**AQUIDAUANA – MS**

The Pantanal-Bonito Route has regions of preserved natural beauty, such as the Pantanal.

Aquidauana is the gateway to the Pantanal on the south side, from where dirt roads lead to small towns in the interior of the Pantanal.

It is possible to visit the city and take tours of the historic center and the countryside, which has exuberant scenic beauty and natural attractions, in addition to the region's farms filled with bays, rivers, lakes, and one of the greatest biodiversity on the planet, the Pantanal.

The Pantanal of Aquidauana contributes with approximately 4.9% of the total reserve of the Brazilian Pantanal. However, there is still an area of ​​the municipality that has characteristics of the Pantanal of Nhecolândia, another of the Abobral and Rio Negro.

Tourism in the region offers excellent options both for those looking for adventure and for tourists who prefer tranquility to escape from the big cities. There are several styles of tours, accommodations and attractions accompanied by field guides. An exclusive environment in the world that provides unforgettable moments.

Pousadas Pantaneiras offer all the structure of any rural inn: apartments with air conditioning, private bathrooms, ceiling fans, typical foods, safari tours to observe the fauna, horseback riding through lush plains, canoe or barge rides to follow the sunset , walk in the forest in search of a closer contact with nature.

Another attraction is the Aquidauana River, which rises in the Serra de Maracajú and is the only navigable river in the city of Aquidauana. Its navigation only serves farms with small boats in times of flood, when the roads in the Pantanal are unable to travel.

The Aquidauana River, in addition to being used for sport fishing, has also become an important reference as a place to practice water sports competitions, both in its bed and in the beautiful rapids, in the modalities of Stand Up Paddle, Canoeing, Rafting. On its banks you can practice the observation of fauna, with emphasis on Birdwatching.

One of the most popular activities in town is recreational fishing. Tourists can rent a boat, with an accredited pilot, or even pilot it, if they have the necessary documentation. There is also the possibility of taking a boat with other tourists and starting fishing.

Access to the city's main attractions is by car.

Access to the most distant Pantanal inns in the city is by 4x4 vehicle and only by plane during the flood season.

Aquidauana has an aeroclub that receives small aircraft and an air taxi service.

Aquidauana has 40 lodging facilities distributed in urban and rural areas and on the road Parque de Piraputanga.

**Localization:**

The municipality of Aquidauana is located in the south of the Midwest region of Brazil, in the Pantanal Sul-Mato-Grossense (Microregion of Aquidauana). Distant 139 km from the state capital (Campo Grande) and 1218 km from the federal capital (Brasilia).

Located in the Serra de Maracaju, the city of Aquidauana has as neighbors the municipalities of Anastácio, Dois Irmãos do Buriti, Miranda (to the south), Corguinho, Rio Negro, Terenos (to the east), Rio Verde de Mato Grosso (to the north) and Corumbá (to the west).

**Travel tips:**

As with all the attractions on the Route, the ideal is to make reservations in advance, especially in high season (school holidays and long holidays).

All tours are paid and do not include transportation. There is the option of going with your own vehicle or hiring transport services at one of the city's tourist agencies.

A swimsuit, a cap or straw hat, a backpack, sneakers, closed rubber sandals (papete), a t-shirt, shorts, a sweatshirt, a raincoat, sunscreen, repellent, a camera, a camcorder and, in winter, a good sweater are essential.

Most of the roads that provide access to the sidewalks are unpaved and it is recommended to travel at speeds between 30 to 50 km/h.

Atmospheric conditions can prevent or make it difficult to carry out some tours.

Don't feed fish and other animals, nature already does it for you.

Do not litter the streets, trails and roads.