

JAU NATIONAL PARK + ANAVILHANAS – 5 Days

1) Introduction:

The largest fresh water forest park in the world still guards enigmas to be revealed. Because it has relatively complicated access, its paths, waterfalls, and creeks are not heavily explored by tourists. Monkeys, sloths, dolphins, pacas and birds can be observed on jungle nights, or in the river, close to sunset time. Riverside communities with genuine northern Brazilian charm, give the human touch to a region where nature still runs the show.

Peculiarities of the Region:

The Parks' aquatic system is composed of three major rivers (Unini to the north, Carabinani to the south and Jau at the center) and an infinity of small black water rivers. The water level varies drastically during the year. The forest found at the margins of the rivers are called Igapó forests, and are submitted to periods of 6 to 8 months of flooding during the year. This type of forest is tropical and humid, with trees that can reach up to 35 meters high, like the Samaúma. In this very diverse climate there can be up to 200 species per hectare. The Park is in the municipality of Novo Airão, where our expedition stops for a day. Jau National Park was created in 1980, and the difference it made for the wildlife in the region is very clear in comparison with non-protection areas in the Amazon. In 2003, Jau National Park was nominated by UNESCO as a "Natural World Heritage Site."

2) Day-by-day 7 days

1st day: Manaus / Novo Airão / Anavilhanas

- Hotel transport Manaus > Novo Airão boarding at 9:00 a.m. in a taxi with air-conditioning.
- Amazonian briefing: quick explanation on the animal life, plant life, water basins, local customs, study of maps to set a route, handing of Ecotourism Booklet for Anavilhanas and customized maps in pdf format.
- Arrival at Novo Airão close to lunch time.
- Beginning of the Katerre Expedition through the Anavilhanas Archipelago. Lunch on board.
- Anchorage for a quick speedboat ride through islands and lakes nearby.
- Probable sighting of Tucuxi River Dolphins (*Sotalia fluviatilis*), Pink River Dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*) and the birds that are typical for the season:
 - The Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*), the Great Egret (*Casmerodius albus*), the Blue-Yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*), Festive Parrot (*Amazona festiva*), the Rufescent Tiger-heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*), the
 - Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*), the Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) and the Jacamar (*Galbulidae*), among others.
- Swim with water floats in the Rio Negro.
- Return to the boat, after which we will proceed to the Madadá Observatory.
- A light dinner is served on the boat.
- Overnight in the boat's cabin or in hammocks in the lookout, a bungalow with facilities in the middle of the jungle, with a nice view of the Negro River.

2nd day: Anavilhanas / Madadá

- Dawn at Madadá. Regional breakfast at morning.
- 3 hour hike (round trip) through virgin forest to the Madadá Caves, with a jungle survival mini-course.
- Upon return, visitation to native ranch, practice of local customs, fruit garden with fruits of the season, etc.
- Swimming with floats at Negro River. Lunch on board.
- Speedboat trip to a Native Community. Exchange in the native language of the Yanomami and Tukano.
- Traditional customs' display.
- Return to the boat, we set sail to the "Sleepy Beach".
- Dinner, bonfire, native folklore storytelling. Overnight stay anchored by the beach.

3rd day: Jau National Park

- Dawn at "Praia do Sono" ("Sleepy Beach").
- Set sail to the IBAMA base, on the Park's entrance
- Navigation by the Jaú River, a river of mirror like waters, with probable sighting of water mammals and birds.
- Rainy 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 Aturia community.
- Canoe night ride in the river, with light-spotting of alligators and nocturnal animals.

4th day: Jaú National Park

- Anchorage at the Aturia community.
- Visit the community, and exchange with the inhabitants, practice of local customs, fruit garden with fruits of the season, flour mill,
- Playing with the children, football, arts and crafts, river swimming, etc. Lunch on board.
- Tree climbing in the Great Chestnut Tree (optional by request, must be made before booking).
- Hiking through virgin forest to Itaupal waterfall, in order to see ground mammals.
- Waterfall shower at the end of the track.
- Return to the IBAMA base, exit from the Park.

5th day: Jau to Anavilhanas Archipelago

- Navigate towards Anavilhanas Archipelago
- The day begins in the heart of the second largest river archipelago in the world, to the sound of the jungle "Igapós".
- After breakfast on board, aquatic trails such as paranás, igapós, 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. Return to the boat, lunch on board.
- Arrival at "sitio caboclo" of Mr. Manuel, visit manioc house, regional fruit orchard.

6th day: Rio Solimoes and Anavilhanas

- Navigate towards Lago January.
- 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.
- Lunch on board.
- We arrive at the meeting of the rivers, where the Rio Negro meets Solimões and run parallel for more than 9 miles.
- Then it's time to search for the Pirarucu, the largest scaled fish in the world, also known as the lion of the Amazon.
- Dinner on board & night navigation

7th day: Novo Airão / Manaus

- Sunrise at Tupé's beach, where there is a settlement of natives from the Alto Rio Negro.
- Breakfast onboard
- Parasailing over the Rio Negro, near praia da Lua (optional).
- City-tour of New Airão, crafts, artisan workshop and attractions.
- Farewell lunch on the boat.
- Transfer Novo Airão - Manaus, scheduled for 15:30 arrival.

3) General Characteristics

The purpose of the regional style boats is to provide to our clients the feeling of traveling in line boats, such like the local people do, but with more comfort, safety, and onboard services. Wooden boats, ranging from 40 to 80 feet, with a solarium, leisure area with cover, table and chairs, cabins, space for hammocks, electrical power, kitchen, lunch table, washrooms, mineral water, beverages and frozen foods. Also: rafts with Motors and canoes, according with the excursion needs.

The Jacaré-Açu Boat

- 3 floor Regional-Premium, 72 ft.
- Decorated cabins with air-conditioning,
- private bathroom, hair desk, high mattress density, goose feather pillows;

The Awapé Boat

- 2 floor Regional-luxe, 53 ft;
- Air-conditioned cabins with private
- bathroom, high mattress density, goose feather pillows;

Comfort items included on both boats

- 110/220V Energy 24/7 in all cabins;
- Bank of Batteries for conversion 12V-110V, offering clean and noise-free energy when anchored.
- GPS, Sonar, Radar, Radio, Nautical Maps, Iridium cellphone;
- First-Aid kit, pharmacy, experienced and certified team;
- Complete Kitchen com oven, freezer, refrigerator, etc;

- Equipment for overnight in the jungle, Powerful flashlight for alligators spotting, Walkie-talkie radios for the trail;
- Binoculars for bird watching; Large photographic maps;
- Multiples leisure areas: Solarium, Living Room, Bar, Observatorium and Decks with shower; Card games, dominoes, chess and backgammon;
- Thematic library with maps and photographic books;
- Inflatable rafts and accessories for swimming in the river and waterfalls. Fishing rods;
- Leisure area with deck chairs and barbecue grill;
- Inspected/approved and fumigated.
- Optional equipment for tree climbing and parasailing.

3) Photos







