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BRAZIL PANTANAL



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THE EXPERIENCE



There are no shortage of titles for this fantastic region of Mato Grosso do Sul. In 2000, the Pantanal, the largest floodplain on the planet, was declared a Natural Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve.

The main economic activity in the region is cattle farming, but with the growth of tourism, some farms have been turned into hotels. One of them is the Caiman Ecological Refuge, in the municipality of Miranda.

The hotel has a Private Natural Heritage Reserve (RPPN) with about 5,600 hectares, where the natural characteristics of the Pantanal are maintained. You can carry out numerous activities, which will put you in contact with the local fauna and culture.

Added together, the species of mammals, birds, fish and reptiles exceed a thousand, and the biggest icon among them is the jaguar. This fauna inhabits scenarios with parts of the Amazon Forest, Caatinga, Cerrado, pond and Atlantic Forest.



THE CAIMAN

Founded more than 30 years ago with the objective of conserving the fauna, flora and culture of the Pantanal, Caiman was a pioneer in believing in the benefits of ecotourism for the region. Its structure, unique in the Pantanal, brings together extremely cozy and comfortable accommodation, magical experiences in nature – all led by specialists who know everything about the destination – in addition to delicious cuisine.

SUSTENTABILITY

Caiman develops, in addition to ecotourism, extensive livestock activities and supports research and environmental conservation projects, such as the Arara Azul Project, the Jaguar Project, the Papagaio-Verdadeiro Project and now, more recently, the Tapirapé Project, which in partnership with the Onçafari's initiative is to get to know the tapirs better and thus protect them. All projects are developed in partnership with researchers and universities.

Caiman also created an Environmental Interpretation Center, a cultural space that aims to present a complete overview of the Pantanal ecosystem and a temporal record of the Pantanal in the context of Brazilian history.

RPPN Dona Aracy

More than 10% of Caiman's total area, about 5.6 hectares, was protected by the Fazenda's initiative as an aid to USP researchers. This area is isolated even from the cattle kept by the farm and, it is in this environment that different types of habitats are protected, it is where the fauna and flora spread through cerradões, meadows, carandazais, low cerrados, ebbs, corixos, capões and mountain ranges.

