Cuiabá is the capital city of the state of Mato Grosso. It is located in South America's geodesic centre, in other words, the most central part of the continent. Therefore, it may be considered the heart of South America. The city has a population of almost 600 thousand people. The 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil is providing visitors with a great opportunity to see breathtaking natural sites.

The capital of the state of Mato Grosso serves as an access way to Brazil’s three main biomes: the Cerrado (Brazilian Savannah like vegetation), the Pantanal (wetlands) and the Amazon, which are tourist destinations that attract those wanting to experience direct contact with
flora and fauna. By travelling a few kilometres, it is possible to fish and see the Pantanal’s wildlife, the world’s biggest ecological sanctuary or scenarios at Chapada dos Guimarães, less than 70km away from the city.

However, the city itself also offers a lot of attractions. For example, the city's historic centre is listed by the National Historic and Artistic Heritage Institute. In addition, the preserved urban roads take us back to 1722, when gold was discovered at the banks of the Prainha stream.

Cuiabá in the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil

Pantanál Arena
The Pantanal Arena will be the stage of the four 2014 FIFA World Cup matches. During the tournament, the ground will have a seating capacity of 41 thousand people. The project anticipates multi-purpose areas, which will be used after the end of the World Cup. The area where the stadium is located takes up approximately 300 thousand square metres, which is currently being underused, thus, it will be totally revamped. The new project is going to change the place into a big multi-purpose park, with sporting, cultural, educational and entertainment facilities. The project meets sustainability related requirements, such as the ones needed in order to be awarded the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certificate, which verifies and attests a building’s environmental quality.

Group stage
Match 4
13.06.14 – 06:00pm B3 v B4
Match 16
17.06.14 – 06:00pm H3 v H4
Match 28
21.06.14 – 06:00pm F4 v F2
Match 37
24.06.14 – 04:00pm C4 v C1

Main tourist attractions

Historic Centre
Historic buildings such as the Rosario and Saint Benedict Church, and the Chapel of Our Lord of the Stations of the Cross, the Palace of Instruction (today a history museum and library), the old War Arsenal (today a cultural centre supported by SESC), the fish market (currently Cuiaba’s River Museum) and the building where the Cuiabá Sound and Image Museum is housed (MISC). The old Galdino Pimentel, Ricardo Franco and Pedro Celestino roads and other streets have kept the architectural characteristics of the past.

Pantanál
The world’s largest wetland is 115km away from Cuiabá. The Pantanal’s main town - Poconé - is two hours away from Cuiabá. From there, the tourist has access to the region’s most famous tourist sites (Porto Cercado, Porto Jofre, Sesc Pantanal). Most visitors tend to be mesmerised
when they see the free wild animals, such as alligators, pumas, pacas, monkeys, reptiles and birds with impressive colours.

Chapada dos Guimarães National Park
The breathtaking landscape is made up of huge red and orange walls, giant rocks, caves, waterfalls and natural crystal clean pools. The Chapada dos Guimarães National Park is inscribed in the World Heritage List and as it extends over an area of 33 thousand hectares, it is ideal for adventure sports. The park is open for visitation every week day, between 08:00am and 05:00pm. The Chapada dos Guimarães municipality is nine kilometres away from the park’s entrance and around 70km from Cuiabá.

Airport
Name: Marechal Rondon International Airport
IATA Code: CGB
Telephone: +55 65 3614-2500
Address: Av. Governador João Ponce de Arruda, s/nº - Bairro Jardim Aeroporto – Várzea Grande, 8 km from Cuiabá City Centre
Public transport: Taxi (Cooperporto) costs around R$ 45.00 to Cuiabá City Centre

Fact sheet
Altitude: 165 metres
Population: 551,098 people
Area: 3,538 km²
Area code: 65
Voltage: 220 V
Time Zone: GMT -4
Climate: Cuiabá is known for its heat (reaching 40 C sometimes), which drops in the winter, when the World Cup will be on. The city has a humid and dry tropical climate. The rainy season takes place between September and May.
Average temperature in June: 23.8 C
Average temperature in July: 23.4 C
Average rainfall in June: 7mm
Average rainfall in July: 15mm
Average relative humidity of the air in June: 71.2%
Average relative humidity of the air in July: 67.5%

Local holidays
8 April: anniversary of the city
20 November: Zumbi dos Palmares/Black Awareness Day

For further information:
- Federal Government’s World Cup Portal
  www.copa2014.gov.br/en
- Ministry of Sport
  www.esporte.gov.br
  +55 (61) 3217-1875 / 3217-9677
  imprensa@esporte.gov.br
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