

The Pantanal of Brazil



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PROGRAM

*The Biodiversity of the
World's Largest Tropical Wetlands*
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Study Leader



Dr. Peter Whiting is an Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at Case Western Reserve University and Director of the SAGES program, the seminar-based core of general education courses that are focused on honing key academic skills. Prof. Whiting is a professor in the Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences. Dr. Whiting has published over 50 papers on how the movement of water and sediment shape landscapes. He has also explored how we can estimate the amount of water that is needed to maintain various key environmental functions – water to maintain a channel through which water can flow, water to sustain fish and other aquatic life, water to nurture riverine vegetation, water for recreation among other functions. His teaching focuses on the environment as well as weather and climate. Dr. Whiting grew up as the son of a US diplomat and lived many of his early years in Central and South America including Argentina and Paraguay.



Brazil is a diverse country and its best kept secret is The Pantanal, a natural haven encompassing the world's largest tropical wetlands. Renowned for its rich biodiversity, it's home to hundreds of bird species and wildlife. Your trip begins in São Paulo, Brazil's financial hub. Enjoy time absorbing the country's rich culture consisting of indigenous, Portuguese and African ancestry. Then spend several days in the Pantanal as you immerse yourself in Brazil's nature wonder land.

Level of Difficulty: Moderate to difficult. Due to the nature of the areas we will be visiting, this program involves some walking on uneven terrain. Pantanal is a bio-reserve. Every effort will be made to ensure your comfort; however, all participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions. Participants who are not able to walk unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour unless accompanied by an able-bodied companion who will be able to assist you at all times. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you.

Program Itinerary



Friday, July 31, 2020 – U.S.A- São Paulo (Brazil)

Take an independent flight to São Paulo for a guaranteed arrival the next day.

Saturday, August 1 – Arrive São Paulo, Brazil

Met on arrival and transferred to your hotel.

With a population of approximately twelve million people, São Paulo is the largest city in Brazil. It is known as the economic center of South America, with many international business offices there. The city has many good restaurants to choose from and is known for its art museums. There are many different cultures in São Paulo, similar to New York City. The largest Japanese population outside of Tokyo live there. There is also a great influence of Italians and people from Middle Eastern countries. Welcome dinner.

Overnight: Blue Tree Paulista Hotel (Welcome Dinner)

Sunday, August 2 – Heritage Tour of São Paulo

São Paulo is a melting pot of cultures, cuisines, and heritage. The tour will give you a snap shot of the country with stops at the Municipal Market (indoor food market), Avenida Paulista (main commercial avenue), Ibirapuera Park with views from the top of the Contemporary Art Museum, street graffiti art at Batman Alley. Learn about Brazil's main cash crop-coffee. Brazil is one of the largest producer of coffee in the world.

Enjoy a classic Brazilian barbeque lunch.

Overnight: Blue Tree Paulista Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch)



Monday, August 3 – São Paulo | Pantanal

Depart by flight to Pantanal. Met on arrival and transferred by road to your lodge.

The Pantanal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve and one of South America's most sought after wildlife sanctuaries. Covering around 54,000 square miles and located in the center of the continent, the Pantanal's ecosystem and topography is a mix of delicate marsh land and water features as well as savanna plains. The Pantanal brags of having an incomparable density of wildlife and an ecological sensitive area which is home to hundreds of bird species, butterflies, flora, fish and other water-based creatures, monkeys, anacondas, caimans and the elusive jaguar.

Enjoy an evening walk with a local guide to observe the night sky of the southern hemisphere. On clear evenings, one can identify a lot of constellations.

Overnight: Araras Lodge (Breakfast, Boxed Lunch, Dinner)

Tuesday, August 4 to Thursday, August 6 – Pantanal

Enjoy three days of nature-based activities curated by the lodge. Each of them have been tailored to ensure maximum enjoyment, but also getting a better understanding of this unique eco-system.