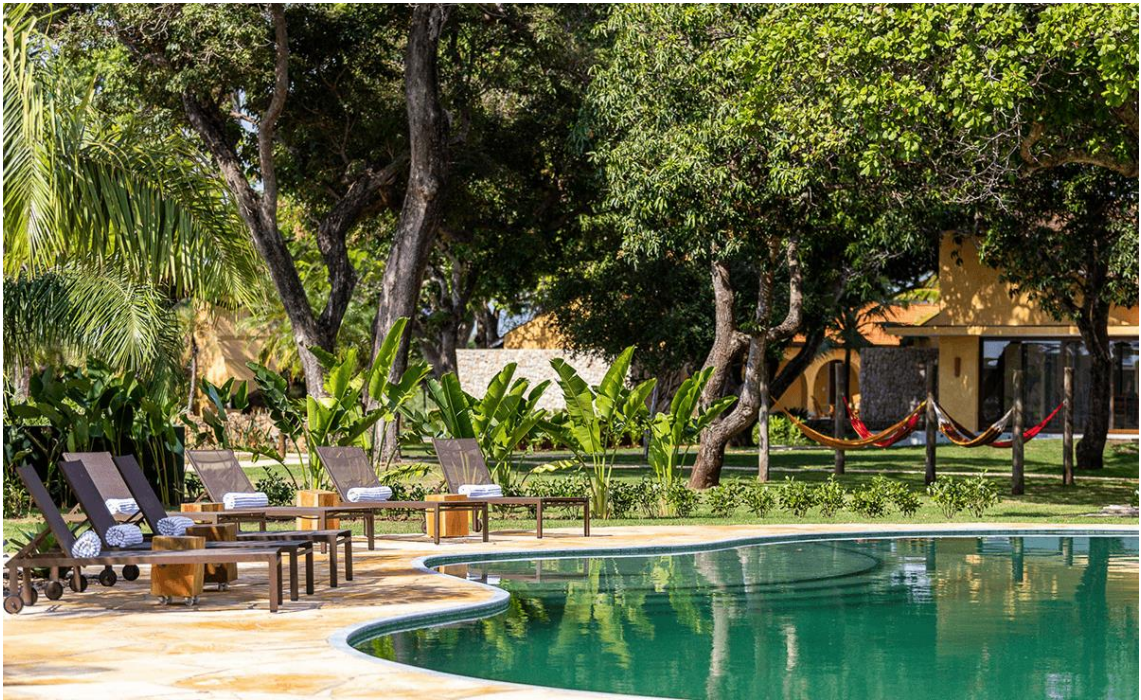
BEST TIME

The driest time of year is from April to September, when temperatures are mild during the day and cool at night. This is the best time to visit the place. From October to March, the hottest and wettest period of the year, heavy rains are frequent. Despite the heat, it is a good time to observe the animals.

HOW TO GET

Flights from the main capitals arrive at Campo Grande airport. Afterwards, transfer for 4 hours to the hotel.







ACCOMMODATION

CAIMAN HOUSE

Recently renovated, Casa Caiman, with its location, allows for a more direct contact with the daily activities of the Pantanal, in an opportunity to get to know the culture of the region, living with the people.

Between one activity and another, guests can read a book in the hammocks scattered around the garden, have a drink by the pool, or relax on the cushions on the terrace while they wait. Those who prefer can still rest in one of the 18 suites, which occupy the structure of a century-old farm, restored to offer even more comfort.

Suite - is about 45m², this accommodation has a private balcony of approx. 10m² overlooking the garden or the bay.

Superior Suite - is about 52m², this accommodation is the perfect option for those looking for space and luminosity, it is equipped with a private balcony of approx. 10m² overlooking the garden or the bay. Take the opportunity to have a cozy coffee in one of the armchairs in the room while listening to the sounds of the forest.

Master Suite – this accommodation is made for travelers looking for maximum comfort. It is 80m² and a private balcony of 20m², it still offers its guest, living room, toilet, closet, bathroom with jacuzzi and views of the bay.





ACCOMMODATION

PRIVATE VILLAS

Private Villas are a new way to enjoy the Pantanal in an exclusive and private way, in which the house is closed to a single group. Caiman villas have all the accommodation and gastronomy services of the Farm, in addition to a complete program.

With a private car and guide, the activity schedule can be more flexible, in addition to accepting children of any age.

Travelers can also enjoy the scenery in hammocks on the suites' balconies or in the glass-enclosed living room. The nights are guaranteed to be cozy, with air conditioning, heated showers, pure cotton sheets and top-quality pillows.

In all, the villa can comfortably accommodate 12 people in its 06 suites.

Villa Baiazinha

Inspired by the classic farms in the region, Baiazinha occupies a magical setting in Caiman. With a deck and a delightful pool, its structure is all facing a special bay. Day after day, it is possible to follow special moments of the Pantanal nature, which include the synchronized swimming of capybaras and late afternoons that paint the sky pink.





ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Activities start very early in the morning, making the most of the day to observe wildlife. After that, guests return to the inn to have lunch and rest. When the temperature cools down, it's time to go out for an afternoon walk, another good time to see the Pantanal and enjoy the local sunset.

A stay of at least 4 nights is recommended.

Cayman Tour

It is a walk around the corral, research centers, school and Environmental Interpretation Center. Your final destination is the Paizinho bridge, one of the most traditional places in Caiman, where you can watch alligators. It is a magical moment when tourists are very close to the alligators with all the security provided by the guides, being able to get to observe one of the symbols of the Pantanal up close.

Hiking on the Pantanal trails

Performed on several trails near the lodges, the walks allow the observation of small animals and vegetation of the region.

It is the tour that provides greater contact with the environment. Reinforcing the ecological focus of its activity, the Caiman Ecological Refuge alternates the walking areas, minimizing the impact on the environment.

Night Focus

It offers the opportunity to observe nocturnal animals. The highlight is when you can see the alligators, whose eyes have an impressive red reflection.

