

“The Dunes Road”

Fortaleza, Jericoacoara, Delta do Parnaíba – Lençóis Maranhenses – Sao Luiz.

Day 1

We will leave at 8 a.m. driving off-road near the shore and visiting several beaches, such as Cumbuco (stop for sand-skiing and photographs), Paracuru and Lagoinha, one of the most beautiful places in Ceara, (stop for lunch). Late in the afternoon, visit to the **“rendeira women”** of Mundau to observe their ancient handicraft techniques. Afterwards, we will see the sunset from the dunes.

Overnight at Mares Inn in Mandaú Beach.

Note: The 160-kilometre journey takes about 8 hours, including programmed stops and other stops suggested by the travellers to take photos or have a swim.

Day 2

After breakfast, we set off for Jericoacoara along side roads, going past desolate beaches and small fishermen villages. Among others we will visit the Baleia, Caetanos and Icaraizinho beaches nestled in a beautiful cove framed by coconut groves, which is an ideal place for windsurfing. Stop for a typical lunch at Prea beach 18 km from Jercoacoara. Late in the afternoon arrival at Jericoacoara.

Free evening. Overnight at Mosquito Blue Hotel.

Note: The 250-kilometre journey takes about 8 hours, including programmed stops and other stops suggested by the travellers to take photos or have a swim.

Day 3

After breakfast, jeep drive will to “Blue and Paradise” Lagoons famous for their transparent waters. Stop for lunch and at 4 p.m. return to Jericoacoara.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4

After breakfast, a 40-kilometre drive will take us along beaches and side roads. We will cross the Guriú river in a boat, sailing past the Tatajuba Environmental Protection Area and the New Tatajuba Village, built after the ancient village of the same name was buried under the dunes many years ago. We will make for Camocim, where we will cross the river on a raft and then continue along the road towards Parnaiba on the Piaui littoral.

Free afternoon and evening.

Overnight at “Dos Ventos” Inn.

Note: The journey Jericoacoara – Parnaiba takes about 4 – 5 hours.

Day 5

After breakfast transfer to the port. Boat excursion on the “Parnaiba Delta”. Return to the port and transfer to the Inn.

Free evening. Overnight at “Paranaíba Hotel” or “Dos Ventos” Inn.

Note: The voyage takes about 4 – 6 hours including stops to explore the dunes, take photos and have a swim.

Day 6

After breakfast a drive in 4x4 will take us to Cabure beach, a narrow stretch of sand in the “Lençóis Maranhenses”, located between the Atlantic Ocean and the Preguicas river and inhabited by the owners of a few local inns and some nomad fishermen who stay here for 6 months every year.

Our tour will take us to Lagoinha, Paulino Neves and Rio Novo oasis. Boat excursion on the Preguiças river to observe the rich flora of the area and the small “Lencois” that

appear on the banks. Visit to the Mandacaru Lighthouse from which we will get a sweeping view of dazzling beauty.

Free afternoon and evening. Overnight at Burití Inn (or similar).

Day 7

After breakfast a drive in 4x4 will take us to the “Lençois Maranhenses” National Park to visit the “Blue and Pretty” Lagoons (two of the most beautiful limpid waters lagoons within the National Park), located amongst the white dunes.

Note: Full day excursion. Overnight at Burití Inn (or similar)

Day 8

After breakfast, van drive to Sao Luiz airport (4 hours).

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