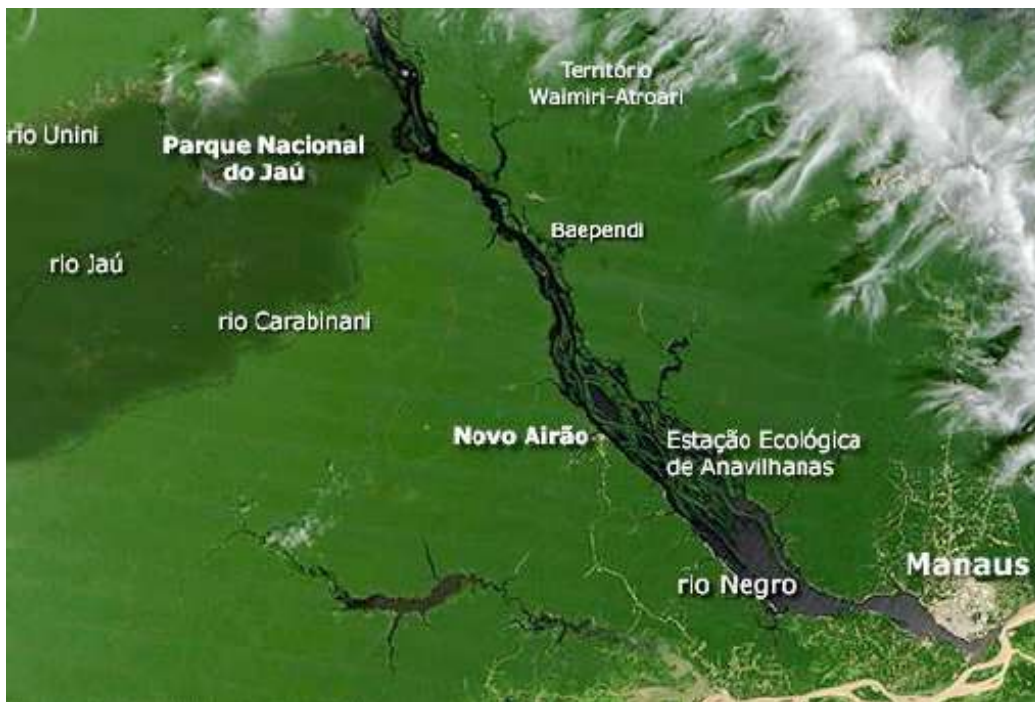


JAU NATIONAL PARK – 5 Days

Declared by UNESCO a “Natural World Heritage Site”.

The largest fresh water forest park in the world still guards enigmas to be revealed. Because it is relatively complicated to access it, 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.

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 infinite number 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 min the Amazon. In 2003, Jau National Park was nominated by UNESCO as a “Natural World Heritage Site.”



1st day: Manaus / Novo Airão / Anavilhanas

*Hotel transport Manaus > Novo Airao 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 Expedition through the Anavilhanas Archipelago. Lunch on board.
- *Anchorage for a quick speedboat ride through islands and lakes nearby, with probable sighting of Tucuxi River Dolphins (*Sotalia Fluvialis*), 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, at the Park's entrance
- *Navigation by the Jaú River, a river of mirrorlike 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: Novo Airão / Manaus

*Return trip Jaú-Novo Airão.

***Swimming with Pink River Dolphins.**

*City tour of Novo Airão, arts and crafts, shipyards (dry docks) and city attractions.

*Farewell lunch on board.

*Transport Novo Airão - Manaus, Arrival scheduled between 3 and 4 p.m..