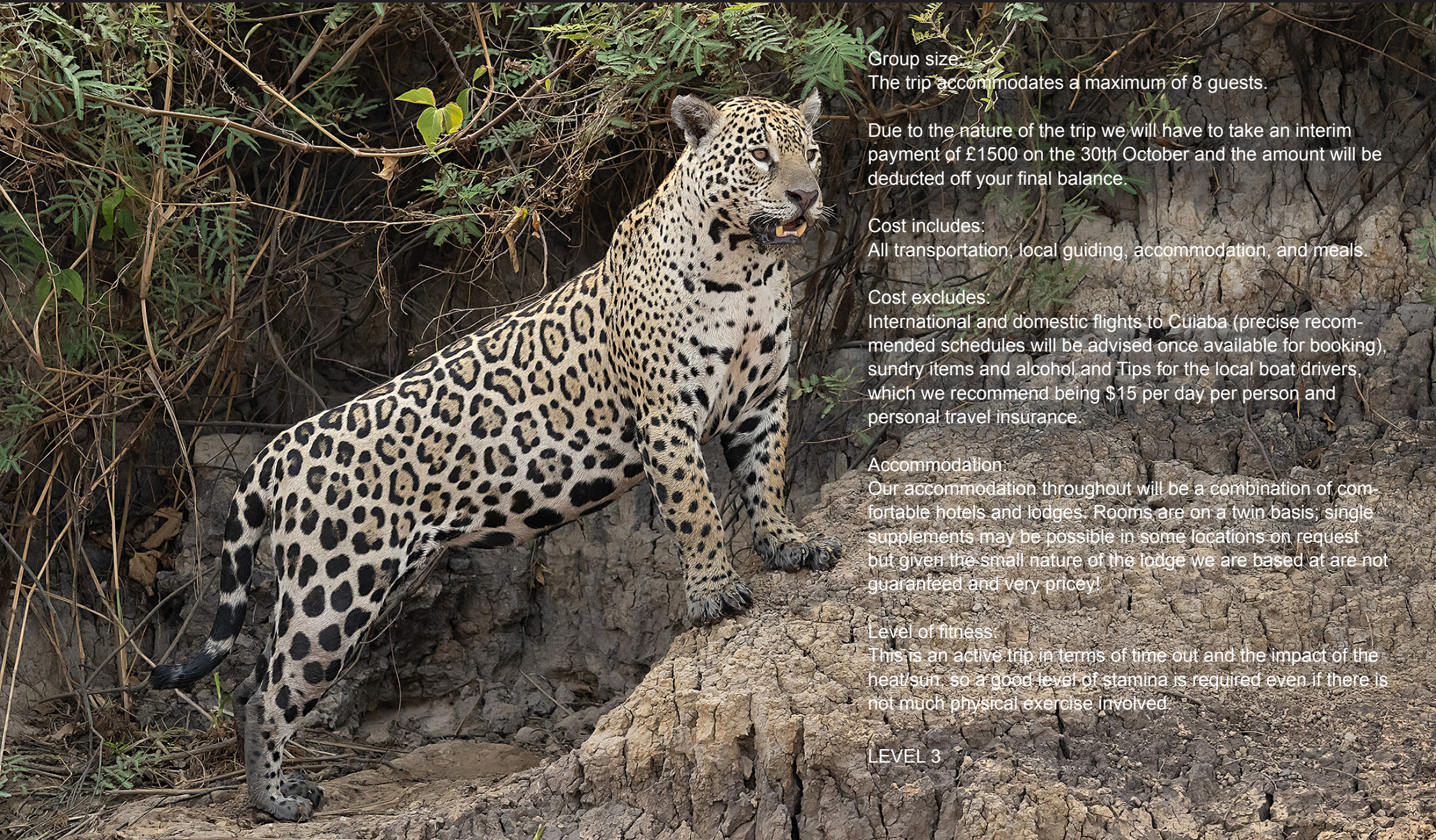


Jaguars of the Pantanal

Photographic tour with tour leaders Danny Green & Pablo Cersosimo

19th June - 2nd July 2027

Trip Overview



Group size:

The trip accommodates a maximum of 8 guests.

Due to the nature of the trip we will have to take an interim payment of £1500 on the 30th October and the amount will be deducted off your final balance.

Cost includes:

All transportation, local guiding, accommodation, and meals.

