

# Private Boat Expeditions

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## Anavilhanas Expedition 4 days / 3 nights

### Day 1

09.00: the program begins with a cruise down river, visiting the 'meeting of the waters', where the Rio Negro and Rio Solimões meet each other. Then a short visit to a floating village with 30 families. A very interesting place where the guests will have an idea of how people live on floating houses) and then we will go to Janauarilandia Park to have a catwalk view of the giant water lilies, the Victoria Amazonia.

12.30: lunch on board. Afterwards we make an excursion in small canoes into the Igapó (annually flooded forest). After lunch we depart to Jacareubal, have dinner on board and overnight in cabins or on deck in hammocks.

### Day 2

06.00: we depart for the Rio Arara. Breakfast is served around 07.00.

08.00: trekking in the rainforest with your tourguide and a local guide from the Arara Community. During the trek you will get information about the fauna and flora of this region, including medicinal plants and how they are used.

12.30: lunch on board your private boat. After lunch time for swimming in the Rio Arara. In the afternoon we go fishing on piranha's (and for sure you will catch some!) and make a Sunset tour.

6.30: dinner is served right on the beach!

Overnight in the rainforest in hammocks (camping). Mosquito nets are provided by the staff.

### Day 3

05.30: early morning Sunrise tour and birdwatching in canoes after which we will have breakfast on board. During breakfast the captain sails off for our visit to a native community which gives you the chance to see how these people of a mixed ethnic background live and work. This particular community has a school and a church.

12.00: lunch is ready and served. After lunch we make an afternoon boat trip during which you can relax and enjoy the never boring scene of the Amazon!

Dinner will take place on one of the nice beaches of the river after which overnight on board in your cabin or hammock on deck.

### Day 4

07.30: breakfast time.

After breakfast we slowly depart in the direction of Manaus where we expect to arrive around 13.00 hrs. Disembarking and transfer to your hotel or to the airport for the continuation of your tour of Brasil.

## Mamori Expedition 6 days / 5 nights

### Day 1

08.00: pick up from your hotel to the pier to board a regional boat. We will leave east towards the meeting of the Rio Solimões and Rio Negro, these two tributaries forming the Amazon. We will take the Solimões for approximately 6 hours until we reach an off stream called Rio Janauacá. Monkeys and plenty of birds can be seen along the way. Our final destination for the day is the Rio Acará. Late in the afternoon we will board smaller motorized canoes to observe pink dolphins, a real treat. These are very friendly fresh water dolphins of bright pink color and with long necks. All meals will be served on board. We will sleep in cabins or hammocks with mosquito netting.

### Day 2

05.30: bird watching in motorized canoes. This time of day is the best to spot white cranes, tiger herons and other types of birds. We return to the boat for breakfast and depart to the Rio Mamori. Along the way we will stop at a lake called Tracajá, a great place to spot caiman, snakes, owls and night crawlers. Return to the boat for the evening and overnight.

### Day 3

07.30: our first trek in the Rainforest will take place immediately after breakfast. We will return to the boat for lunch, and after that set out to build a campsite. You will learn and help to build shelters using techniques used by indigenous people of the Amazon. We spend this night in the jungle.

### Day 4

we return to the boat for breakfast and depart to the Rio Juma, where we will fish for piranhas in the afternoon before a sunset canoe trip, and a cook-out with residents of a small riverside community. Overnight on the boat.

### Day 5

after breakfast we will trek to learn jungle surviving techniques, how to obtain water, food, make fire, and medicinal plants. Lunch will be cooked on location on open fire. In the afternoon we visit a small community to learn about their customs, how they make manioc starch and bread, and about their daily lives. Late in the afternoon we will canoe to observe toucans, macaws and other birds. We will toast the evening with caipirinha's and passion fruit cocktails before dinner. This will be a typical meal with fresh fish cooked over wood fire.

### Day 6

early departure to Manaus following the same itinerary and looking for activities and interests the Group may have along the way. Our goal is to be back by the end of the afternoon to transfer you to your hotel or to the airport.

## **Pink Dolphin Expedition 6 days / 5 nights**

### **Day 1**

09.00: depart from the pier in Manaus after the transfer from your hotel. We sail out down river in eastern direction towards the meeting of the waters, the point where Rio Negro and Rio Solimões come together and form the Rio Amazon. We make a visit of a floating village where some 30 families live together and continue to Janauarilandia Park where we will see the giant waterlilies. Lunch is served on board, after which we will make a canoetrip into the Igapó (flooded forest). In the afternoon we sail from Janauarilandia to Jacareubal where we will have dinner and overnight on board.

### **Day 2**

06.00: the boat departs for the Rio Arara, breakfast will be served.

