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JAGUARS OF THE PANTANAL PHOTO TOUR



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The Brazilian Pantanal, one of the largest and most biodiverse wetlands on Earth, is a vibrant and captivating wilderness. This vast landscape, made up of rivers, grasslands, and forests, is teeming with life at every turn.

The Pantanal is home to an exceptional array of wildlife, including the world's highest concentration of jaguars—the iconic predator of the Americas.

On this exclusive Jaguar Photo Tour, you will journey deep into the heart of the Pantanal, navigating its rivers, forests, and hidden trails in search of these magnificent creatures. Led by Mike Dexter, a seasoned wildlife photographer, you'll spend five full days in jaguar territory, learning not only how to photograph these elusive cats but also about their critical role in the ecosystem.

In addition to jaguars, the Pantanal offers a diverse range of wildlife, including giant river otters, capybaras, caimans, and an impressive variety of bird species.

This immersive experience promises to deliver breath-taking images of the landscape and wildlife, while providing a deeper connection to this remarkable natural world.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Venture into the heart of Brazil's Pantanal for a wildlife photography experience unlike any other.

This tour takes you deep into the Encontro das Águas National Park, where the world's highest concentration of jaguars roam freely along the riverbanks.

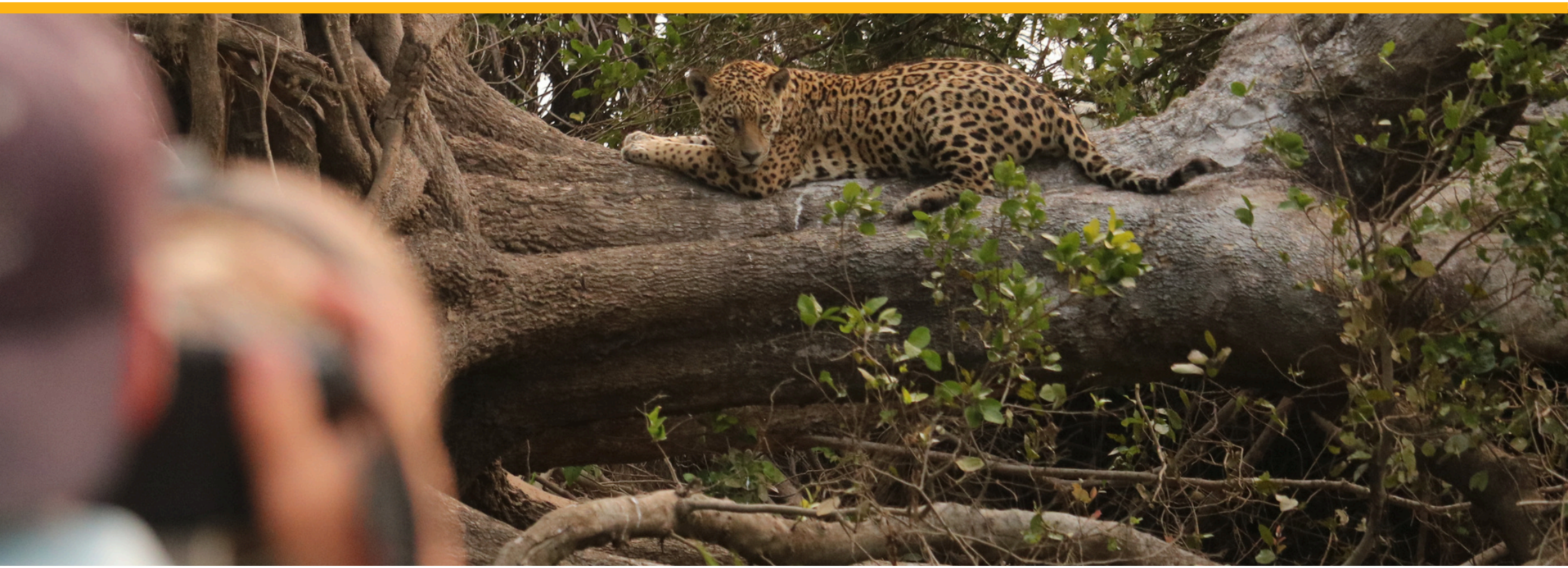
Over five full days of boat-based safaris, you'll have exceptional opportunities to photograph these majestic cats in action - stalking, swimming, and lounging in their natural habitat.