Cost excludes:

International and domestic flights to Cuiaba (precise recommended schedules will be advised once available for booking), sundry items and alcohol and Tips for the local boat drivers, which we recommend being \$15 per day per person and personal travel insurance.

Accommodation:

Our accommodation throughout will be a combination of comfortable hotels and lodges. Rooms are on a twin basis; single supplements may be possible in some locations on request but given the small nature of the lodge we are based at are not guaranteed and very pricey!

Level of fitness:

This is an active trip in terms of time out and the impact of the heat/sun, so a good level of stamina is required even if there is not much physical exercise involved.

LEVEL 3

Trip Overview



When it comes to iconic locations and species in the world then Jaguars in the Pantanal area of Brazil are right up there, and this trip offers the ultimate opportunity to focus on these magnificent felines in undoubtedly the best place in the world to do so. Operating from our small open boats our days out will be long but focussed as we look for intimate photographic encounters away from the crowds. Unlike many trips which explore other areas of the Pantanal, this will be highly focussed, and we will spend our entire time-based in prime jaguar territory which will result in over 9 days of photography here; on our latest trip, this resulted in over 50 encounters during our time here. It is an amazing experience to spend time with this beautiful cat one of the most elusive of the big cats. This trip is considerably longer and more focused than most other Pantanal photography tours – we spend our entire time in prime jaguar territory, which will maximise our chances of capturing stunning images and behaviour from these magnificent cats.

We will of course experience the additional wildlife wonders of the region here as well with Giant Otters, Hyacinth Macaw, Cayman, Capybara and an array of other bird species as a supporting cast too, it is a trip that offers an amazing wetland experience.

Itinerary

Day 1: We leave our destinations in the evening for our long journey to Sao Paulo in Brazil.

Day 2: You will arrive in Sao Paulo in the morning and will be greeted by Pablo and Danny who will then transfer you to catch a domestic internal flight to the city of Cuiaba. To maximise our photography time in the Pantanal we will get straight on with the long transfer drive to the settlement of Porto Jofre which is in the heart of the Pantanal's river systems at this time of year. We will arrive sometime in the evening in time for a quick bite to eat and a very well-earned night's sleep.

Days 3 – 11: Throughout the trip we will be based in a small, basic and intimate lodge with just a few rooms but perfectly positioned for our boat-based activity. The pattern for each and every one of the full 9 days of photography we will have here will be similar: up early for the best of the light and heading into the river systems where, dependent on how things progress each day we will generally return to the lodge for a short rest during the middle of the day when the heat is at its greatest and the light its harshest. Our goal and approach are simple: we are looking for Jaguar and quiet intimate encounters with them which means most of the time avoiding the crowds in search of higher quality experiences. This approach has served us well in the past with extended and engaging encounters every day. There will be other species we will see and photograph of course as we are there for the full experience and so Giant Otter will also be high on the agenda. There will be birdlife around us almost all the time, so it will be a full on and varied trip photographically for sure but with the focus of jaguars always underpinning it.

