

## Tour 05 – Chapada Highlands and the Pantanal – 5 days / 4 nights

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### Day 1: Cuiabá Airport – Chapada dos Guimarães (2 nights)

After collecting your luggage at the airport, you'll be met by your guide holding a «UeSo Pantanal Lodge» sign. You'll then travel about 70 km to the small town of Chapada dos Guimarães. Located northeast of Cuiabá, this village has around 16,000 residents and sits on a rocky plateau at 836 meters above sea level. Canyons, mesas, caves, rivers, and waterfalls form part of this impressive landscape. In addition to the Amazon rainforest and the Pantanal, this plateau represents the third major ecosystem in Mato Grosso—making the region globally unique. Check-in at your pousada (guesthouse) in Chapada. Lunch depends on your arrival time at the airport.

In the afternoon, you'll head to the Mirante viewpoint, where you'll enjoy sweeping views over the surrounding landscape. This point also marks the geographic center of South America. A short hike in the tablelands follows, and depending on time and accessibility (which can vary unpredictably), you may visit other attractions such as rock formations or small waterfalls. In the evening, return to Chapada for dinner and a free evening. Overnight at the pousada.

### Day 2: Chapada dos Guimarães

After breakfast, you'll visit the region's most famous waterfall, «Veu de Noiva» or «Bride's Veil», where water plunges 70 meters into the canyon below. Lunch will be served in the village of Chapada dos Guimarães.

After a siesta, you'll go on a walk through the striking plateau landscape. Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge.

### Day 3: Chapada dos Guimarães – UeSo Pantanal Lodge (2 nights)

After breakfast, you, your group, and the guide will head to the Pantanal. The drive is about 170 km on paved roads and 38 km on the Transpantaneira dirt road, where you'll likely see your first wildlife. Upon arrival and check-in at the UeSo Pantanal Lodge, a buffet lunch will be served.

After a short rest, you'll go on a forest walk and visit one of our observation towers. Dinner is served as a buffet at the lodge. If you wish, we offer a guided night walk after dinner to observe nocturnal wildlife.

### Day 4: UeSo Pantanal Lodge

At 5:00 a.m., before breakfast, we'll start a sunrise walking tour. A small coffee or tea will be available before we head out. Enjoy the magical awakening of the Pantanal—an unforgettable natural spectacle. After breakfast, you'll go on a mule ride (or horse ride)—the traditional way Pantaneiros travel. This activity is also suitable for those with no riding experience. You're welcome to help saddle the mule, and we'll provide a mandatory riding helmet. A buffet lunch is served back at the lodge.

In the afternoon, we'll head out on a peaceful boat trip on the nearby Rio Novo or Rio Claro. These tours are intentionally non-motorized—you can help paddle if you like. The absence of engine noise helps us get closer to birds and other shy animals. With a bit of luck, you may spot a family of giant otters, various birds, and perhaps even a tapir.

### Day 5: UeSo Pantanal Lodge – Cuiabá Airport

After a hearty breakfast buffet at the lodge, you'll be transferred to the airport. If your flight departs in the afternoon, you can join a morning walk or boat tour. In that case, the transfer will take place after lunch.

**Note:**

All scheduled activities will take place, but the order may change for organizational reasons.

Were you fully satisfied, or do you have any suggestions for improvement?



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