Beyond the jaguars, the Pantanal offers a dazzling array of wildlife: giant river otters, capybaras, caimans, howler monkeys, and hundreds of bird species fill the landscape with movement and sound.

The journey begins with a scenic drive along the Transpantaneira Road, a route rich with photographic moments, and continues with a stay aboard the Aguapé Houseboat - anchored in prime jaguar territory for unmatched access and comfort.

This is more than a photo tour; it's a deep dive into one of the planet's most vibrant ecosystems, designed for photographers who crave close encounters and unforgettable images.

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE



The Pantanal's diverse ecosystems - from riverbanks and flooded forests to expansive grasslands - offer a wide variety of photography opportunities. Whether you are capturing wide-angle landscapes, close-ups of wildlife, or the dramatic action of jaguars hunting, this tour is designed to provide exceptional chances to enhance your photographic skills.

No place on Earth offers a better opportunity to photograph jaguars than the Pantanal. With an estimated 1,500 jaguars, this region has the highest concentration of these cats anywhere in the world. Over the course of five full days, you will be immersed in the heart of jaguar territory, including the Encontro das Águas National Park, where jaguars roam the riverbanks, making this one of the best places for spotting and photographing them.

The Pantanal is also a haven for birdwatching, with more than 650 species calling the region home. From kingfishers perched by the river to toucans flying through the treetops, the Pantanal’s birdlife will provide an endless source of inspiration for your photography. The boat safaris on the Cuiabá and Piquiri Rivers offer the unique chance to photograph wildlife up close and in their natural habitats. These rivers cut through the heart of the Pantanal, providing access to areas rarely visited by other tourists.

Throughout the tour, Mike Dexter will be at your side, offering hands-on photography guidance, whether you’re looking for tips on composition, lighting, or capturing the perfect action shot. His deep understanding of animal behavior will help you anticipate key moments, ensuring you’re ready to capture the stunning wildlife of the Pantanal at their peak.

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PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDE:

At Penda, we collaborate with only the best professional photographic guides, chosen for their expertise, teaching ability, and commitment to your experience. They prioritise creating exceptional photographic opportunities and adapt their guidance to suit your individual skills and goals, whether you're a beginner or a seasoned photographer.

For full details about the specific guide leading this tour, please visit the tour page on our website.

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ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES

A hotel boat & more!

Cuiabá: Deville Hotel
Stylish yet casual, Hotel Deville combines comfort with convenience to allow guests to sleep well while also enjoying the neighborhood of Cuiabá.

Aguapé Hotel Boat
The Aguapé Hotel boat offers a comfortable and unique accommodation experience in the heart of the Pantanal, along the Paraguay River. With space for up to 36 guests, it provides a relaxed and intimate setting for ecotourism and fishing expeditions. Designed to blend comfort with the natural surroundings, the Aguapé Hotel Boat is the perfect base for exploring the diverse wildlife and stunning landscapes of the Pantanal, offering a memorable stay in this extraordinary ecosystem.

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HEALTH & FITNESS LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

This tour is suitable for guests with a moderate level of fitness and good general health.

While most wildlife viewing is done from comfortable safari boats, participants should be able to manage short walks, climb in and out of boats with ease, and tolerate warm, humid conditions typical of the Pantanal.

The itinerary is relaxed but immersive, with early starts and long days on the water, so stamina and enthusiasm for outdoor activity are important.

If you have any specific health concerns, we recommend consulting your doctor before travel to ensure you're well-prepared for the adventure.

