

JAUAPERI-APUAÚ – 8 days

Includes Anavilhanas Archipelago and Amazon Wild Waterfalls circuit

The left bank of the lower Rio Negro, the section between rivers Apaú, Jauperi and Rio Branco, has a low density of population, abundant flora and fauna and mainly, a wealthy morphology. It is also where it is located the Anavilhanas National Park, besides the most beautiful and wild waterfalls in the whole region. Studies have shown that Anavilhanas islands, whose age of formation is estimated in 18 billion years ago, were formed by the deposit of Rio Branco river discharges into the Rio Negro. Rio Branco is very dynamic and full of life. Its sediments carry a lot of organic matter, food for small fish and fruitful tress, which in turn feed a big chain of big fishes, aquatic mammals, birds, reptiles and ashore animals. Its flora also has a high incidence of Samaumas, the biggest tree in the Amazon. This new itinerary, is the gateway for those who seek deeper experiences in the Amazon, being carried away by the unparalleled sensation of being in the immensity of the forest.



The left bank of the lower Rio Negro presents, in its southeast portion, a solid plateau which favors the appearance of many waterfalls among the forest, in the Apaú River region. Navigating in the Rio Negro towards northwest, the change in soil and the impacts on flora and fauna become explicit, crossing the mouth of Jauaperi River until we get at the muddy waters of Rio Branco.

Day 1: Manaus / Novo Airão / Anavilhanas

- * Transfer from hotel to Novo Airão boat: boarding at 09:00 AM in an air-conditioned van.
- * Quick explanation of the fauna, flora, watersheds, regional customs, maps study to trace the route, the distribution of the booklet EcoTourism in Rio Negro and the custom maps in PDF format.
- * Arrival in Novo Airão next to lunchtime. Lunch on board. Anchorage for aquatic trails in igapós, lakes and holes of Anavilhanas Archipelago.

- * Probable viewing of Tucuxi dolphins (*Sotalia fluviatilis*), Pink Dolphins (*Inia Geoffrensis*) and from the birds of the season: **Maguari** (*Ardea cocoi*), **Hérons** (*Casmerodius Albus*), **Blue and Red Macaws** (*Ara Ararauna*), **Parrots** (*Amazona Festiva*), **Heron-Tiger** (*Tigrisoma lineatum*), **Japiins** (*Cacicus Jail*), **Japós** (*Psarocolius Decumanus*) and **Arirambas** (*Galbulidae*), among others.
- * Swimming in the Rio Negro.
- * Carry on with the aquatic trails until we get near to the opposite bank, where the boat waits for us.
- * Dinner is served on board. Stay the night in the cabin of the boat, while navigates on the Apuaú river until Igarapé Içana.



Day 2: Wild Waterfalls in the Amazon

- * After breakfast, we followed by motorboat on Igarapé Içana streams until we get to its main waterfall, with baths, diving in the river and other aquatic activities.
- * Caboclo Lunch: grilled fish and other side dishes.
- * After a nap in a hammock, we start hiking for about 1:30h in the virgin forest until we get to the waterfall of Igarapé do Trovão, another stream of Apuaú river.
- * We arrive at the place to contemplate two natural pools and check in at the camp, already established by our staff.
- * Dinner, campfire, stories of caboclo folklore. Overnight in tents or hammocks, the customer's choice.

Day 3: Circuit - 'Wild Waterfalls of the Amazon'

- * On awakening, enclosed by the sounds of forest, our staff prepares the breakfast, followed by leisure in the waterfall, pools and and contemplation of the surrounding nature.
- * On the way back, two options: return by motorboat on the stream Igarapé do Trovão until the boat or return by the path, followed by rafting canoeing style on Igarapé Içana of considerable current.
- * Boarding and return to Rio Negro, with lunch on board. Relax-time in the comfort of the boat.

Day 4: Anavilhanas National Park – Mainland

- * At sunrise on the Rio Negro, anchored in the Base 2 ICMBio, (the national institute which governs Anavilhanas National Park) we will visit the site of an old orchard, looking for monkeys and agoutis, commonly sighted nearby. In the way back to the boat, the navigation continues until northern boundary of the park, where we will fish and look for nocturnal alligators, a region where large species of Jacaré-Açu lives.
- * Return the base of ICMBio and get out of the park.



Days 5-6: Jauaperi River and the Hill of Birds

* The Jauaperi River is a black water river, but its flora and fauna presents some elements of transition between muddy water ecosystem, by its proximity to the Rio Branco and the geomorphology of their lands, of more recent origin than the rest of Rio Negro river. Later, we will canoe in numerous lakes in the area, fishing, gathering wild fruits (when available) and observation of wildlife, with special mention of the Gypsy, beautiful big birds that live in the bushes to the river. At night, we will search for alligators and other nocturnal animals.

Day 7: Moura village and Rio Branco mouth

* Leaving Jauaperi, we will return to the attractions of Rio Negro river, in the region near to Rio Branco river. Stop in Moura village to get food supplies;
* After breakfast, we anchor on Tiao's beach, the highest one at Rio Negro. Swimming, a nap in the hammock and much leisure on Rio Negro is available;
* fish and meat BBQ for lunch on the beach;
* Visit to a breathtaking giant 500-year-old tree: the **Samaúma of Rio Branco**.

Day 8: Novo Airão

* Breakfast on board;
* Meeting with the pink dolphins;
* City tour of New Airão: handcrafts, craft workshop, ship building and city attractions.
* Farewell Lunch on the boat.
* Transfer from Novo Airão to Manaus, arrival at 6 p.m.