All activities are with a local guide and include trekking some of the many trails in the area giving you the closest contact with the environment. Visit a local bird rehabilitation and release project to learn more about the ornithology of this area. Pantanal can also be explored by horseback, by canoe and even by open jeeps for maximum viewing and best access to the more remote areas.

Overnight: Araras Lodge (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Friday, August 7 – Pantanal | São Paulo | Depart

Flight to Sao Paulo and depart for your onward journey home or post-trip extension to Iguassu Falls (see details below).

Overnight: Araras Lodge (Breakfast)

Tour Price



GROUND COST:

\$4,995 per person (double occupancy)

\$1,095 single room supplement

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodations and meals as indicated above.
- Full time in-country Tour Manager/Guide.
- Domestic flights (economy class) flights and ground transport.
- Excursions as indicated above.
- All nature based activities in Pantanal will be led by an English speaking local guide.

EXCLUSIONS:

- International flights.
- Tips/ gratuities to drivers, guides, hotel staff
- Travel insurance.
- Telephone/ fax/ internet costs.
- Meals not mentioned above.
- Beverages not mentioned above.





EXTENDED OPTION 1

4 days/ 3 nights Iguassu Falls

Located on the border of Brazil and Argentina, Iguassu Falls is considered to be the widest waterfalls in the world. Depending upon the flow of water, it is usually comprised of about 275 falls. We recommend visiting both the Brazilian and Argentinian side of the falls because the experiences are quite different.

ITINERARY

August 7- Arrive Iguassu Falls. *Overnight: Golden Park International Hotel*

August 8- Guided visit to the Falls on the Brazilian side. *Overnight: Golden Park International Hotel (B)*

August 9- Guided visit to the Falls on the Argentina side. *Overnight: Golden Park International Hotel (B,L)*

August 10-Flight to Sao Paulo and connect to your onward flight home. *(B)*

Includes: Roundtrip flight to Iguassu Falls from Sao Paulo, guided excursions of the Falls on the Brazil and Argentina side, all airport transfers, and meals as indicated above (drinks extra).

Excludes: International flights, tipping, extra meals, beverages, and travel insurance.

GROUND COST:

\$1,199 per person (double occupancy)

\$180 Single room supplement



EXTENDED OPTION 2

3 day/ 2 nights Rio de Janeiro

Rio de Janeiro (or simply “Rio”) is the most popular stop for any traveler to Brazil. It is known for its beautiful white sandy beaches, forest-covered mountains and many cultural activities. It was the second capital of the country, after it was moved from Salvador and before it was moved to the current capital of Brasilia.

ITINERARY

August 7- Arrive Rio de Janeiro. *Overnight: Windsor Leme Hotel*

August 8- Heritage tour of Rio de Janeiro. *Overnight: Windsor Leme Hotel (B)*

August 9- Depart for your onward flight home. *(B)*

Please plan on flying directly out of Rio to the US

Includes: One-way flight to Rio from Sao Paulo, guided excursions, and meals as indicated above (drinks extra).

Excludes: International flights, tipping, extra meals, beverages, and travel insurance.

GROUND COST:

\$1,299 per person (double occ.) \$350 Single room supplement

Tour Reservation Form

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 payable to *Coddiwomple Journeys*. Mail to **13 Glen Road, Hopkinton, MA 01748** or fax to **917-210-4093** / email: **info@coddiwomplejourneys.com**. We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place on the tour. Please contact Rushik Mehta at 781-454-9883 or Runit Mehta at 917-686-2620 if you have any questions about the registration process or the trip.

☐ Enclosed is my/our deposit check of \$_____ (\$1,000 per person)
☐ Please charge my/our deposit of \$_____ (\$1,000 per person) to my:
☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express Card #: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others) _____
Authorized Card Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____

The balance of the trip is due on April 3, 2020 and is payable by check. Credit Card payments will incur a 3.5% fee.

