



Travel to the Paraguayan Pantanal



Your destination will be Bahía Negra, the closest town to our Paraguayan Pantanal Nature Reserve. From Bahía Negra it is a 45-60 minute boat ride up the río Paraguay and the río Negro before reaching our 15,000 hectare reserve. The price for the use of our boat is USD 30 per day, plus gas. The price of gas round-trip from Bahía Negra to our reserve is approximately USD 62.50. Using the boat around the lodge will be on a pay-as-you-go basis. There are also canoes and horses that may be utilized for reaching different areas of the reserve.

THERE ARE THREE (3) WAYS TO GET TO BAHÍA NEGRA:

BY ROAD -- it is possible to rent a four-wheel drive truck from **TOURING AND AUTOMÓVIL CLUB** -- Tel. (+595 21) 447 945, based out of Asunción -- a Mitsubishi Montero or Nissan Patrol -- that include insurance on non-asphalted roads. This is important because the route from Asunción to Bahía Negra is asphalted for approximately 470 km to Cruce Pioneros, then non-asphalted (dirt) for approximately 450 km to Bahía Negra and car rental agencies such as Avis/Hertz/National do not offer this type of insurance.



As of January 7th, 2009, the prices for a six (6) day rental were as follows:

MITSUBISHI MONTERO -- Gs. 5,808,000 (USD 1,148.51 with the exchange rate on March 11th, 2009), this includes taxes, unlimited kilometers and insurance on paved and dirt roads

NISSAN PATROL -- Gs. 8,131,200 (USD 1607.92 as of March 11th), includes taxes, unlimited kilometers and insurance on paved and dirt roads.

There is also a bus service which leaves Asunción at 1900 hs on Tuesdays and arrives in Bahía Negra after midday on Wednesday. Its cost is Gs. 190,000 (USD 37.57).



BY BOAT -- **BARCO AQUIDABÁN** -- Tel. (+595 331) 242 435 -- based out of Concepción, Paraguay.

SCHEDULE: Leaves Concepción on Tuesdays at 11:00 am, arriving Friday dawn in Bahía Negra

PRICES: Ticket price of Gs. 100,000 (USD 19.77)

Room price of Gs. 80,000 (USD 15.82)



INCLUDES: The ticket price of Gs. 100,000 is the price to get on the boat and travel to Bahía Negra. The price for a room is Gs. 80,000 on top of the Gs. 100,000. For those not choosing to rent a room, it is recommended that they take a hammock (easily found on the street or the markets of Asunción). Food is not included, but there is a small bar with empanadas and other traditional snack foods, although these provisions are known to run out. It is

recommended that people bring their own food and water for the 3 1/2 day trip. This is not a luxurious trip, as it is mostly used to take products from Concepción to Bahía Negra. It does not travel during the week before Easter (Holy Week), or the week of Christmas/New Year's.

PLEASE NOTE: Reaching Concepción to embark on the Aquidabán -- bus trip from Asunción to Concepción, which is usually better at night, as you must be in Concepción on Tuesday morning at 11 am. Price -- Gs. 70,000 (USD 13.84). Duration -- approximately 5-6 hours.

BY AIR -- there are two forms of air travel to Bahía Negra -- TAM (Transporte Aereo Militar, not the Mercosur airline), and chartered plane.



TAM -- Tel. (+595 981) 191 786, Sonia Suárez -- this is a service that has just recently re-opened. It travels on Fridays and/or Wednesdays depending on the demand. The price for a one-way ticket is Gs. 350,000 (USD 69.21) and takes about two hours to reach Bahía Negra.

Chartered airplane -- on a reservation basis, and we tend to use the two following companies:

AIRMEN S.A. -- Tel. (+595 21) 645 990 / 645 980 and (+595 981) 909 761 / 415 473 (cellular phone, 24-hr attention) -- email: airreservas@gmail.com

PRICE: Single motor for five (5) passengers -- USD 1,625 for 2 days/1 night (overnight is USD 50 per night, plus room and board for the pilot).

Twin motor for nine (9) passengers -- USD 3,360 for 2 days/1 night (overnight is USD 50 per night, plus room and board for the pilot).

AEROTAX, S.A. -- Tel. (+595 21) 645 616 / 646 523 -- email: info@aerotax.com

PRICE: Single motor for three (3) passengers -- USD 1,290 (overnight is USD 50 per night, plus room and board for the pilot).

Twin motor for six (6) passengers -- USD 2,488 (overnight is USD 50 per night, plus room and board for the pilot).



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THE PARAGUAYAN PANTANAL NATURE RESERVE**

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