

# APUAÚ WILD – 4 days

*Includes Anavilhanas Archipelago and Amazon Wild Waterfalls circuit*

## **1) Introduction**

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 rich 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 18,000 years ago, were formed by the deposit of the 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 plants, which in turn feed a big chain of large fishes, aquatic mammals, birds, reptiles and land animals. Its flora also has a high incidence of Samaumas, the biggest tree in the Amazon. This new itinerary, launched by Katerre Expedition in 2012, is the gate way for those who seek deeper experiences in the Amazon, being carried away by the unparalleled sensation of being in the immensity of the forest.



## **Peculiarities of the region**

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.

## **Recommended**

For those looking for adventure, recreation, waterfalls and more contact with nature.

## 2) Day-by-day 4 days

### 1<sup>st</sup> day: Manaus / Novo Airão / Anavilhanas



- Transfer from the hotel in Manaus to Novo Airão: 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 Ecotourism in Rio Negro **booklet and the custom maps in PDF format;**
- Arrival in Novo Airão next to lunchtime;
- Start of the Expedition in Anavilhanas Archipelago. Lunch on board;

- Anchorage for a quick speedboat ride through islands and lakes nearby;
- Probable viewing of **Tucuxi dolphins** (*Sotalia fluviatilis*), **Pink Dolphins** (*Inia Geoffrensis*) and of the birds of the season: **Maguari** (*Ardea cocoi*), **Heron** (*Casmerodius Albus*), **Blue and Red Macaws** (*Ara Ararauna*), **Parrots** (*Amazona Festiva*), **Heron-Tiger** (*Tigrisoma lineatum*), **Japiins** (*Cacicus Jail*), **Japós** (*Psarocolius Decumanus*) and **Otters** (*Galbulidae*), among others;
- Bath with lifebuoys on Rio Negro;
- We will carry on with the aquatic trails until we get near to the opposite bank, where the boat will be waiting for us;
- Dinner is served on board;
- Overnight stay in the cabin of the boat, while it navigates on the Apuaú river until Igarapé Içana.



**Anavilhanas Archipelago lakes**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> day: Circuit – ‘Wild Waterfalls in the Amazon’



- The day rises in the region of **Apuaú River**. After breakfast, we sail by motorboat on the 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 side dishes;
- After a nap in a hammock, we start hiking for about 1:30 in the virgin forest until we get to the waterfall of ‘Igarapé do Trovão’, another stream of the Apuaú river;

- We arrive to contemplate two natural pools and check in at the camp, already established by our staff;
- Dinner, campfire, caboclo folklore stories. Overnight in tents or hammocks, the customer's choice.





### **3<sup>rd</sup> day: Circuit - 'Wild Waterfalls of the Amazon'**

- We are awoken to the sounds of the forest, our staff prepares breakfast, followed by leisure in the waterfall, pools and contemplation of the surrounding nature;
- On the way back, two options: return to the main boat by motorboat on the 'Igarapé do Trovão' stream or return on foot, followed by rafting canoeing style on 'Igarapé Içana', of considerable current;
- Boarding and return to Rio Negro, with lunch on board. Relaxation time in the comfort of the boat.



### **4<sup>th</sup> day: Anavilhanas National Park – Mainland**



- We wake up once again at the Rio Negro river.
- After breakfast, we leave the to visit a giant tree in the islands;
- Returning to the boat, we start navigation towards Novo Airão;
- Swimming with pink dolphins;
- City tour at Novo Airão: handicrafts, craft workshop and city attractions;
- Farewell lunch on "Flor do Luar", a floating restaurant at Anavilhanas National Park.
- Transfer Novo Airão - Manaus, arrival at 16:00 pm.

**Note: For script preservation purposes, some place names are fictitious. The attractions remain trustworthy.**

## **3) General Characteristics**

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

### **Jacaré-Açu boat**

- 3 floor Regional-Premium, 72ft;
- Decorated cabins with air-conditioning, private bathroom, bed and bath set.

### **Jacaré-Tinga boat**

- 2 floor Regional-luxe, 53ft;
- Decorated cabins with air-conditioning, private bathroom, bed and bath set.



**Jacaré-Açu boat**

### **Comfort items included on the boats:**



- 110/220V Energy 24/7 in all cabins;
- Bank of Batteries for conversion 220V-110V, offering clean and noise-free energy when anchored;
- GPS, Sonar, Radar, Radio, Nautical Maps, Iridium cell-phone;
- First-Aid kit, pharmacy, experienced and certified team;

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



**Jacaré-Tinga boat**



For groups up to 7 passengers, the boat used is Jacaré-Tinga. For groups over 8 passengers the boat used is Jacaré-Açu.

### Crew

Commander, expedition chief guide, native guide, boatman, cuisine chef, maid, waiter.



*Alongside a professional crew, you'll be able to try rich experiences*

### Meals



Full Board, including:

- 3 daily meals + snacks;
- Juices, beers, soft drinks and mineral water at will;
- Fruit "caipirinhas" (traditional Brazilian drink);

Customized menu options (please pre-advise):

- Regional;
- International;
- Vegetarian;
- Low fat.

All food is washed and cooked with mineral water



## **4) Prices and Commercial Conditions**

Prices includes:

- Bilingual guide
- Individual travel insurance policy
- Satellite cell-phone calls for emergencies
- Rides and attractions from third parties
- Photographic map with expedition itinerary, in PDF
- Charts and graphics about the Amazon, in PDF
- Also the documentary "The Next Meal" produced by TV Cultura filmed in the region IN MP4.



*Jacaré-Açu at Apuaú River*

Prices do not include airfare.

**The company reserves the right to make modifications to the itinerary presented according to river level, navigation conditions or climate conditions that may interfere with the proposed activity.**

### **Commercial Conditions**

Payment of 50% deposit // 50% 30 days before embarkation

In accordance with the 161 Embratur Deliberation Act (August 9, 1985), cancellation of your reservation 41 or more days prior to boarding will result in 10 % of the total value being retained due to operational expenses. In the case of the trip being canceled 21 to 40 days prior to boarding, 50% of the total value will be retained. If the trip is canceled within 20 days prior to boarding, we will retain 80% of the total value of the package. We point out that our prices are determined according with the fair value policy, and are the sum of costs of the Amazon river transport logistics, fuel expenses, maintenance program, specialized crew, top quality food, rides, attractions and the whole infra-structure necessary for a peaceful and safe trip.

**Furthermore, we offer our clients the genuine feel that only mobile tourism can offer, with spontaneous moments during the trip, both man and nature-made.**

