

Brazil – Campo Grande Giant Anteater Extension

Naturetrek Itinerary



Giant Anteater (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*)

Outline Itinerary

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| Day 1 | Fly Campo Grande, transfer Orla Morena Hotel. Giant Anteater excursion. |
| Day 2 | Giant Anteater excursions. |
| Day 3 | Giant Anteater excursion. Fly to Cuiaba to join group holiday. |

Summary

Campo Grande, known locally as the Cidade Morena for its red earth, lies near the headwaters of the Anhanduí River, in the Maracaju Mountains at 540m above sea level. The aim of this extension is to observe the incredible Giant Anteater in stunning open scenery, and maybe even to walk with them!

Arguably nowhere else in the world can provide such a wonderful opportunity to get close to a Giant Anteater with a high population density in this area giving us an excellent chance to observe one of the world's most

uniquely wonderful species. There really is a great deal to see here and with expert guidance it will be a most rewarding addition to your main Brazil holiday.

Of course Giant Anteaters will be the main focus on each outing, but there is much more besides in this area with both Six and Nine-banded Armadillos possible and Southern Tamandua if we are lucky with a range of different birds and Red-legged Seriema being far more widespread in this area than on the main tour.

Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary below offers our planned programme of excursions. However, adverse weather & other local considerations can necessitate some re-ordering of the programme during the course of the tour, though this will always be done to maximise best use of the time and weather conditions available. This itinerary document is intended to give some further background of what to expect and look out for and your guide will fill you in day to day on specific timings.

Day 1 Fly Campo Grande; Giant Anteater Excursions

This extension works best before your main Brazil holiday which will start in Cuiaba.

After your overnight flight from Heathrow to Sao Paulo, you will fly on a morning flight to Campo Grande. After landing into Campo Grande you will meet your guide and transfer to the brand new Orla Morena Hotel, located just a 5 minute drive from Campo Grande Airport. After settling in you will head out with your Anteater expert guide in the afternoon to try to find Giant Anteaters! In the nearby fields and forest patches (just 30 minutes from our base) we have an exceptional chance to experience a Giant Anteater in its natural habitat.

Overnight at Orla Morena Hotel. Dinner is included today (lunch is not included but can be taken at the hotel).

Day 2 Giant Anteater excursions

Today you will enjoy morning and afternoon excursions to try to find Giant Anteaters with your expert guide. Our guides know the very best areas to watch for them and if you are lucky to spot one, advice will be given on how best to approach for a close view on foot. Walking quietly is key here and watching these amazing creatures going about their business at close range, is a very special experience indeed!

To maximize our chances of being successful we leave our hotel pre-dawn (75 minutes before sunrise) and continue searching through the early morning, returning back to the hotel for a full breakfast around 2.5 hours after sunrise.



Views of Giant Anteater (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*)

In the middle of the day you have the chance to rest, use the hotel swimming pool and have a well-deserved siesta if you want to, before heading out to nearby Giant Anteater habitats in the late afternoon in search of Anteaters once more into the evening.

Overnight at Orla Morena Hotel. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all included today.

Day 3

Giant Anteater excursions

Today you will head out again in the early morning to search for Giant Anteaters and other wildlife with the location dependant on our success the previous days. Again getting close to Giant Anteaters will be the focus. We will leave our hotel pre-dawn (75 minutes before sunrise) and continue searching through the early morning, returning back to the hotel for a full breakfast around 2.5 hours after sunrise. We will then need to check out of the hotel by 9am and you will be taken to the airport to catch the 10am flight to Cuiaba to meet your main group at Cuiaba Airport.



Red-legged Seriema (*Cariama cristata*)

Lunch not included today in the extension, but it is included in the main tour today.

Cost

1 person: £1195.

2 people: £895 per person.

3 people: £795 per person.

4 people or more: £695 per person

Single Room Supplement £120

Included in the Cost

2 nights' accommodation on a Bed and Breakfast basis (see hotel below).

Internal flights.

Private, guided tours as noted with an English-speaking, expert naturalist guide.

Meals as stated.

Unlimited mineral water from large coolers. (Please bring your own refillable water bottles).

Additional Expenditure

Please note that meals (apart from those stated), drinks, tips, souvenirs and any transport in addition to the above are not included in the cost of your extension. As a rough guide the cost of a two-course dinner with a nice bottle of wine comes in at £25-£30 per person on average.

The Real is the preferred form of payment; with all hotels accepting credit/debit cards for payment provided they are permitted to be used overseas.

Time to Visit

From June through to mid-October sees the best chance of a Giant Anteater encounter. This is the dry season when it is cooler and drier, providing the best chance to find them in the day time, emerging to feed in the cool, dry evenings. During this period we have an extremely high chance of excellent day time sightings. Moving through October and in to November they tend to come out to feed at night more often and we have a greater chance in the early morning than the evening sessions. The animals in this special area are always here in good numbers and at any time the probability of finding them is superb.

Accommodation

Orla Morena Hotel

Guest rooms provide individual climate control, flat-screen television, a safe box, a private balcony and a trouser press.

Free Wi-Fi in public areas

Outdoor swimming pool



Orla Morena Hotel