Sign us/we up for the following optional extension: ☐ Iguassu Falls ☐ Rio de Janeiro

GUEST INFORMATION

Name 1 (as on passport): _____

Passport # _____ Nationality _____ Issue Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Expiration _____ (mm/dd/yy) Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yy) CWRU Affiliation: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Work: _____

Email (write clearly): _____

Name 2 (as on passport): _____

Passport # _____ Nationality _____ Issue Date (mm/dd/yy) _____

Expiration _____ (mm/dd/yy) Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yy) CWRU Affiliation: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Work: _____

Email (write clearly): _____

☐ I prefer single accommodations (due to limited space this is not guaranteed and if necessary you will be assigned a rooming partner of the same gender).

☐ I plan to room with _____ ☐ Double ☐ Twin (separate beds)

☐ I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate)

Emergency Phone # and Contact Name (during trip): _____

Please indicate any special needs (diet, health, mobility etc): _____

By submitting my/our non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person, I/we am/are registering for the **The Pantanal of Brazil** program and have read and agreed to the Coddiwomple Journeys Participation Agreement. I understand that portions of this trip will be over difficult terrain as outlined in the brochure and often strenuous, unpaved paths, uneven steps and will be outdoors. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk without any assistance or wheelchair. I / we also take responsibility for purchasing our own supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation coverage.

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

Participant's Agreement

Your signature on our tour reservation form will signify your agreement with the following terms and conditions.

Introduction: These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Coddwomple Journeys LLC, Engaging Journeys Inc, and Case Western Reserve university, (collectively "Coddwomple Journeys ", " Engaging Journeys", "Case Western Reserve University", "we", "us" and "our"). The terms "client" "you" and "your" refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Coddwomple Journeys.

Benefits of Tour Packages: Our tour packages offer services of a professional tour guide, accommodations, meals as outlined in the itinerary, transportation as specified in the itinerary and excursions and tours as outlined in the itinerary.

Coddwomple Journeys may, from time to time, offer you optional services or benefits. By using those services and/or benefits when they become available, you agree to be bound by any supplemental terms applicable to those services or benefits We will send final documents and tickets by overnight or registered mail approximately two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tour.

Rates and Exclusions: The rWe reserve the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, taxes and V.A.T. received after prices are published and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Published rates and charges are typically "per person," based upon double occupancy with en suite bath (unless otherwise stated). Single rooms are subject to a single room supplemental charges which are stated in the proposal. Expenses and terms not specifically identified in the applicable Coddwomple Journeys produced quotation are not covered. These include any paperwork or charges associated with: passports, visas, immunization, meals other than those specified, optional excursions, trip protection coverage, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor), all beverages excluding those provided in Coddwomple Journeys vehicles, telephone calls, room service, laundry, personal items, baggage handling, international airfare unless otherwise stated, gratuities and transportation to or from any departure gateway and any other costs that might be incurred not stated in tour package. Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger traveling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

Payment: WeWe accept the following forms of payment: major credit cards, bank transfer or checks drawn on a U.S. Bank. Credit cards will incur a service fee of 3-5% paid by the client.

You must promptly pay the following fees and charges for participation in an Coddwomple Journeys tour.

Airfare: Full payment per person is due in order to purchase airline tickets. Airline cancellation policy shall apply. Discounted airfare quote (if available) is subject to purchase of ground package.

Ground Package: A deposit of \$1,000 per person per tour is required immediately to secure the tour and services.

Balance: The balance of the tour price is due 120 days before departure or April 3, 2020.

Cancellation by You: We must receive your cancellation notice in writing by email, fax, or overnight courier, and your cancellation date will be the date on which we receive your notice. Simultaneously with your notice, you must pay the following cancellation charge based upon the amount of notice provided. In addition, airline cancellation policies shall apply for cancelled tours involving air transportation:

Penalty	Number of Days of Advance Written Notice
No refund on deposit	120 days or more from departure
50% of fully paid program rate	119 to 90 days from departure
Full forfeiture of program rate	Less than 90 days from departure

There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, canceled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the tour due to State Department warnings, fear of travel, illness or any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the tour on the tour departure date and time, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future tour, but you may join the tour late if you wish.