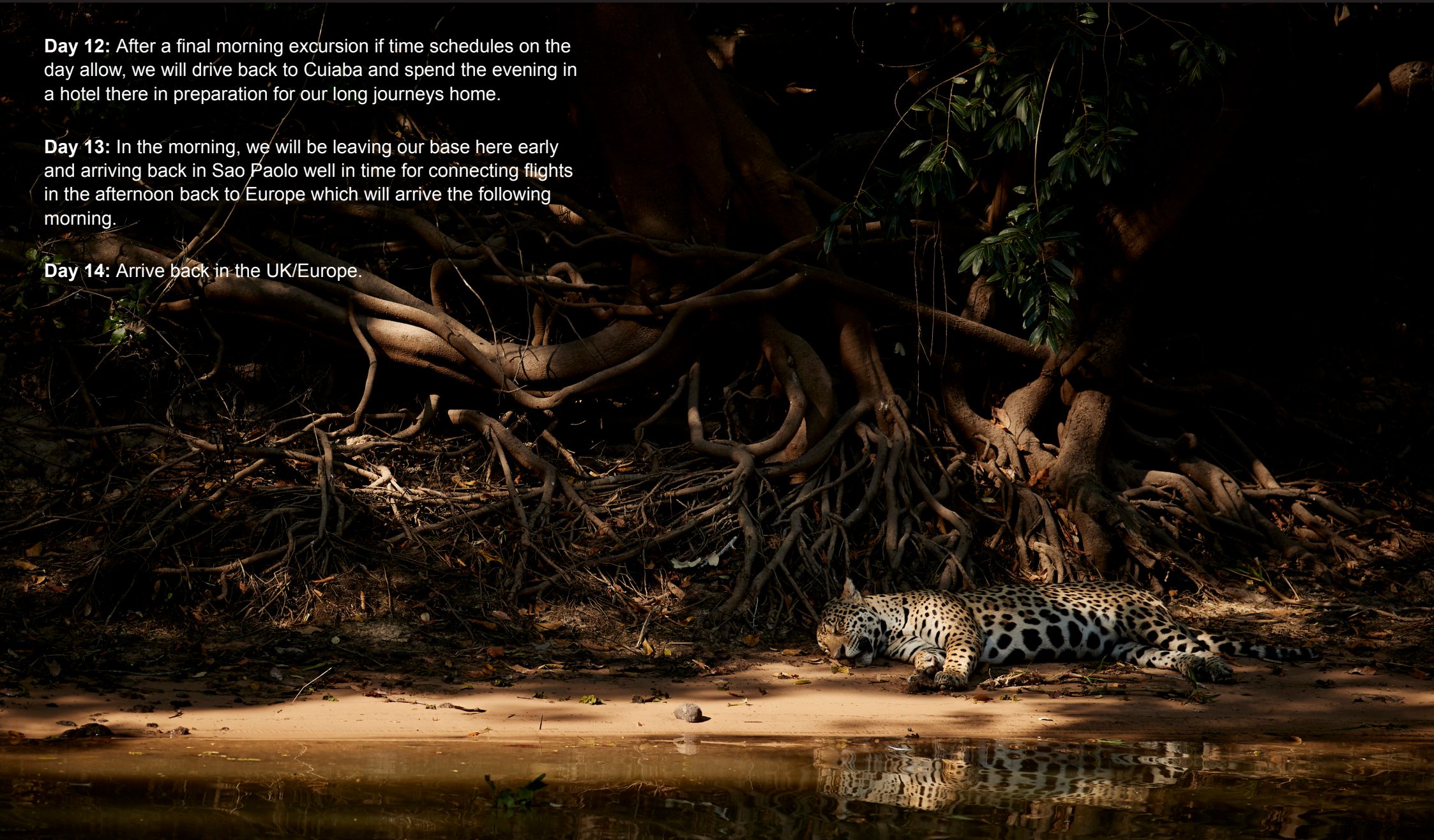


Itinerary

Day 12: After a final morning excursion if time schedules on the day allow, we will drive back to Cuiaba and spend the evening in a hotel there in preparation for our long journeys home.

Day 13: In the morning, we will be leaving our base here early and arriving back in Sao Paulo well in time for connecting flights in the afternoon back to Europe which will arrive the following morning.

Day 14: Arrive back in the UK/Europe.



Things to bring

Our accommodation is a clean and comfortable camp lodge in a remote location so of a simple standard but perfectly comfortable: all the rooms have private bathrooms and air conditioning and there is generally good Wi-Fi in the main restaurant and compound area. The weather will be very hot and at times we will be sitting in the boat in the sun for extended periods so sun protection, a good hat, long sleeved light shirts and mosquito repellent will be the order of the day. It is also possible that we could get some heavy showers of rain too and so if we are in the boat when this happens you will need good waterproofs to hand for yourself and your camera equipment as the boats are essentially open. It can be cold in the early morning especially when the open boat is moving so a fleece is a good item to pack.

There will always be plenty of water in a cooler on the boat, but it makes sense to have your own water bottles to fill up for each outing as well. It is essential to be up to date with your vaccinations and Yellow Fever certification will be needed.

