THE
PANTANAL
A SOUTH AMERICAN SAFARI
July 14 to 24, 2017
Travel/Study has always prided itself on providing itineraries to exciting new destinations for travelers. This program is one more out-of-the-ordinary adventure to add to the list. Holding the title of “the largest wetland in the world,” Brazil’s Pantanal has a rich and complex ecosystem that is home to thousands of fascinating species. With its open, spacious topography, it’s a premier destination for wildlife viewing, yet it’s still a relatively unknown travel destination. We can’t think of a better way to explore this diverse biosphere than in the company of Stanford professor Bill Durham, ’71, who will illuminate the natural wonders we’ll encounter and elaborate on the environmental issues the region is facing. Join us!

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

**BE INSPIRED** by the colors, shapes and sounds of this unique, freshwater wetland region located in western Brazil.

**SEARCH** for the majestic jaguar in its natural habitat, as well as hundreds of other remarkable endemic species—from giant anteaters to caimans.

**LEARN** about the conservation efforts being made by local people to preserve all aspects of this robust ecosystem.
“Bill made the trip exceptional. He was extremely knowledgeable, accessible and genuinely excited to be there.”

JON WREN, MS ’89, PHD ’94, GALAPAGOS EXPEDITION, 2016

Faculty Leader

PROFESSOR WILLIAM DURHAM, ’71, past chair of Stanford’s anthropology department, is an innovative researcher and teacher whose primary interests are ecology and evolution, the interactions of genetic and cultural change in human populations, and the challenges to conservation and community development in the tropics. Bill has a special interest in the relationship between parks and local people, particularly in the ways that responsible tourism can help support both protected area conservation efforts and local livelihoods, which is a key theme in the Pantanal region. He is co-director of a Woods Institute for the Environment initiative in southern Costa Rica to help develop a sustainability strategy for the region. He has led previous Travel/Study trips to the Amazon region, Peru, Galápagos and Patagonia, as well as to numerous destinations outside of South America. Bill believes that educational travel is one of the most enriching experiences one can have.

— Joined the Stanford University faculty in 1977
— Bing Professor in Human Biology and the Yang and Yamazaki University Fellow
— Recipient of the Bing Fellow Award and a MacArthur Prize fellowship

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OR BY PHONE: (650) 725-1093
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 14 & 15
U.S. / CAMPO GRANDE, BRAZIL
Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Brazil. Upon arrival on Saturday, transfer to our four-star hotel. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner this evening.

GRAND PARK HOTEL (7/15: D)

SUNDAY, JULY 16
CAMPO GRANDE / Pousada Aguapé
Depart early this morning on a three-hour drive to the Pousada Aguapé, a working cattle ranch in the southern Pantanal. Along the way watch for giant anteaters, macaws, capybaras and caimans. Arrive at the fazenda (farm) in time for lunch. Late in the afternoon go on a game drive in search of the diverse local wildlife that call this area home. Pousada Aguapé (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JULY 17
POUSADA AGUAPÉ
Spend the morning on another game drive, or instead choose to explore the area of the pousada (lodge) on horseback. As it starts to get hotter in the late morning, return to the lodge and enjoy a lecture before lunch. Venture out again in the afternoon once the heat begins to subside, either taking a guided nature walk or going on a boat ride along the Rio Aquidauana. If conditions are right, we’ll go on a night safari to observe some of the nocturnal animals. Pousada Aguapé (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JULY 18
POUSADA AGUAPÉ
Today learn about the challenges of cattle ranching in this seasonally flooded grassland and gain some insight on how agriculture and conservation are progressing in the area to work hand in hand. In the afternoon, take a final game drive or perhaps go fishing for piranha! Pousada Aguapé (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
POUSADA AGUAPÉ / PORTO JOFRE
Today travel on small charter planes from the southern Pantanal to the riverine forest ecosystem of Rio Cuiabá and the northern Pantanal, where we hope to observe the elusive and majestic jaguar in the wild. Arrive at our hotel in time for lunch, then go on a boat ride along the Rio Cuiabá and the adjoining channels inside the Meeting of the Waters State Park. Porto Jofre Hotel (B,L,D)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JULY 20 & 21
PORTO JOFRE / RIO CUIABÁ
During the next two days, each morning will include a safari cruise on the Rio Cuiabá in search of jaguars, giant otters, tapir and other amazing wildlife. Then, after returning to our hotel midday for lunch and some time to relax, we’ll head...
out again in the later afternoon on excursions in search of more intriguing species. PORTO JOFRE HOTEL (B,L,D— BOTH DAYS)

