

## **BRAZIL OCTOBER 2026**

### **To Celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Parrot Society UK in 2026**

Would you like to join **The Parrot Society UK and Steve Brookes** (Wild Parrots Up Close) on a very special trip to **Brazil** with a chance to see up to **18 species of parrots** of which **6 are Macaws** including the **Hyacinth Macaw** along with many other **Brazilian Birds and wildlife** as we travel through the Southern Pantanal in this stunning South American country (full parrot list below).

Throughout this trip we are likely to see in excess of 150 bird species with many opportunities to photo, video or just observe them in their Natural Habitats.

We also have chances of some rare mammals such as the Giant Anteater and Giant River Otter with a chance of Jaguar as we travel on the river in the Pantanal plus snorkelling in the Rio Prata likened to swimming in an aquarium.

**In all a unique journey with many exciting encounters around every corner.**



## ITINERARY

### 15th October 2026

Arrive in Brazil – this is usually an overnight flight so you would start late afternoon on the 14th October from your country of origin.

It is normal to arrive in Sao Paulo followed by an internal flight to Campo Grande with a transfer to our hotel.

Depending how early we arrive in Campo Grande. we should have some time to visit a local park where we can see some of the **city Parrots**.



### Overnight Campo Grande

**16th October** Leaving Campo Grande we excitedly make our way towards the Pantanal and arrive at our lodge for the next 4 nights, Pousada Aguape, just in time for lunch. Who will spot the first **Hyacinth Macaw** either flying or in one of the roadside palm trees.

Each day after lunch we will have time to ourselves for siesta, a swim in the pool or check out the wildlife local to the lodge (it's a very hot time of day so not much wildlife will be about until later in the afternoon).



After our break we will be taking a walk around the lodge grounds and have our first close encounter with the **Hyacinths** as well as many other birds and wildlife including parrots such as **Blue and yellow Macaw and Nanday Conures**.



Other birds will include Bare-faced Curassow, Chopi Blackbird, Saffron Finch and also the Toco Toucan and watch out for the Armadillos that visit the dining area every day.

### Overnight Pousada Aguape





Giant Anteater, always looking out for more parrots.

### Overnight Pousada Aguape



### 18th October

Morning Forest walk in a different habitat in search of different species of parrots such as **Yellow-collared Macaws**, **Blue-fronted Amazons** and **White-eyed Conures** as well as more birds and mammals.



After lunch we will take a boat ride on the local river where we usually see lots of Kingfishers, Heron, Caimans, Capybara and with some luck Giant River Otters.

### Overnight Pousada Aguape



**17th October**  
Morning walk where we shall see some of the birds mentioned previously plus a few more such as **Scaly-headed (Maximillian's**



**Pionus) Parrot, Red-shouldered Macaw, Monk and Yellow-chevroned Parakeets** as well as woodpeckers, woodcreepers and with some luck the lovely Rufous-tailed Jacamar. In the afternoon we will do a Photo Safari by the safari truck, when, besides birds we might find some animals such the Marsh Deer and



### 19th October

This morning we will be joining the **Hyacinth Macaw Project Team** as they show us the work that they do. We will be following their vehicle in the safari trucks to see some of the nesting sites for the **Hyacinth Macaws**. They will be climbing the nest trees and bringing down the chicks that are in the nests for weighing, measuring and ringing (if they are the correct size).



Late afternoon we will be doing another Safari by truck, with the hope of finding some of the species of birds and mammals we have missed. We should stay out long enough to do some night driving in search of nocturnal animals and birds.



### Overnight Pousada Aguape



We will have opportunities to photo the chicks at close range and also have a chance to photo their parents in flight as they fly close by waiting to get back to the nest. This is a routine they are very used to so it is not stressful.







the **Peach-fronted Conures** and other parrots as they are in the grounds of our hotel and around the town.



