

PARNAIBA HEADWATERS NATIONAL PARK

HYACINTH VALLEY
HYACINTH CLIFFS
GREENWING VALLEY

An amazing new wildlife destination has burst onto the South American scene: the Parnaiba Headwaters National Park (PHNP) in dry, scenic forests north of Brasilia, the capital of Brazil. The sunny valleys and 1,000-foot-tall, red sandstone cliffs of this new reserve offer more unique, charismatic wildlife in less time than any other park. This reserve, which is Brazil's largest national park outside the Amazon, harbors the largest protected dry tropical forest in the world, a much rarer and more hospitable habitat than rainforest. Its open, well-lit woodlands are visitable most of the year, have vanishingly few mosquitoes and are devoid of malaria and leishmaniasis.

The best months to visit are December through August.



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VISITS TO THIS 1.8-MILLION-ACRE RESERVE INCLUDE ONE OR TWO NIGHTS AT EACH OF THREE LODGES: HYACINTH VALLEY, HYACINTH CLIFFS, AND GREENWING VALLEY.

Hyacinth Valley is located on the very edge of the park and offers the world's largest and most photogenic flock of endangered Hyacinth Macaws, the world's most powerful and spectacular parrots. Our researchers documented 176 different individuals at our viewing location—a comfortable and roomy blind located 9-18 m from the birds as they forage on their favorite palm nuts in perfect light. Flocks of 40-80 Hyacinths visit this foraging spot daily.

Hyacinth Cliffs Lodge is located in the middle of the national park and features huge, red-rock cliffs and the world's best viewing of an amazingly tall, elegant canid—the endangered Maned Wolf. Each afternoon or evening, 1-3 of these striking, long-legged predators wander within view of our lodge, posing in natural woodland that is ideal for photography.

Greenwing Valley is a tented camp with roomy, sealed, walk-in tents with wooden floors and normal beds. All three lodges have en suite bathrooms with warm shower option.

At Greenwing Valley, we feature tool-using Brown Capuchins and a viewing spot where 10-35 Red-and-Green (or “Greenwinged”) Macaws forage on the ground and in low trees only 15-30 m from our roomy blind. Greenwing Valley is perhaps the most dramatic of the three lodges in terms of the amazing, red-rock scenery surrounding the valley.



GWV is the only location in the world to offer the “Einstein Monkeys”. These Brown Capuchins regularly use special, igneous hammer-rocks to crack hard palm nuts that they place on sandstone anvils. This feat is the most complex tool use of any non-human primate.