Insurance: Coddwomple Journeys recommends that you purchase trip cancellation, medical, and baggage insurance to cover penalties and cancellation charges. Trip insurance can be purchased from Engaging Journeys, Inc. by contacting **Sarah Doody at info@engagingjourneys.com or 904-432-3141**. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation. Please contact Sarah.

Cancellation or Substitution: We will make commercially reasonable efforts to keep the itinerary as it has been published; however, the final itinerary may vary due to availability and factors beyond our control. We may in our sole discretion substitute services such as hotels or goods of similar quality for any service or good stated in the itinerary. If a tour is cancelled, our liability is limited to a full refund of your payments, and we will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances. If for reasons beyond our control, a tour in progress must be interrupted or cancelled, we will refund a portion of the price depending on our actual costs incurred.

Study or Group Leader(s) (if applicable): Participation of a Study or Group Leader(s) is dependent on obtaining the minimum required number of full-paying travelers registering for the trip. In the event the minimum number is not met, we have the right to either cancel the trip for a full refund OR run the trip without a Study or Group Leader(s). In the event the Study or Group Leader(s) cancel their attendance on their own merit, we will make every attempt to substitute with another Study or Group Leader(s), without guarantees. We will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances.

Airfares: Airlines and airfares included in any brochure are subject to change without notice. Please check with Coddwomple Journeys or your travel agent for conditions applicable to your airline ticket. Even after you have paid, tours with scheduled air transportation within or from the United States are subject to supplemental price increases that may be imposed by the supplier and/or government. You hereby consent to any such price increase. We will not change your requested seat assignments on commercial aircraft without permission. However, airlines often change seat assignments to satisfy their loyalty members or because of equipment changes (aircraft type). We are not notified of these changes in advance, and often clients are not made aware of these changes until they arrive at the airport. We are not responsible for seat assignment changes made by the airline. Frequent flyer programs are private agreements between airlines and passengers, and we cannot be held responsible for mileage discrepancies involving airline loyalty reward programs.

Passports and Visas: International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In many cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination(s)). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. Please speak with us if you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination, but you are solely responsible for complying with passport and visa requirements.

Security and Safety: We are strongly committed to protecting your security and well-being. However, travel, safaris and sightseeing endeavors are inherently dangerous activities. Coddwomple Journeys strongly recommends that you exercise extreme caution when participating in tour events. Parts of your tour may involve high altitudes, hiking, cycling and/or driving over rough and dusty terrain.

All tour participants booking with Coddwomple Journeys certify that they are in good health, fit to travel and have no specific medical problems. It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain health and medical certificates, inoculations and vaccinations. Any physical disability that may require special attention or treatment must be reported in writing at the time your reservation is made. Passage may be refused to any person whose state of health or physical conditions render them, in the opinion of the tour company or its suppliers, unfit. Children under sixteen (16) years of age must be supervised by parent(s) or guardian(s) who will bear ultimate responsibility of their actions. Coddwomple Journeys recommends that you purchase insurance to cover medical expenses, trip cancellation and interruption, and loss of baggage. Please contact Engaging Journeys, Inc. by contacting **Sarah Doody at info@engagingjourneys.com or 904-432-3141.**

Information: Information that Coddwomple Journeys publishes in its brochures, collateral material and on its web site is believed to be accurate and reliable. Coddwomple Journeys makes no representations or warranties regarding such information or any information provided by a third party. Unless expressly stated in writing, Coddwomple Journeys does not endorse the products or services offered by any company or person identified in its brochures, collateral material or web site, nor is Coddwomple Journeys responsible for any content published by a third party.

Vendor Acts or Omissions: We act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services named in your itinerary or otherwise providing services or goods in connection with the tour (the "Vendors"), such as airlines, hotels and other lodging providers, local hosts, sightseeing tour operators, bus lines, car rental companies, driving services, restaurants, and providers of entertainment. We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission of any of the Vendors or airlines providing flights to or from your tour.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance: We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the needs of our travellers; however, travellers needing special assistance for their personal needs must notify us at the time of booking for a determination of what assistance we can reasonably provide. In cases where we cannot accommodate a traveller's special needs, persons requiring this assistance must be accompanied by a companion who will be responsible for independently providing the needed assistance. We regret that we cannot provide special individual assistance to travellers with special needs for ordinary daily activities, such as walking, dining, etc. and other special needs. In no instance will we or our Suppliers physically lift or assist participants on to or off transportation vehicles.

