



# THE PANTANAL

**A SOUTH AMERICAN SAFARI**

July 19 to 29, 2019

a program of the stanford  
alumni association

Back by popular demand, we welcome our travelers to explore “the largest wetland in the world.” Brazil’s Pantanal has a rich and complex ecosystem that is home to thousands of fascinating species. Travel/Study has always prided itself on exploring out-of-the-ordinary itineraries, and this program is no exception. With its open, spacious topography, the Pantanal is 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 Robert “Bob” Siegel, '76, MA '77, MD '90. His expertise and passions for biology—micro and macro—will illuminate the natural wonders we’ll encounter.

*Borell*

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



**BLACK CAPUCHIN**

## 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 ant-eaters to caimans.

**LEARN** about the many conservation efforts being made by local people to preserve all aspects of this robust ecosystem.

COVER: JAGUAR



**CAPYBARAS**



# Faculty Leader

**DR. ROBERT "BOB" SIEGEL, '76, MA '77, MD '90**, is a professor of microbiology and immunology at Stanford's School of Medicine and also holds appointments in the Human Biology program, the Center for African Studies and the Woods Institute for the Environment. He's the recipient of numerous teaching and advising awards including Stanford's highest teaching accolade, the Walter Gores Award. Dr. Bob's courses cover a wide range of topics including virology, photography, Darwin, island biogeography, global health and The Stanford Safari. He has served as an advisor and consultant to TeachAIDS, Free the Children, Support for International Change, Ocean Medicine Foundation, Wonderfest: the Bay Area Beacon of Science, and The Discovery Channel. An avid traveler and photographer, he has led numerous Stanford Travel/Study trips and has taught field seminars on six continents.

"Bob was fun to be around, and his lectures drew you in—his enthusiasm and excitement were contagious."

**LISA POPE,  
GALÁPAGOS FAMILY  
ADVENTURE, 2015**

- Professor, microbiology and immunology, School of Medicine; secondary appointment at Woods Institute for the Environment, Center for Africa Studies, Program in Human Biology—Stanford University
- Recipient: Walter Gores Award, ASSU Teaching Award, Biology Master Advisor Award, Henry J. Kaiser Award for Excellence in Preclinical Teaching, Committee on Courses and Curriculum Commendation for Outstanding Teaching, Human Biology Excellence in Faculty Advising Award—all Stanford University
- BA, psychology, 1976, MA, education, 1977, and MD, medicine, 1990, Stanford University
- PhD, molecular biology, 1984, University of Colorado at Boulder

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Iguazu Falls

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MEETING OF THE WATERS STATE PARK

Pousada Aguapé

Campo Grande

to Iguazu

# Itinerary

FRIDAY & SATURDAY,  
JULY 19 & 20

## 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 (7/20: D)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

## 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,

capibaras 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 22

## 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 23

## 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 prog-

ressing 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 24

## 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 Meeting of the Waters State Park. PORTO JOFRE HOTEL (B,L,D)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY,  
JULY 25 & 26

## 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, tapirs and other animals. After returning to our hotel midday for lunch and some time to relax, we'll





PANTANAL FAZENDA (CATTLE RANCH)

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 27  
**PORTO JOFRE / CUIABÁ**

Today we leave the river and head north on the Transpantaneiro Highway, crossing some 100+ wooden bridges that allow the highway to traverse the flooded lands. Expect to see 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 28 & 29  
**CUIABÁ / U.S.**

Transfer to the airport for overnight flights back to the U.S., arriving on Monday. (7/28: B)

## Post-trip Extension

### IGUAZU FALLS, BRAZIL

JULY 28 TO 31 (4 ADDITIONAL DAYS)

Fly to Iguazu Falls where our hotel sits just outside this natural spectacle. Explore the Brazilian side of these awe-inspiring falls with a trained guide, and see firsthand what makes this one of the world's most incredible forces of nature. You can soak up a panoramic view of the falls, and then get up close with the picturesque ecosystem—a haven for flora and fauna alike. Follow the Paraná River to the binational Itaipu Dam, to take in another perspective of some of the world's most stunning sites.





**ARMADILLO**



**HYACINTH MACAW**

# Trip Information

## **DATES**

July 19 to 29, 2019 (11 days)

## **SIZE**

24 participants (single accommodations limited—please call for availability)

## **COST\***

\$9,295 per person, double occupancy

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\*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

## **INCLUDED**

8 nights of hotel accommodations ▪ 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 8 dinners ▪ Charter flight from southern to northern Pantanal on 7/24 ▪ 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**

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you information with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

We consider this to be a moderately strenuous program, and participants should be physically fit, active and in good health. Some days require early-morning starts and/or late-evening excursions for wildlife viewing. Although there is minimal walking and 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 three hours at a time. Participants must be able to climb in and out of these vehicles, which requires scaling a ladder. 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) often on bumpy and/or unpaved roads. Tourism infrastructure in the Pantanal is still developing, but all of our accommodations are safe, clean and comfortable. Access to medical care and facilities is limited in remote areas but readily available in Campo Grande and Cuiabá. We expect that participants will be a self-selecting group whose appreciation for the places we visit outweighs the need for creature comforts. We welcome travelers 12 years of age and older on this program.





**GIANT ANTEATER**

# Terms & Conditions

## **Deposit & Final Payment**

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve 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?pantanal2019](http://alumni.stanford.edu/trip?pantanal2019) 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 on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. 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 Stanford 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](http://alumni.stanford/goto/membership) or call (650) 725-0692.

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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 on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford 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 2018 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.



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"The educational experience is what makes a Stanford trip worth it—all my Stanford trips have been fantastic and well-planned."

MELANIE ROWLAND, '71, PANTANAL, 2017

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GIANT WATER LILIES