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BRAZILIAN ECO-LODGES TEAM UP FOR NEW TOUR

27 SEP 2022 BY CHARLOTTE CULLINAN

Three boutique Brazilian luxury lodges are offering a conservation-focused itinerary, where guests can spot maned wolves, white-whiskered spider monkeys and jaguars.



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The Brazil's Big Three – Ultimate Wildlife Experience tour launched in September and has been created with conservation tourism organisation The Long Run, Brazilian non-profit the Oncafari Association and UK marketing and PR specialist Senderos.

It starts at the Pousada Trijuncao in the Cerrado savannah, where guests track maned wolves with the Oncafari team, visit a rewilding farm and try safari cycling and kayaking.

Guests then head to Cristalino Lodge in the southern Amazon rainforest, which is only accessible by boat. They will sail up a private stretch of the Cristalino River, attempting to spot endemic white-whiskered spider monkeys. Activities include guided rainforest trails, spotting native birds and animals, boat trips and kayaking.

The final destination is Caiman's Casa Caiman, which offers the chance to track jaguars in the wild with Oncafari, join a horse riding tour and observe blue hyacinth macaw conservation work.

The tour is available year-round and can be booked through operators including Audley Travel, Journey Latin America, Latin Routes, Distinctive Americas and World Odyssey.

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April Hutchinson 28-Sep-2022

Hi all, I'm so glad this conversation is happening! I wanted to respond Derek along the same lines of Pedro, but it is for him to respond with his position "on the ground". I was recently very lucky to meet with two of the properties in London and at PURE in Marrakech and feel very passionate about trying to support the efforts of private enterprise: what these guys do in Brazil is amazing, but of course we need to continue shouting about the wider issues and give voice to climate concerns and the "force for good" tourism can represent. If I can do anything to introduce anyone or facilitate further contact, please let me know (April, TTG Luxury).



Derek Small 28-Sep-2022

Love the ideas, and sadly cannot promote them, since Brazil is now on our list of nations we refuse to send clients to ethically or environmentally, until the regime of Bolsonaro is removed, and the Amazon forest protected once again- before it's too late, though many believe that is already the case. We cannot as travel organisers support small-scale eco products whilst mass destruction is continuing and expanding rapidly. It is a blinkered view of eco-tourism. A point has to be made that the international community will not put up with it, just as we react to Russia/Ukraine, though this is far more serious for the planet as a whole.



Pedro Treacher 28-Sep-2022

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Let me bring a different angle to this matter. As small businesses, we're making a tremendous effort to refrain the environmental crash Brazil is currently facing. Together, the 3 lodges, protects more than 95,000 hectares of stunning - and endangered - Brazilian Biomes.

One of our main challenges is to prove to neighbouring properties that it is possible to extract value from the preserved land, through tourism, rather than cutting down the forest and dedicating the area to the rapidly expanding agribusiness.

When you promote these lodges and book them, you're not contributing to Bolsonaro's "economic" endeavour - it's quite the opposite, really. You're fueling conservation efforts which are trying to escalate the global awareness of these biomes and prove that it's possible to generate revenue whilst keeping all its biodiversity untouched.

I'd love to show you more of our conservation efforts if you have time.

Thank you!

Pedro



Simon Heyes 28-Sep-2022

Thats it! Understand Derek's point but we need to support the people and projects that are protecting Brazil's incredible & fragile natural resources and bio diversity, and especially so in the face of the dangers and threats. A call to action, amazing wildlife experiences that also educate and protect



Derek Small 28-Sep-2022

Hi Pedro and I'm so pleased you replied. I accept your arguments and was nartlv writing in

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threatening Brazil, and how we could help fight them from overseas. You make very valid points and I urge people here to listen to them also. I will watch the forthcoming elections with a mixture of trepidation and a hope that a favourable result in removing Bolsonaro severely reduces worldwide concerns for the forests. A result which appears at the moment quite likely, (aside from the evident but probably small risks of Trump-style supporters or military interventions in objections to the legality of results). I do have fears for the future environmentally, but retain a real glimmer of hope in the people from Brazil such as yourself and your colleagues. I do support and admire you, stay safe and take care.



Derek Small 28-Sep-2022

ps should you have a chance to show these efforts at a Brazilian embassy in London future trade event, please do contact me, I'd enjoy the chance for a chat! Best, Derek

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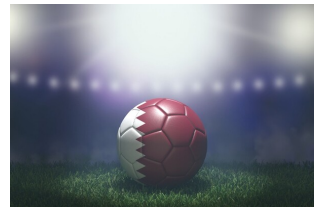
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