

# JAUAPERI RIVER up to XIXUAÚ RESERVE – 8 days

*Including the Anavilhanas Archipelago and Jaú National Park*

If the Amazon had a heart, we could say it is in Jauaperi River. In its upper course, at Xixuaú Reserve, we observe rare animals and exuberant vegetation and are sure to be surprised on every curve of its streams. Despite the beaches that arise during the dry season and villages with beautiful handicrafts, the Jauaperi river is home to some of the most beautiful species of Amazon wildlife - otters, manatees, storks, quatiurus, arboreal monkeys, huge black alligators, red toucans, spotted eagle and the scandalous multi-colored macaws. The animals are what compose the dream-like visual of this unusual ecological sanctuary where the local residents decided to preserve with ecotourism principles. If your greatest desire is to contemplate the wildlife, then this is your itinerary. The area is about 500 km from Manaus, located in the state of Roraima, along the border of the native territory Waimiri-Atroari. Sailing on rivers with crystalline water, we can observe manatees in an informal natural tranquility and appreciate Guariba Monkeys singing in their impressive guttural voices.



There, it is prohibited to use motor boats. Therefore the silence which is respected by the humans, allows the nature to remain wild. Its generous biodiversity is the result of two factors: geomorphologic rich soil with absence of poaching. Some difficult species to be observed in the Rio Negro basin, such as storks and Cuxius apes, are commonly seen in the area.

## **1st day: Manaus / Novo Airão / Anavilhanas**

\*Transport hotel Manaus > Novo Airao boarding at 9:00 a.m. in air-conditioned taxi.

\*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 Archipelago and customized maps in pdf format.

\*Arrival at Novo Airão close to lunch time. Beginning of the 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 Fluvialis*), Pink River Dolphin (*Inia Geoffrensis*) and the birds that are typical for the season: the Cocoli Heron (*Ardea Cocoli*), the Great Egret (*Casmerodius Albus*), the Blue-Yellow Macaw (*Ara Ararauna*), the Festive Parrot (*Amazona Festiva*),



### **2nd day: Anavilhanas / Madadá**

\*Dawn at Madadá.

\*Regional breakfast – fruits, jams, tapioca, “tucumã”, etc.

\*3 hour Trekking (round trip) through virgin forest to the Madadá Caves, with a mini-course in jungle survival..

\*Upon return, visitation to a native ranch, practice of local customs, fruit garden with fruits of the season, etc.

\*Swimming with water floats in the Negro river, lunch on board.

\*Speedboat trip to a native community. Exchange in the native language of the Yanomami and Tukano. Display of traditional customs.

\*Return to the boat to set sail for “Praia do Sono” (“Sleepy Beach”).

\*Dinner, bonfire, native folklore storytelling.

\*Overnight stay anchored by the beach.



### **3rd day: Jaú National Park**

- \*Dawn at “Praia do Sono” (“Sleepy Beach”).
- \*We set sail to the IBAMA base, at the Park’s entrance.
- \*Navigation on the Jaú river, a river of mirrorlike waters, with probable sighting of water mammals and birds.
- \*Trip through **Pauni River**, exploring this tributary filled with boulders and waterfalls.
- \*Visiting Samauma, the biggest tree of the Negro river.

### **4th day: Negro river / Jauaperi river**

- \*Navigate by the **Encosta dos Passaros**, until the village of Moura.
- \*Arrive, meet the locals, purchase necessities.
- \* Return to the boat, entering the Jauaperi river.
- \*Navigate the Jauaperi river until we reach the Gaspar Igarapé, where we can see an excellent model of an alternative Community, that practices environmental education and diffusion of the local culture.
- \*Arrive at the Caboclo community, Samaúma. Exchange with the local inhabitants and buy high quality arts and crafts made of Wood, seeds, and reeds. Arrive at the Xixuaú community around sunset.



### **5th day: Xixuaú Reserve**

- \*Breakfast, arrive in the Xixuaú community and get to know the area and the inhabitants.
- \*Prepare the group for water trails through the lakes and igapós of the area, rowed by our local guides in small canoes (2 passengers max.) to observe birds and aquatic mammals. Personal time.
- \*Viewing of River Otters, dolphins, toucans, probable sighting of Arborícolas monkeys searching for fruit in the flooded forest. Listen for the strange calls of the Guariba Monkeys.

### **6th day: Xixuaú Reserve**

- \*Before breakfast, observe Black Cayman by the Rivers edge, in the port of the community.
- \*After the breakfast, mini-expedition to spend the night camping in the forest, in a privileged locale for great observation of wild life.
- \*Navigate through igarapés of crystalline water.
- \*Dive with masks to observe aquatic life
- \*Assemble camp, mini survival course in the jungle and construction of our shelter.
- \*Bonfire, talking, and reciting local folklore about the creatures of the forest – Mapinguary, Matinta-Perêra, and Curupira.

\*After dinner, flash-light spotting of alligators and other nocturnal animals, and spear fishing, an efficient, rudimentary, peculiar, and local technique to catch all kinds of fish.

\*Sleep in hammocks in our shelter.

**7th day: Xixuaú / Jauaperi river / Negro river**

\*The day awakens in the forest.

\*Prepare breakfast, and initiate our return to the community.

\*Farewell meeting in the Maloca, exposition of local workmanship.

\*Initiate our return to Novo Airao. Lunch onboard.

\*Nocturnal Navigation on the Negro river.

**8th day: Novo Airão**

\*Predicted arrival in Novo Airao for 10:00 am.

\*Feed and photograph Pink river dolphins at the edge of the river.

\*City tour of Novo Airao, workmanship, artisan shops, shipyards and shipbuilding as well as other appeals of the city. Farewell lunch onboard.

\*Transport Novo Airao - Manaus, arriving between 3-4 pm