In the late afternoon we will go to a place within the town where lots of **Blue-fronted Amazons** arrive for their roosting site. In amongst them are a few **Orange-winged Amazons** and **Yellow-faced Parrots**.

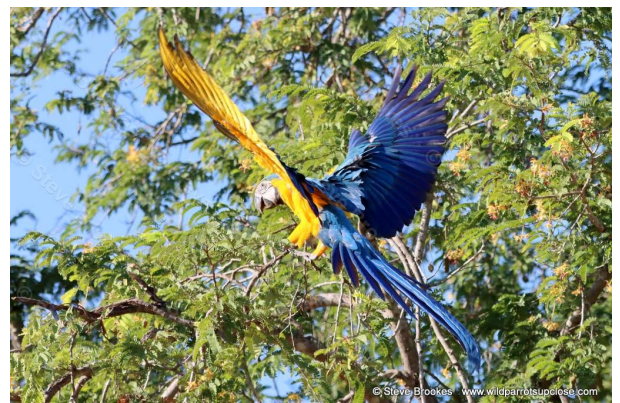


### 20th October

An early morning visit to the edge of the river where we should find the **Blaze-winged Conures**. Usually in a group these Parakeets are an amazing encounter  
After breakfast we will check out and transfer to Bonito.



**Overnight in our hotel in Bonito.**



Bonito is a tourist town with many amazing shops where we can buy some souvenirs of our trip however we will still see some of





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### 21st October

An early morning visit to Buraco das Araras where we can observe the Green-winged Macaws flying in the crater.



**Buraco das Araras** (meaning Macaw Hole) is a huge sandstone crater, a geological formation resulting from the collapse of boulders creating this enormous cavity of about 500m in circumference and 100m deep located in the

*middle of the cerrado in the State of Mato Grosso do Sul. It is home to a wide variety of birds, especially Araçari toucans and **Green-wing Macaws**.*

*The crater is part of the 29-hectares Private Reserve of Natural Heritage (RPPN) and is connected to the RPPN Rio da Prata with 307 hectares.*



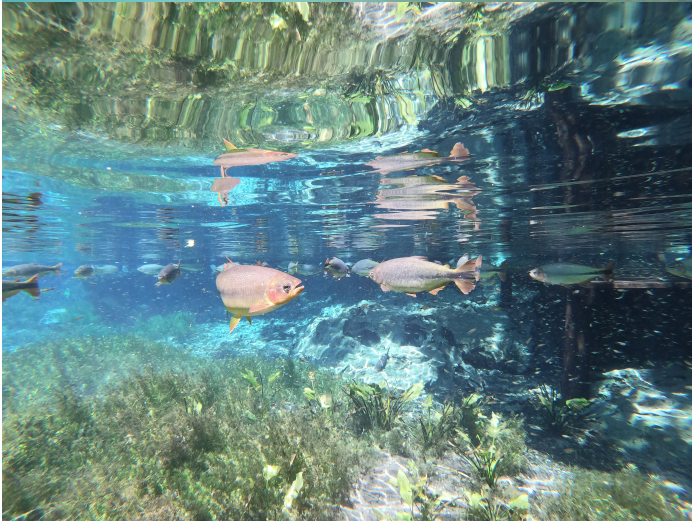
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Late morning we will have a tour of the Rio da Prata with a snorkelling experience not to be forgotten – it is said to be similar to swimming in an aquarium.



If swimming or snorkelling is not your thing then some of the group can go back to Buraco das Araras for more **Green-winged Macaw** action. The sun is in a different direction in the afternoon so different angles for photos are achievable.



We will all be having lunch at Rio da Prata to also take advantage of the **Parrots** and other birds that reside in the gardens here including **Green-winged Macaws, Peach-fronted Conures, White-eyed Conures** and the very rarely seen **Yellow-faced Parrot**.

**Return to our hotel in Bonito for overnight.**



### 22nd October

Another visit to Buraco das Araras, you cannot get enough of these **Green-winged Macaws**.

