UeSo Pantanal
Adventure trips to the tropical wetland

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Tour 11 – Chapada – Nobres – Pantanal and Jaguars – 8 days / 7 nights

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Day 1: Cuiabá Airport – Chapada dos Guimarães (2 nights)
After collecting your luggage at the airport, your guide will be waiting with a «UeSo Pantanal Lodge» sign. Together you'll begin the roughly 70 km drive to Chapada dos Guimarães, a stunning landscape northeast of Cuiabá situated on a rocky plateau at 836 meters above sea level. Deep canyons, massive table mountains, hidden caves, crystal-clear rivers, and roaring waterfalls form a breathtaking panorama. Chapada is a unique ecosystem nestled between the Amazon in the north and the Pantanal in the south. After arrival, you'll check in at a partner lodge. Lunch will be arranged based on your arrival time.

In the afternoon, you'll visit the Mirante viewpoint, where you can enjoy a spectacular view of the highlands—and stand right on the geographic center of South America. Afterwards, a scenic hike will take you through the sandstone towers, shaped by millions of years of erosion. The trail continues through rugged plateau terrain. Depending on the season and the national park's current regulations, additional highlights may be visited—subject to opening times, which can change on short notice. In the evening, return to Chapada dos Guimarães for dinner. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy freely.

Day 2: Lodge in Chapada dos Guimarães
After a hearty breakfast, you'll visit the most famous waterfall in the region: the impressive «Veu de Noiva« or «Bride's Veil», which plunges nearly 70 meters down a steep rock face. The fine mist and dramatic setting make it one of Chapada's most iconic sights. Afterwards, return to the village for a typical regional lunch.

In the afternoon, following a short siesta, you'll head back into the plateau landscape for a hike, exploring the sandstone formations and wide vistas. The day ends with a fine dinner at the lodge.

Day 3: Chapada dos Guimarães – Pousada in Nobres (1 night)
After breakfast, you'll continue your journey toward the partner lodge in Bom Jardim. The 150 km drive takes about two hours. Upon arrival, a revitalizing lunch will be served. In the afternoon, you'll explore the lush vegetation along the waterways, surrounded by shrubs and forest. Equipped with snorkel gear, you'll dive into a crystal-clear spring basin inhabited by a vibrant underwater world. You'll swim among fish like pintados, dorados, various aquarium fish, and sometimes even freshwater stingrays in the sandy bottom. Afterwards, you'll float gently downstream and enjoy the tropical surroundings from a new perspective.

Later in the afternoon, you'll visit the "Lagoa das Araras," another natural highlight. Many birds can be observed here, including macaws, parakeets, parrots, storks, and herons. You'll return to the lodge just in time for dinner and a relaxed evening.

Day 4: Pousada in Nobres – UeSo Pantanal Lodge (2 nights)
After breakfast, you'll head toward Poconé. Along the way, we'll stop at a gas station for a bite or a strong coffee. After passing through the former gold-mining town of Poconé, the journey continues along the world-famous Transpantaneira to the UeSo Pantanal Lodge. We'll make several stops along the way to observe animals and learn about the diverse plant life. After check-in, a buffet lunch awaits, followed by a restful break.

In the late afternoon, you'll take a walk through the surrounding forests, where—with a bit of luck—you may spot birds, capuchin monkeys, or even howler monkeys. Dinner will be served at the lodge.

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Day 5: UeSo Pantanal Lodge

At around 5:00 a.m., before breakfast, we'll set out on a sunrise walk. A small coffee or tea will be available beforehand. Enjoy the magical awakening of the Pantanal. After breakfast, you'll go on a mule or horseback ride, using the traditional transport method of the Pantaneiros. No experience is required. If you like, you can help saddle and unsaddle your mule. Riding helmets will be provided. Lunch will be served at the lodge.

After a relaxing midday break, a boat tour awaits on the nearby Rio Novo or Rio Claro. We use paddles rather than motors to avoid disturbing wildlife. You're welcome to help paddle. Life jackets are provided. With a bit of luck, you may spot a family of giant otters, various birds, and even mammals—perhaps a tapir.

Day 6: UeSo Pantanal Lodge – Jaguar Safari Chalana UeSo Pantanal (1 night)

Breakfast is available from 7:00 a.m. Then you'll head to Porto Jofre, the end of the legendary Transpantaneira. Along the way, there will be plenty of stops to observe wildlife in their natural habitat—caimans, capybaras, and many more species that define the Pantanal. At a scenic location, you'll enjoy a picnic lunch. You'll then travel the final leg to Porto Jofre, where you'll board your cabin on the floating lodge, Chalana UeSo Pantanal. Until and after dinner, you'll have time to enjoy the peaceful river landscape. You'll spend the night aboard the Chalana.

Day 7: Chalana UeSo Pantanal – UeSo Pantanal Lodge (1 night)

At 7:00 a.m., breakfast is served. Afterwards, you'll head out on a motorboat safari on the rivers Cuiabá, Tres Irmãos, São Lourenço, and Piquiri. These waters are home to jaguars, and your chances of spotting these majestic big cats are high. After about four and a half hours, around 12:30 p.m., lunch will be served back on the Chalana UeSo Pantanal. At approximately 1:45 p.m., you'll begin the journey back to the UeSo Pantanal Lodge, arriving in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight stay at the lodge.

Day 8: UeSo Pantanal Lodge – Cuiabá Airport

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to the airport. If your flight departs in the afternoon, you'll have the option to take part in a morning walk or mule ride. In that case, transfer will take place after lunch.

Note:

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

For your jaguar excursion aboard the Chalana, your bulky luggage will stay at the reception – you'll take only a light backpack for two days with you into the boat cabin. Upon your return, you can pick up your luggage at the reception. During the high season, your original room might no longer be available, but we guarantee you an equivalent and comfortable room. So get your camera ready – the jaguars are waiting for you!

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

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