Medical Proxy: If you are unable to authorize your own medical attention and treatment, you authorize Coddwomple Journeys or its subcontractors or agents to authorize medical attention and treatment on your behalf. You agree to hold harmless and release Coddwomple Journeys, Engaging Journeys,, Case Western Reserve University from any liability for medical attention authorized by them, their subcontractors or agents on your behalf. Coddwomple Journeys assumes no liability regarding provision of medical care or evacuation services. Any of our staff or subcontractors who may provide or seek emergency medical care on your behalf may not have had formal medical or first aid training and are acting only as a good Samaritan.

Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

Limitation of Liability and Damages: In no event will we be liable for any injury, loss, claim, damage, or any special, punitive, exemplary, direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages of any kind, whether based in contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, that arise out of or are in any way connected with the tour, even if advised of the possibility of such damages. In no event will our aggregate liability exceed the total tour price set forth in the itinerary.

Force Majeure: We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our exclusive control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation that causes you to miss all or any portion of the tour, acts of God, acts of government, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather extremes, or strikes. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. You understand that health care standards, facilities, and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for treating health conditions. For information concerning possible dangers at foreign destinations, we recommend contacting the Travel Warnings Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or www.travel.state.gov, and click on "Travel Warnings." For medical information, we recommend contacting the Centers for Disease Control at (877) FYI-TRIP or www.cdc.gov/travel.

Indemnification: You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Coddwomple Journeys, Engaging Journeys, Case Western Reserve University and its officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms conditions.

Miscellaneous: Coddwomple Journeys may assign its rights and/or delegate all or a portion of its duties under these Terms and Conditions to any third party at any time without the consent or permission of any parties to these Terms and Conditions. If there is a conflict between these Terms and Conditions and one or more terms contained in another agreement between you and Coddwomple Journeys, these Terms and Conditions will control. No alteration, cancellation, variation of, or addition to these terms and conditions shall be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by Coddwomple Journeys and the Client. If there is a conflict between any part of these terms and conditions and any present or future law, the part that is affected shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to bring it within the requirements of that law.

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the limits on Coddwomple Journeys responsibility clause, to the brochure, to the proposal, to any information relating in any way to the trip, to the trip itself, or to any products or services related to the trip, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in the State of Massachusetts, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, except that (a) in lieu of a personal appearance at arbitration, the arbitration may be conducted by telephonic means, (b) arbitration is the exclusive forum for dispute resolution (no court actions), and (c) except as otherwise provided by statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator and administrative fees. You agree to present any claims against us within 90 days after the tour ends and to file any arbitration request within one year of the incident, and you acknowledge that this expressly limits the applicable statute of limitations to one year.

You hereby consent to our use of pictures or video of you in our marketing materials without compensation. Facsimile or scanned transmission of any signed document shall be deemed delivery of an original.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: You understand and acknowledge that, if you participate in activities during your trip, certain risks and dangers may arise, including, but not limited to, the risk of accidents in remote places without access to medical facilities, transportation, or means of rapid evacuation and assistance; the hazards of traveling in unsafe or politically unstable areas or under unsafe conditions; the dangers of civil disturbances, war, extortion, kidnapping, and terrorist activities; Tour activities that may involve increased risks including, but not limited to, gorilla trekking and walking safaris; dangers and risks inherent in activities in underdeveloped countries; dangers of local law enforcement activity; attacks or bites by animals, pests, or insects; quarantine; epidemics; injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or third parties; sickness; lack of appropriate medical care; or criminal activity. YOU DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THESE RISKS AND DANGERS, AND YOU DO HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD US AND OUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATED COMPANIES, GUIDES, GROUP LEADERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR TRIP OR PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE.