), White-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cactorum*), Pale-crested Woodpecker (*Celeus lugubris*), Toco Toucan (*Ramphastos toco*), Great Rufous Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes major*), Helmeted Manakin (*Antilophia galeata*), White-rumped Tanager (*Cypsnagra hirundinacea*), Long-tailed Ground-Dove (*Uropelia campestris*), Capped Heron (*Pilherodius pileatus*), Plumbeous Ibis (*Theristicus caerulescens*), Bearded Tachuri (*Polystictus pectoralis*), Scarlet-headed Blackbird (*Amblyramphus holosericeus*) and many others.



White-fronted Woodpecker

Nanday Parakeet



Days 2 and 3: AM and PM Birding in Pousada Aguapé.

Day 4: Transfer to Jardim (+/-3½hrs [230Km]), where we will visit the famous **BURACO DAS ARARAS**. PM Birding.

Area description: Buraco das Araras is a private land that comprises about 100 hectares of Cerrado (around 30% of the land is protected under federal law). In this area there is one of the biggest sinkholes in Latin America with more than 100m in depth and 500m of circumference. This is where the Red-and-green Macaws give us a show. They have a very good infrastructure of trails of about 900m hike in an easy pace to get to some viewpoints. And it is from where we can observe or photograph the macaws flying around the sinkhole and fulfilling us with a lot of colors and great photographic opportunities. We will stay at a hotel in Jardim city which is 30 minutes from Buraco das Araras.

Targets: besides the Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*) show, here are some other targets we will look for: Bare-faced Curassow (*Crax fasciolata*), Amazonian Motmot (*Momotus momota*), Peach-fronted Parakeet (*Eupsittula aurea*), Planalto Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes platyrostris*), Narrow-billed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*), Small-billed Tinamou (*Crypturellus parvirostris*) and more.



Day 5: AM Birding and transfer to Campo Grande (+/-3h [240Km]). Flight to Cuiabá (+/-1:30h) and night in Cuiabá.