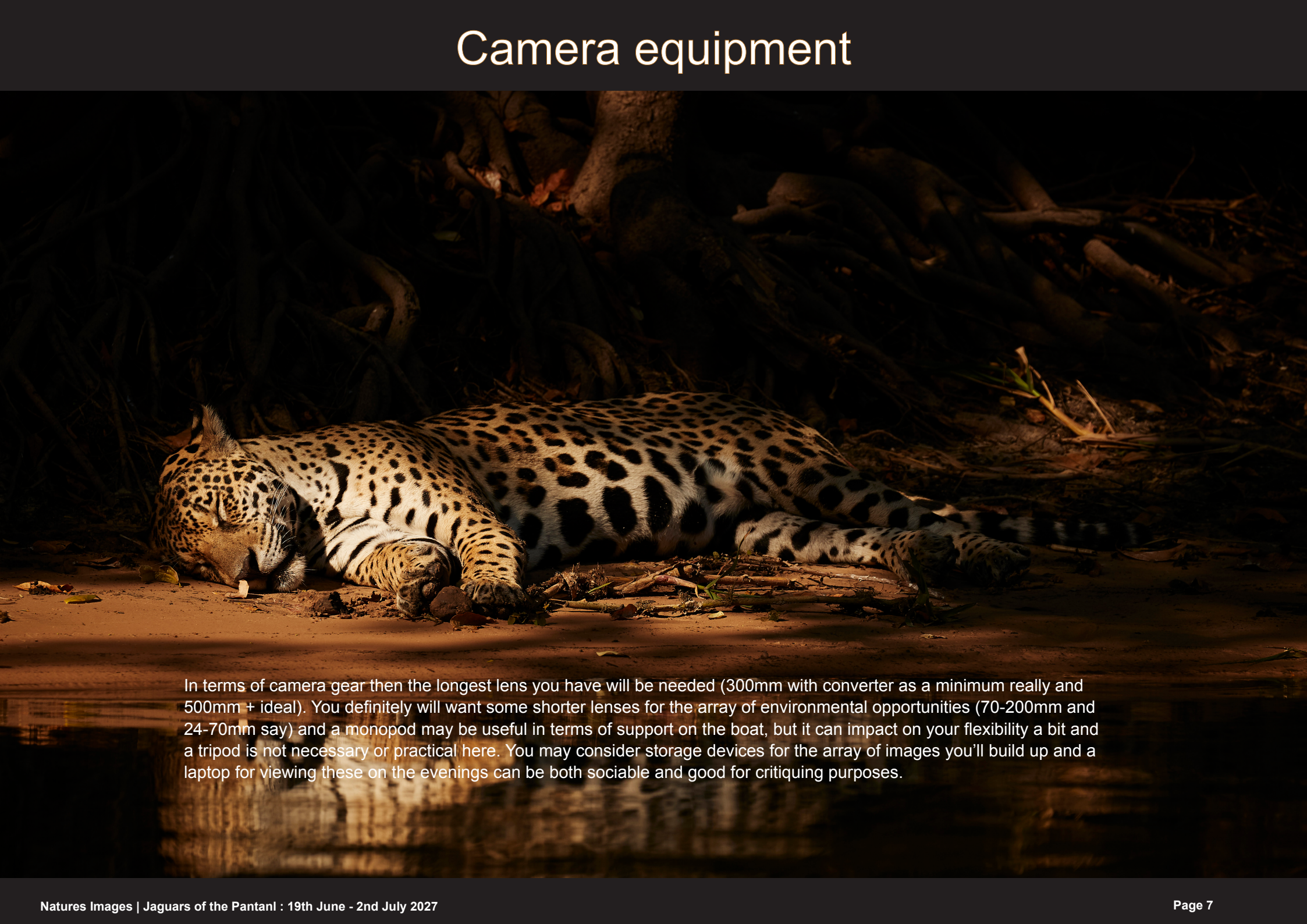
Please note that different rooms have different adaptor requirements across Brazil and so you will need two types of adaptors.

Mosquitos can be a problem so you will need some good insect repellent and some after bite cream. A plug-in device for the nighttime would also be a good idea.

The weather is such that it will be possible to keep on top of a bit of washing easily enough so some detergent sheets.

In terms of tips then you should work within the parameters of \$15 US per day per person for the boat handler who will be looking after us throughout the trip please.

Camera equipment

A jaguar is lying down on the ground in a dark, wooded area. The jaguar's body is covered in a pattern of dark spots and stripes. It is resting its head on the ground, and its eyes are closed. The background is dark and filled with the silhouettes of trees and branches. The lighting is dramatic, coming from a low angle, which highlights the jaguar's fur and the texture of the ground.

In terms of camera gear then the longest lens you have will be needed (300mm with converter as a minimum really and 500mm + ideal). You definitely will want some shorter lenses for the array of environmental opportunities (70-200mm and 24-70mm say) and a monopod may be useful in terms of support on the boat, but it can impact on your flexibility a bit and a tripod is not necessary or practical here. You may consider storage devices for the array of images you'll build up and a laptop for viewing these on the evenings can be both sociable and good for critiquing purposes.

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