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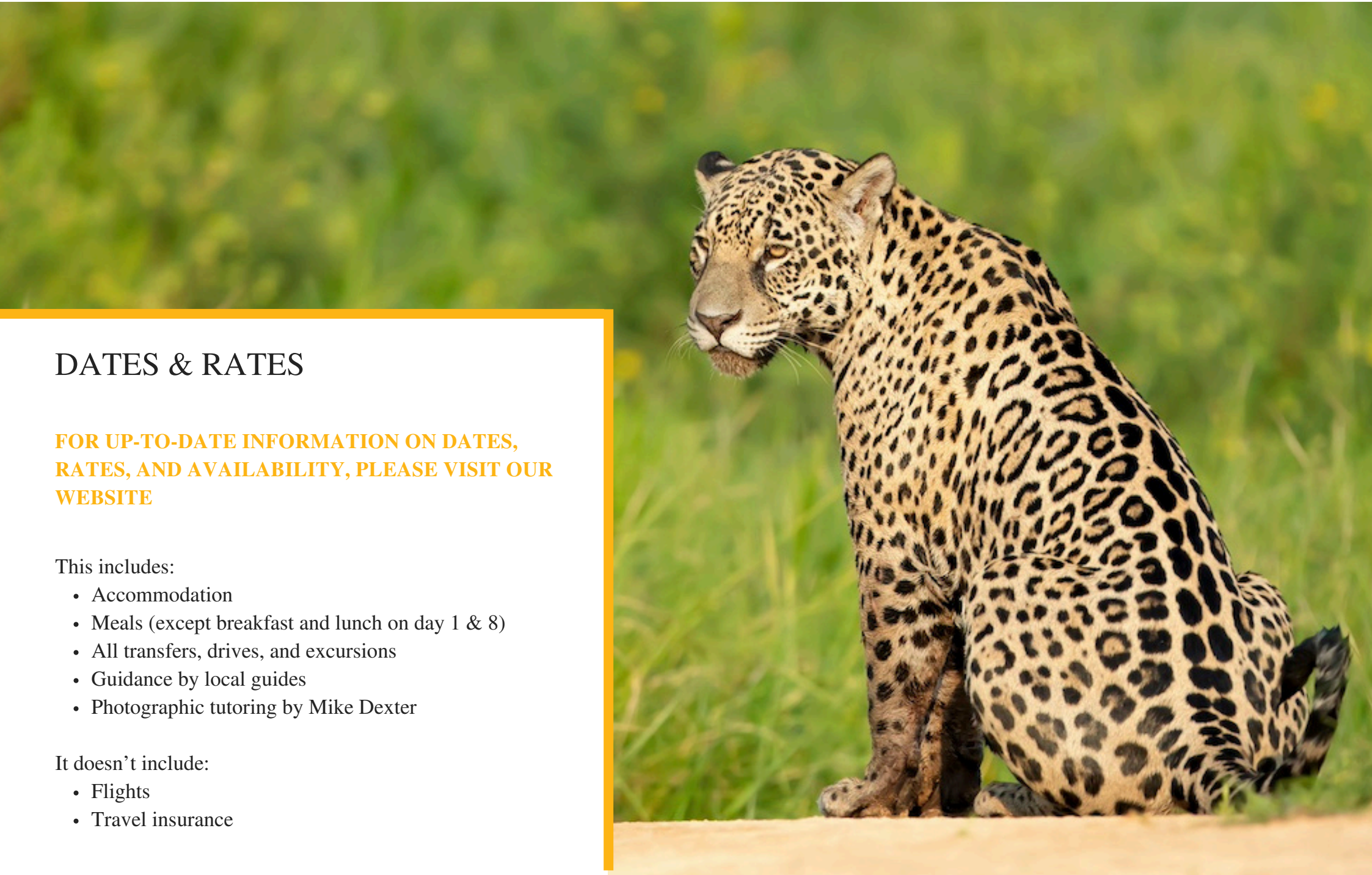
RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

We recommend the following equipment. If you'd like to discuss your specific gear, just reach out, and we'll be happy to advise.

- Camera that can photograph in manual mode and RAW files (mirrorless or DSLR)
- A range of lenses, ideally including a telephoto lens
- Spare battery and memory card
- Laptop with editing software (Lightroom Classic)
- Enough storage space for your images
- Monopod
- Sturdy camera bag
- Rain cover for camera (when you're photographing the Victoria Falls in wet season)



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DATES & RATES

FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON DATES, RATES, AND AVAILABILITY, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

This includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals (except breakfast and lunch on day 1 & 8)
- All transfers, drives, and excursions
- Guidance by local guides
- Photographic tutoring by Mike Dexter

It doesn't include:

- Flights
- Travel insurance

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WHY PENDA

Everything is built around photography.

- Our photography tours are created by photographers, for photographers. Our itineraries are designed around creating the best possible photographic opportunities. We'll make sure to bring you to the right place, at the right moment.

- We're travel experts. We love travel, and have many years of experience in creating and running tours, workshops, volunteer programs, and safaris. We know what makes a great holiday, and will match every person with their perfect experience.

