

ANAJAÚ – 7 days

Combination of the routes Anavilhanas + Jaú National Park complete

With a wide range of exposure to native culture and wildlife attractions, this tour offers climbing the giant trees, swimming with the pink dolphins, visiting the Tuiuka Indians, and navigation through black and muddy water ecosystems from Rio Solimões to Parque Nacional de Anavilhanas, passing the Arquipélago de Anavilhanas, on the Rio Negro. At its most distant point, we will know the Jau River, where the largest fresh water forest park in the world still guards enigmas to be revealed. Because of its relatively complicated access, its paths, waterfalls, and creeks are not heavily explored by tourists. Monkeys, sloths, dolphins, lowland pacas and birds can be observed on jungle nights, or in the river, close to sunset time. During the dry season, the giant otters are the attraction. Riverside communities with genuine northern Brazilian culture, give the human touch to a region where nature still runs the show. The park's water system is composed by 3 big rivers (Unini River on the north, Carabinani by the south and Jaú on the center) and an infinity of small streams of dark water. These rivers present a high water volume variation during the year.

The forests found on the banks of the rivers are called Igapó Forests and are flooded for a period of 6-8 months during the year. The dry forests are known as Firm Land Forests. This is the typical humid tropical forest, with trees that reach over 35 meters high, like the Samaúma. Its diversity represents 200 species per hectare.

At the lower Rio Negro, is a region blessed by nature and protected by ICMBio. Behaving National Parks, State, Extractive Reserves and Sustainable Development Reserves. Unlike other regions of the Amazon, the Rio Negro has almost no mosquitoes due to the natural insecticide found in its waters. Furthermore, this is the Amazon's most wild and preserved portion.

Recommended For those looking for adventure, leisure, fun and greater contact with wildlife.

Day 1: Manaus / Rio Negro / Rio Solimões

- Board at 9 a.m. at the Hotel Tropical Pier in Manaus.
- Amazonian briefing: quick explanation on the animal life, plant life, river basins, local customs, study of the route maps, **handout of the Ecotourism Booklet for Anavilhanas Archipelago and of the custom maps** in pdf format.
- Arrival at Lago January, a rich Amazon ecosystem full of birds, reptiles, exotic plants and giant trees, fed by the waters of the Rio Solimões, abundant in living and organic nutrients.
- Anchorage for canoe ride nearby.
- Probable sighting of **Tucuxi River Dolphins** (*Sotalia Fluviatilis*), **Pink River Dolphin** (*Inia Geoffrensis*) and birds of the region, **like Cocoi Heron** (*Ardea Cocoi*), **Great Egret**

(Casmerodius Albus), **Blue-Yellow Macaw** (Ara Ararauna), **Festive Parrot** (Amazona Festiva), **Rufescent Tiger-herons** (Tigrisoma Lineatum), **Yellow-rumped Caciques** (Cacicus Cela), **Crested Oropendola** (Psarocolius Decumanus) and **Jacamars** (Galbulidae), among others.

- We return navigating the Paran do Paracuuba to the Rio Solimes. Lunch onboard.
- We arrive at the **meeting of the rivers**, where the Rio Negro meets Solimes and run parallel for more than 9 miles.
- Then it's time to see **Pirarucu**, the largest scaled fish in the world, also known as the lion of the Amazon.
- Navigate towards the Anavilhanas Archipelago, up the Rio Negro.
- Dinner on board & night navigation.

Day 2: Rio Negro / Rio Aria / Acajatuba Lake

- Sunrise at Tup's beach, where there is a **settlement of natives** from the Alto Rio Negro.
- After breakfast on board, we descend to the village where we will have the opportunity to see a presentation of their traditional and well preserved customs, dance, as well as Little e history and crafts. After the presentation, there will be a cultural exchange in their native languages of **uka** and **Tukano**. Lunch on board.
- Navigate up the Rio Aria, a beautiful black water course with lots of vegetation and interesting attractions like monkey and sloth interaction.
- Visit to **Samauma giant tree**, with optional Tree Climbing (not included).
- After dinner, **focus of alligators** and other nocturnal animals..
- After the Aria, we set course to the Lago Acajatuba, seeing **the famous pink river dolphin** in a floating house region.
- Food/diving/optional interaction.

Day 3: Anavilhanas Archipelago

- The day begins in the heart of the second largest river archipelago in the world, to the sound of the jungle "Igapos".
- After breakfast on board, **aquatic trails** such as parans, igaps, lakes and islands.
- Under the shadow of Macacarecuia, **swim with inflatable tubes** in the delicious waters of the Rio Negro. Moments of leisure and contemplation.
- Fishing for piranhas in 'Igarap' of Jaraqui.
- Return to the boat, lunch on board.
- Arrival at **Santo Antonio community**, visit manioc house, regional fruit orchard, exotic pets.
- Trekking 2 hours in a wonderful forest for viewing the fauna and flora of the Mainland.
- Next, we sail to the heart of Anavilhanas National Park to perform a night aquatic trail full of wildlife.

Day 4: Anavilhanas / Madad

- We start the day at Madad.
- 3 hour hike (round trip) through virgin forest to the **Madad Caves**.

- Upon return, visitation to native ranch, visitation to an orchard with fruits of the season.
- Swimming with floats at Negro River. Lunch on board.
- Returning to the boat, we set sail to the **Rio Negro State Park** area.
- **Piranha fishing** before sunset.
- We fix anchor at beach (dry) or igarapé (flood).
- Dinner, bonfire (in dry season), night focus (in flood season), native folklore storytelling.

Day 5: Jau National Park

- We start the day at Praia do Sono (Sleepy Beach).
- Set sail to the IBAMA base, at the Park's entrance
- Navigation by the **Jaú River**, a river of mirror-like waters, with probable sighting of water mammals and birds.
- **Wet season:** anchorage and speedboat ride through the Park's creeks, in an attempt to find the packs of **Giant Otters**.
- **Dry Season:** Trip through Pauini River, exploring this tributary filled with boulders and waterfalls.
- Return to boat, navigation to the Aturiá community. Canoe night ride in the river, **with light-spotting of alligators** and nocturnal animals.

Day 6: Jaú National Park

- Anchorage at the **Aturiá community**. Visit to the community, and exchange with the locals, practice of local customs, orchard with fruits of the season, playing with the children, soccer, handicraft, river swim, etc.
- Visiting a **giant tree** around the community, a very old lady from the ancient forest.
- **Aquatic trail with regional canoes**, seeking for Bicoth Monkeys and other animals.
- Lunch on board.
- Return to the IBAMA base, exit from the Park.

Day 7: Novo Airão / Manaus

- The day rises in the forest, the sound of birds.
- After a day aquatic trail, return from the archipelago to Novo Airão city.
- City-tour in Novo Airão: crafts, artisan workshop and local attractions.
- Farewell lunch on "Flor do Luar", a floating restaurant at Anavilhanas National Park.
- Relax'n'swim in Rio Negro.
- Transfer Novo Airão - Manaus, scheduled for 15:30 arrival.