After lunch we will be travelling back to Campo Grande.

### Overnight Campo Grande





## 23rd October

Around the city of Campo Grande there are a large number of city dwelling **Macaws and Parrots**.

We will accompany the **Macaw Project Team**, who are monitoring the nesting sites around the city in the morning.



The **Macaws** are very prominent with up to 400 pairs of **Blue and Yellow Macaws** nesting within the boundaries of the city.



**Blue and Yellow Macaws** are not the only ones as a number of **Green-winged, Red-bellied, Red-shouldered Macaws** with some **Hyacinth, Yellow-collared and Blue-winged Macaws**.



Some of the **Blue and Yellow** have hybridized with **Green-winged Macaws** naturally. A phenomenon that researchers are looking into to try to find out why??



Unfortunately all good things must come to an end and therefore after lunch we have to transfer to the local airport and after a short internal flight we take our International flights home with all our Memories and Photos/Videos of all that we have seen.

**What will have been your highlight of this amazing journey???**  
**Hyacinth Macaws will take some beating on any trip!!!**



## Pre and Post Main Tour.

If you would like to extend your **Brazilian experience** there are also extra opportunities to join a pre-main tour trip or a post-main tour trip to see some different parrot species in other areas or if you wanted to just do a bit of sight-seeing then I can arrange anything else in Brazil for you such as a trip to Rio de Janeiro for the Corcovada and Sugar loaf Mountain or a trip to Iguassu Falls on the border of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay.

## COSTS

### PLEASE NOTE :-

If I can have at least 10 and up to 20 clients on this trip I will be able to keep costs down as much as possible.

The cost below is what the trip would be for 12 people in 2024. This trip is going in 2026 and unfortunately I cannot fix those costs yet but they should not go up by too much.

I am looking for a verbal commitment as soon as possible with a commitment fee of £250 at the end of February or as soon after if there are any places left available after that time.

One third of the cost of the trip will then be required a year before the start of the trip with the balance being paid 90 days before the start of the trip.

Unfortunately these are the only terms I can get with securing so many rooms at the lodge.

### PRICE of Parrot Watching Eco-tour.

**£3250 per person sharing a double/twin room (See note)**

**£325 single supplement (See note)**

**Please note** this would be the cost if this trip was in 2024.

As the trip is in 2026 I cannot get the prices fixed yet but I hope this gives an idea.

### Includes:-

all accommodation,

meals (from dinner on 15th October to lunch on 23rd October),

water,

English speaking local guide,

all ground travel within Brazil,

boat trips,

visits to Buraco das Araras,

snorkeling on the Rio Prata,

a morning with the Hyacinth Macaw Project

a morning with the Macaw Project Team in Campo Grande,

### NOT included:-

International and internal flights, insurance, drinks, souvenirs, tips, any additional activities not mentioned in the itinerary.

## PARROTS TO BE SEEN ON THIS ECOTOUR

Hyacinth Macaw	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>
Blue and Yellow Macaw	<i>Ara ararauna</i>
Green-winged Macaw	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>
Yellow-collared Macaw	<i>Primolius auricollis</i>
Red-bellied Macaw	<i>Orthopsittaca manilata</i>
Red-shouldered Macaw	<i>Diopsittaca nobilis</i>
Blue-crowned Conure	<i>Thectocercus acuticaudatus</i>
White-eyed Conure	<i>Psittacara leucophthalmus</i>
Nanday Conure	<i>Aratinga nenday</i>
Peach-fronted Conure	<i>Eupsittula aurea</i>
Monk Parakeet -	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>
Blaze-winged Conure	<i>Pyrrhura devillei</i>
Blue-winged Parrotlet	<i>Forpus xanthopterygius</i>
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chiriri</i>
Scaly-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus maximiliani</i>
Blue-fronted Amazon	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>
Orange-winged Amazon	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>
Yellow-faced Parrot	<i>Alipiopsitta xanthops</i>