SATURDAY, JULY 22
PORTO JOFRE / CUIABÁ
Today we leave the river and head north on the Transpanatneiro Highway, crossing some 100+ wooden bridges that allow the highway to traverse the flooded lands. Expect to see huge flocks of wading birds, plus literally thousands of caimans and capybaras. Stop for lunch along the way, and arrive at our hotel in Cuiabá in the early afternoon. This evening enjoy a festive farewell dinner at a local restaurant. HOTEL DEVILLE (B,L,D)

SUNDAY & MONDAY, JULY 23 & 24
CUIABÁ / U.S.
Transfer to the airport for overnight flights back to the U.S., arriving on Monday. (B)

Post-trip Extension
BRAZILIAN AMAZON
JULY 23 TO 27 (4 ADDITIONAL DAYS)
Fly from Cuiabá to Alta Floresta and transfer to the fabulous Cristalino Lodge. Located in the southern part of the Brazilian Amazon, the lodge has a vast private reserve covered by primary rain forest and is dedicated to conserving the natural resources and biological diversity of the region. Explore this lush ecosystem for two full days with the lodge’s knowledgeable guides, spotting innumerable species of mammals, reptiles, birds, insects and plants.

Space is limited. Additional details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.
Trip Information

DATES
July 14 to 24, 2017 (11 days)

SIZE
26 participants (single accommodations limited—please call for availability)

COST*
$8,495 per person, double occupancy
$9,295 per person, single occupancy
*Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

INCLUDED
8 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations • 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners • Charter flight from southern to northern Pantanal on 7/19 • Gratuities to guides, drivers and porters for all group activities • All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary • Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days • Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance • Educational program with lecture series and pre-departure materials, including recommended reading list, a selected book, map and travel information • Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
International and U.S. domestic airfare • Passport and visa fees • Immunization costs • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Independent and private transfers • Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls and faxes, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
International and U.S. domestic airfare is not included in the program cost. Round-trip, economy-class airfare on United Airlines from San Francisco to Campo Grande, Brazil, and return from Cuiabá, is approximately $1,800 as of October 2016 and is subject to change without notice.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program. Daily excursions involve one to two miles of walking. The terrain is generally flat or gently undulating but paths may be unpaved or sandy. Some days require early-morning starts and/or late-evening excursions for wildlife viewing. Though game drives are quite leisurely, participants should be comfortable riding in open-air, four-wheel-drive vehicles on dusty and unpaved roads for up to two to three hours at a time. Participants must be able to climb in and out of the vehicles. Our journey also requires travel by motorboat, small propeller airplane and minibus, the longest drives being up to six hours (broken up by lunch breaks and rest stops). Some roads may be bumpy and/or unpaved. Participants should be physically fit, active and in good health. Access to medical care and facilities is limited in remote areas but readily available in Campo Grande and Cuiabá. We welcome travelers 12 years of age and older on this program.
Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to hold space on this program. An additional $200-per-person deposit is required to hold space for the optional post-trip extension. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?pantanal2017 or call the Travel/Study office at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford goto / membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. The right is reserved to cancel any program prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not onboard their plane or conveyance. Neither the Alumni Association, Stanford University nor our operators accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in October 2016 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.
"The trip was fantastic. The best parts, like on most Travel/Study trips, were the participation of an outstanding faculty member and our intrigued and intriguing fellow travelers."

WILLIAM CARLSON, ’74, AMAZON AND MACHU PICCHU, 2015