



BIRDWATCHING CRUISE
SERRA DO AMOLAR
OCTOBER 9-12, 2027

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“ One of the best-kept secrets of the Brazilian Pantanal ”

Together with renowned nature photographer **Kacau Oliveira**, Icterus Ecoturismo is pleased to announce a new experience in the Serra do Amolar: the first nature photography cruise in one of the most beautiful and remote regions of the Pantanal. This exclusive event takes place on **October 9–12, 2027**, offering an unforgettable 4-day, 3-night experience.

Departing from the historic, welcoming town of Corumbá, in Mato Grosso do Sul, we will sail 253 km by river to the majestic Serra do Amolar. This natural sanctuary is a true paradise for birders and wildlife lovers. Along the way, you will have the chance to see an impressive diversity of birds: over 400 species, rare and iconic ones such as the **Jabiru**, **Chaco Puffbird**, **Green-cheeked Parakeet** and **Bolivian**

Slaty-Antshrike.

Over these days we will have photography boat outings, a trail in an RPPN (private reserve) and other activities to find the key birds of the Pantanal.

Join this unforgettable journey and capture the essence of Pantanal nature under the guidance of Kacau Oliveira, sharpening your photography skills in one of the most spectacular places on the planet. Get ready for a transformative experience, full of unmatched beauty and biodiversity.



NAVEGANTE AKAIA

One of the most stunning, least explored destinations, the Pantanal offers a unique ecotourism experience aboard the charming Navegante AKAIA.

This cruise, sailing the calm waters of the Paraguay River to the Serra do Amolar, promises full immersion in the scenic beauty of the southern Pantanal



The Navegante AKAIA Vessel

The Navegante AKAIA is a yacht-style vessel offering comfort and exclusivity. At 28 meters long, 5.4 meters wide and 4.8 meters high, the boat has two levels and two panoramic decks, ideal for taking in the scenery. On board, a restaurant with a bar and a lounge offers meals and moments of relaxation.

The six private cabins, each 9 square meters, provide a cozy, comfortable setting for guests.



The cruise is a true immersion in Pantanal nature. The Serra do Amolar, the trip's main destination, is a sanctuary of biodiversity and natural beauty. The area includes the RPPN Engenheiro Eliezer Batista, managed by Instituto Homem Pantaneiro. This reserve is dedicated to research, environmental education and ecotourism, offering trails, lookouts, bays and channels, plus rich fauna and flora.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – CORUMBÁ (MS) | PANTANAL CAPITAL

- Welcome at Corumbá airport;
- 10 am – Pantanal itinerary overview;
- 11:30 am – Departure for welcome lunch;
- 2 pm – Boarding, safety briefing and start of the cruise;
- Gear setup and first photography tips aboard the Akaia;
- 7 pm – Talk on photography techniques;
- 7:30 pm – Dinner aboard;

DAY 2 – BAÍA DO CASTELO | PARAGUAI-MIRIM

- 6 am – River safari in Baía do Castelo, one of the richest settings for waterbirds, riverine and open-country birds, with special attention to species tied to Pantanal bays;
- 12 pm – Lunch aboard;
- 2:30 pm – River safari on the Paraguai-Mirim, exploring crystal-clear stretches, with chances to see the Red-billed Scythebill, herons, Black-fronted Nunbird, giant otters and other side-channel species, with a swim stop;
- 5 pm – Return to the boat and resume cruising, with opportunistic sightings along the way;
- 6:30 pm – Pantanal chat, sharing the day's lists and records; Photo editing;
- 7:30 pm – Dinner;

DAY 3 – SERRA DO AMOLAR | MORRINHOS TRAIL AND BARRA DO SÃO LOURENÇO

- 6 am – Morrinhos Trail, an RPPN in the Serra do Amolar: forest birds and species restricted to the Pantanal's west edge, like the Bolivian Slaty-Antshrike, Western Fire-eye and Green-cheeked Parakeet;
- 12 pm – Lunch aboard;
- 3 pm – Outing to explore transition zones between open areas, riparian forest and disturbed areas;
- 5 pm – Return to the boat and cruising;
- 8 pm – Farewell dinner, with a final tally of the species recorded during the cruise;

DAY 4 – CORUMBÁ (MS)

- 9 am – Disembarkation and airport transfer;



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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 3 nights and 4 days, all-inclusive (breakfast, lunch, dinner, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks), with a chef preparing the meals;
- Welcome lunch at a restaurant in Corumbá (drinks not included);
- Photography guidance by Kacau Oliveira;
- Specialized Icterus ornithologist guide;
- Birdwatching activities described in the itinerary
- Airport/Hotel transfer in Corumbá to the Akaia boarding area - IN/OUT;
- Travel insurance for the days on board;
- On-board lodging in a double cabin with air conditioning, bed and bath linens and private bathroom.

PRICE **R\$ 6.800,00**
per person: Pix or up to 12x by card, with interest