

American Countryside Tour of Brazil

January 29 – February 6, 2016

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**Friday
January 29**

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Houston – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Arrive at Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport three hours prior to departure to check-in for United Airlines flight 129, departing at 9:10PM. Dinner is served on our [10hr 5min] overnight flight.

**Saturday
January 30**

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Rio de Janeiro.

A light breakfast is served before our arrival at Rio de Janeiro International Airport at 11:15AM. Welcome to Brazil!!

Clear Brazilian customs and immigration formalities, and then collect our luggage at the baggage claim. We meet our English-speaking guide and proceed outside to board our private deluxe motor coach. Transfer to the beachfront Rio Othon Palace Hotel at Copacabana for a two night stay. Copacabana is known for its beaches, cosmopolitan shops, fine and typical restaurants, bars and trendy nightclubs, art fairs, great cinemas and theaters.

The afternoon is free to relax at the beach, explore the area on own, and rest from your travels.

This evening we will enjoy a Brazilian barbecue buffet welcome dinner and the *Plataforma Show* – an evening of Brazilian music, dance and folklore!



Overnight at:

Rio Othon Palace
Avenida Atlantica 3264, Copacabana
Rio de Janeiro, 22070-000, Brazil
Tel: +55 21 2106-1500

<http://www.othon.com.br/en/hoteis/hotel-em-copacabana/rio-othon-palace#o-hotel>

**Sunday
January 31**

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Rio de Janeiro.

After our first Brazilian breakfast, we enjoy a full day tour of Rio. You will see the Christ the Redeemer statue and the famed Maracana Soccer Stadium. A lunch break at 12:30 in a very nice restaurant is followed by afternoon visits to Sugar Loaf Mountain and Tijuca Forest, and also the Sambódromo.



Overnight again at your Rio hotel.

**Monday
February 1**

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Rio de Janeiro – Cuiabá – Poconé.

This morning we check-out and transfer to the airport for an early morning flight to Cuiabá.

Upon arrival at the Cuiabá Airport, we collect our luggage and then proceed outside to board our private deluxe motor coach and transfer to the Pantanal (1 hr 45 min drive). Lunch en route. Check-in to our rooms, and dinner is served in the hotel restaurant.



This evening we enjoy a night safari – a night-time drive using a vehicle equipped with a flashlight for highlighting nocturnal fauna, with the chance to observe crab-eating foxes, ocelots, and many caiman's eyes!

Overnight at:

Pousada Piuval

Rod Transpantaneira, Km 10 - Zona Rural

Poconé - MT, 78175-000, Brazil

Tel: +55 65 3345-2545

<http://www.pousadapiuval.com.br/>

**Tuesday
February 2**

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Pantanal – Cuiabá.

This entire day is dedicated to discovering the Pantanal, the world's largest tropical wetland area. The Pantanal sprawls over an area estimated at between 140,000 and 195,000 square kilometres (54,000 and 75,000 sq mi). Roughly 80% of the Pantanal floodplains are submerged during the rainy seasons, nurturing an astonishing biologically diverse collection of aquatic plants and helping to support a dense array of animal species.

During the morning we will take a boat tour to observe the nature and animals. This afternoon we will explore the area by horseback and on a walking trail.



Later we drive to Cuiabá for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Overnight at:

Hotel Deville Prime

Avenida Isaac Póvoas, 1000 - Centro Norte

Cuiabá - MT, 78032-015, Brazil

Tel: +55 65 3319-3000

<http://www.deville.com.br/hotel/deville-prime-cuiaba/>

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| <p>Wednesday February 3</p> <p>B, L, D</p> | <p>Cuiabá – Lucas do Rio Verde.</p> <p>Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we have a meeting with representatives of FAMATO (Federation of Agriculture and Livestock of Mato Grosso), which is the Brazilian equivalent of Farm Bureau. Here we have an overview of agriculture in Brazil, and in the Mato Grosso region specifically.</p> <p>Then we get on the road to Lucas do Rio Verde (5 hours drive), with a lunch stop and visit to a grain farm en route.</p> <p>Lucas do Rio Verde is the state capital of Mato Grosso and is one of Mato Grosso's major agricultural cities. The region receives between 80-90 inches of rain between September and April. The first crop planted is generally soybeans, and then a second crop of corn or cotton is no-tilled in directly behind the combines. In January, one can literally see combines and planters working in the same field together. For those that have invested in irrigation systems, a third crop is also planted, typically edible beans.</p> <p>Arrive at our hotel for dinner and overnight.</p> <p>Overnight at: Hotel Mandino Avenida Rio Grande do Sul, 2349 - Menino Deus Lucas do Rio Verde - MT, 78455-000, Brazil Tel: +55 65 3549-5598 http://www.hotelmandino.com/</p> |
| <p>Thursday February 4</p> <p>B, L, -</p> | <p>Sorriso – Lucas do Rio Verde.</p> <p>Breakfast at the hotel, and then we board the motor coach to drive an hour north to Sorriso. Here we visit the Dow Agrosiences crop research center. Sorriso is the world's largest producer of soybeans.</p> <div data-bbox="472 1430 1373 1717" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Lunch, and then we return to Lucas do Rio Verde for an afternoon visit to the JBS cattle feedlot, which has a capacity for 25,000 head of cattle</p> <p>Overnight at: Hotel Mandino Lucas do Rio Verde</p> |

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| <p>Friday February 5</p> <p>B, L, D</p> | <p>Lucas do Rio Verde – Cuiabá – Foz do Iguaçu.</p> <p>Breakfast, then we check-out and drive to Nova Mutum (100 km / 1 hr 30 min), where we visit a grain farm with a grain elevator.</p> <p>Continue to Nobres for lunch (120 km / 1 hr 40 min).</p> <p>This afternoon we continue our drive south to Cuiabá International Airport, and check-in for our flight to Foz do Iguaçu. Flight details TBA.</p> <p>Upon arrival, we are picked up and transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight.</p> <p>Overnight at: Hotel Recanto Park Avenida Costa e Silva, 3500 - Alto do São Francisco Foz do Iguaçu - PR, 85863-000, Brazil Tel:+55 45 2102-3000 http://www.recantocataratasresort.com.br/</p> |
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| <p>Saturday February 6</p> <p>B, L, -</p> | <p>Iguazu Falls – Foz do Iguacu – São Paulo – USA.</p> <p>Breakfast at the hotel. We spend the morning visiting the Argentinian side of the falls. We enter the National Park where we leave the bus and get on a small train that takes us to the Devil’s Throat, the largest fall in the whole complex, which is approx. 4 miles long. We will walk to the top of it for an impressive view. Later, we go back towards the visitor center where we will tour the top and bottom of the falls, along the walkways, covered by the dense sub-tropical forest.</p>  <p>We have lunch at the visitors’ center and there is time to browse the gift shop for last minute souvenirs before we transfer to the Foz do Iguacu airport. Check-in for TAM Airlines flight 3168 departing at 6:52PM for São Paulo.</p> <p>Arrival at São Paulo airport is scheduled for 8:40PM. We gather our luggage and then check-in for United Airlines flight 978, departing at 11:30PM. Dinner is served on our [14 hr 38 min] overnight flight.</p> |
| <p>Sunday February 7</p> | <p>Houston.</p> <p>Our flight is scheduled to arrive into Houston International Airport at 5:30AM. Clear US customs and immigration, and collect luggage, then proceed to check-in for your flight home.</p> <p>Thanks for traveling with Agrotours!</p> |

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MEALS: B = breakfast; L = Lunch; D = dinner; S=snack; * assumes with hosts; **airline meal. Breakfast includes coffee or tea; for other meals beverages are ordered and paid separately.

Tour participants are responsible for validity of passports and for obtaining the necessary visa. Passports must have two blank pages and be valid for six months beyond the date of entry.

We reserve the right to substitute technical visits if circumstances require.