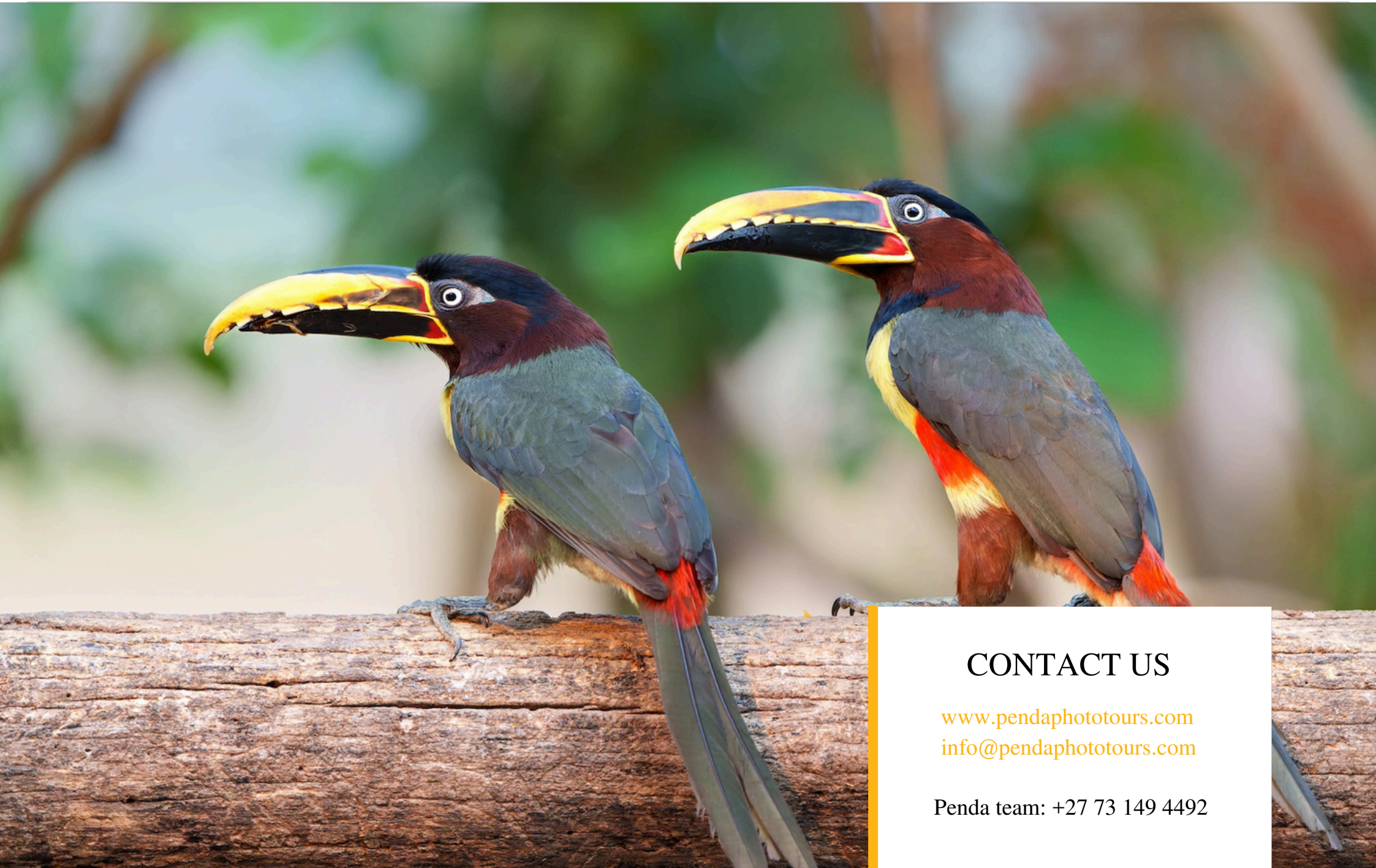
- Our photography tours are led by top photographers. Each photo tour or safari is guided by an experienced professional photographer, who is dedicated to creating the best possible experience for you by taking you to the right spots, and tutoring you at the same time.

- We respect what we photograph. We're committed to exploring and adhering to the most ethical ways of photographing new places.

- When you join one of our photography adventures, we'll plant a tree on your behalf through our partnership with Greenpop - a nonprofit restoring ancient forests and creating green spaces across Sub-Saharan Africa. You'll even receive a certificate with the GPS coordinates of your tree



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