

## **APUAÚ – 4 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 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 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.

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

### **1st 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;
- Aquatic trails in igapós, lakes and holes of the Anavilhanas Archipelago; Probable viewing of Tucuxi dolphins (*Sotalia fluviatilis*), Pink Dolphins (*Inia Geoffrensis*) and of the birds of the season: Maguari (*Ardea cocoi*), Herons (*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.

### **2nd day: 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 at the place 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.

### **3rd day: Circuit - ‘Wild Waterfalls of the Amazon’**

- We awaken 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.

### **4th day: Anavilhas 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;
- Interaction with pink dolphins;
- City tour at Novo Airão: handicrafts, craft workshop and city attractions;
- Farewell Lunch on the boat;
- Transfer from Novo Airão to Manaus, arrival at 16:00 pm.