08.00: jungle trekking with our guide and a local guide from the Arara community, during the trek you will be informed about the fauna and flora, the use of medicinal plants and the daily life of the Indigenous people. Lunch on board and time to swim in the River, followed by piranha fishing and a Sunset tour. At around 6 pm dinner will be ready on the beautiful beach of the River, overnight on board in cabins or hammocks on deck.

### **Day 3**

early breakfast and departure for the Rio Cuieiras where we will arrive late afternoon. A lazy day on board with plenty to see! Dinner at the beach and overnight in the jungle (camp).

### **Day 4**

Today starts with an early morning jungle trek where you will have the opportunity to observe and listen to the Amazon fauna as it awakes with the sun. Lunch on board. In the afternoon a paddle excursion in dugout canoes where everybody will try to paddle in the Rio Cuieiras. With this kind of canoe you will have more chance to see the birds and other animals during the quieter, more tranquil method of transportation. Dinner on board and afterwards a canoe trip to see the nocturnal life of the rainforest (90% of all animal species within the rainforest are active during the night).

### **Day 5**

breakfast on board and departure for the city of Novo Airão. We will visit the town and after will see the children swimming with pink dolphins. And you are invited to join in! Dinner on board and after a walk tour of the town to experience the nightlife of Novo Airão. Overnight on board.

### **Day 6**

early departure to Manaus following the same itinerary and looking for activities and interests the Group may have along the way. Our goal is to be back by the end of the afternoon to transfer you to your hotel or to the airport.

## Jaú Expedition 8 days / 7 nights

### Day 1

09.00: departure from the pier in Manaus. The Jaú Expedition sets off with a cruise down River, passing the meeting of the waters where Rio Negro and Rio Solimões come together and form the Rio Amazon. We visit a floating vilage with about 30 families and continue to Janauarilandia to have a catwalk view of the giant waterlillies (Victoria Regia or nowadays the Amazon Regia) We will have lunch on board and continue to Jacareubai where we will have dinner and overnight.

### Day 2

06.00: departure for the Rio Arara, durin g the sail (approx. 2 hours) we will have breakfast. We arrive at the Rio Arara and have atrekking with a local and our own guide through the Rainforest with explanations of the fauna and flora and the healing powers of medicinal plants and its use by the locals and Indigenous people. After the trekking we have a BBQ lunch and ample time to swim in the Rio Arara. In the afternoon we cruise up to the Anavilhanas Archipelago, the largest sweetwater archipelago in the World (four hundred islands) , followed by a Sunset tour in canoes. Dinner on board and a nocturnal excursion to spot caiman and listen to the rainforest at night. Overnight in board.

### Day 3

sunrise and birdwatching excursion in canoes in the Archipelago followd by breakfast. We depart to visit the Terra Preta (Black Earth) community, an Indian village with a school and a church. The people of the community are a mix of Indian and Caboclos. Lunch on board and upstream sailing to the Rio Cueiras. Dinner on board, followed by a trekking and overnight in the Rainforest in hammocks. Mosquito nets are provided.

### Day 4

07.00: departure for Jaú National Park. Breakfast, lunch and all day on board. During the day we can relax and enjoy the Rio Negro landscape. Overnight on board.

### Day 5

after breakfast, we spend the morning in Jaú National Park, we make a trekking, birdwatching and learn about fauna and flora. After lunch we paddle in small canoes for a good place to fish piranhas. Dinner on board and after dinner a nocturnal excursion with a good chance on animal spotting. Overnight on board.

**Day 6**

05.30: an early rise for a sunrise tour. After that breakfast and a visit of the Jaú Waterfalls, where we have time to shower under the falls and swim in the lake. Lunch on board, in the afternoon an Igarapé canoe trip to watch the Amazon River Otter and other animals and birds like the toucan, macaws, monkeys and probably snakes. Dinner and overnight on board.

**Day 7**

breakfast on board and departure for the town of Novo Airão. We have lunch on board and after we visit the town and will see children swimming with dolphins. Dinner on board and in the evening a walk through the town to get an idea of the nightlife of a typical Amazon village. Overnight on board.

**Day 8**

early morning we depart for Manaus, breakfast, lunch and all day on board. During the sailing we will make a stop for a swim at a beautiful beach. Around 5 pm return in the harbour of Manaus and transfer to hotel or airport.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

all passengers can take a maximum of 10 kilo luggage. Excess luggage can be left in the office.

We recommend that you bring a small backpack along with your main gear, this will help you pack for off boat trips and nights we spend in the jungle. The following items are recommended: light cotton T-shirts, a cotton sweater and sweat pants, several pairs of Socks, jeans, shorts, old trekking Shoes or hiking boots, a hat/cap, sun glasses, a pair of flip flops/sandals, swimming suit, towel, sunblock, small flashlight, a pair of binoculars, zip lock bags to protect items getting wet, a rain coat, repellent containing 'deet'.