Photo safari

Carried out in specially adapted vehicles, this tour allows access to the most distant places on the farm. During a photographic safari, it is possible to observe the peculiarities and contrasts of the vegetation, as well as a wide variety of animals. This tour can be combined with other activities, such as a trail in the woods.

Canadian Canoe Tour

It is carried out in the bays of the farm. Guests paddle in Canadian three-seater canoes through vegetation and waterfowl. It is also a good opportunity to hear the local sounds and watch the beautiful Pantanal sunset.

Jeep Safari

It offers a closer contact with wildlife. Carried out in 4x4 vehicles with adaptations for safari, it provides guests with a closer contact with the animals and access to different areas of the Pantanal.

Caimaners and Field Guides

Caimaners are bilingual (Portuguese/English) guides specialized in Pantanal fauna and flora, who accompany guests on tours informing, clarifying doubts and presenting curiosities. In addition to the caimaners, the activities are also accompanied by field guides, residents of the region, who have a deep knowledge of the Pantanal. In this way, the enjoyment of the tours becomes even better.

***Consult us for optional activities such as biking and bird watching.*



Canadian Canoe Tour



Safari



COST PER ACCOMMODATION PER NIGHT

LOW SEASON

02/01/24 to 03/31/24, 12/01/24 to 12/31/24

CASA CAIMAN	SINGLE/DOUBLE
Suite	R\$ 4.273
Superior Suite	R\$ 4.959
Master Suite	R\$ 5.963

REGULAR SEASON

01/01/24 to 01/31/24, 04/01/24 to 05/31/24, 11/01/24 to 11/30/24

CASA CAIMAN	SINGLE/DOUBLE
Suite	R\$ 4.873
Superior Suite	R\$ 5.704
Master Suite	R\$ 6.545

HIGH SEASON

06/01/24 to 06/30/24, 09/01/24 to 10/31/24

CASA CAIMAN	SINGLE/DOUBLE
Suite	R\$ 5.360
Suite Superior	R\$ 6.274
Suite Master	R\$ 7.200

PRIVATE VILLA

02/01/24 to 03/31/24, 12/01/24 to 12/31/24

Villa Baiazinha (up to 12 guests)	PER NIGHT
	R\$ 28.750

PRIVATE VILLA

01/01/24 to 01/31/24, 04/01/24 to 06/30/24, 10/01/24 to 11/30/24

Villa Baiazinha (up to 12 guests)	PER NIGHT
	R\$ 33.062

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Prices are in Brazilian Reais (R\$).
- Prices are per accommodation, per night.
- **Prices subject to change without previous notice according to availability and time of year.**
- The apartments in Casa Caiman have a capacity for two people.
- The Caiman Ecological Refuge reserves the right to cancel or replace any regular activity if environmental conditions are not favorable for its performance.
- All guests must sign a regulation at check-in containing the instructions and risks involved in the activities and agreeing to follow the instructions given by the guides (Caimaners and field guides).
- All visitors to the Caiman Ecological Refuge must pay the environmental fee to ensure the maintenance of the environmental conditions and conservation projects of the Dona Aracy Natural Heritage Private Reserve. The value is R\$500 for adults or children.



- Children Policy: at Casa Caiman only children over 8 years old are accepted and the rate charged is the same as adults. For children under 8 years old, it is necessary to book a Private Villa (Baiazinha).
- During the period from May 19 to November 7, 2023, entries and exits must be from Thursday to Sunday and from Sunday to Thursday. On national holidays, a minimum stay of 3 nights is required.
- During low season, no minimum nights are required.

INCLUDED

- Accommodation at the Caiman Ecological Refuge with full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks during the tours).
- Non-alcoholic beverages.
- All regular contemplation activities accompanied by Caimaners (Portuguese/English bilingual guides) and field guide.
- Telephone on call during the trip, available 24/7.

NOT INCLUDED

- Flight tickets.
- Activities mentioned at extra cost.
- Tickets and environmental fees.
- Transfers in/out.
- Travel insurance.
- Personal expenses.
- Early check-in or late check-out.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Tips.