

***“Rio Negro” (Black River)**

04 days / 03 nights

Day 1

At 2.30 p.m. departure from the pier of the “Tropical Hotel”. Once aboard, introduction of the crew and explanation of facilities for the passengers. We will sail up the Pagodo river (a tributary of the Rio Negro). Before sunset we will set out on a canoe excursion and as night falls we will have the chance of sighting nocturnal animals and observe the change in the forest.

Dinner and sailing up to Acu Creek or nearby tributaries.

Day 2

After breakfast an expert guide will take us for a stroll in the forest. We will observe the flora and then visit a * **“cabocla family”** to learn about the local way of life (how they prepare tapioca flour, basic feeding of the Amazon) and about health and education in the area. Our ship will take us to ****Anavilhanas**, more than one thousand miles away from the Atlantic Ocean. After visiting the small town of Novo Airso we will have dinner on board. A night excursion will enable us to observe caimans, toads, snakes and other species of the local fauna.

Day 3

Boat excursion to Praia Grande (Large Beach) or any other beach of white sand. If the weather conditions are favourable it will be possible to go for a swim. Observation of the fauna in this sandy area. Canoe trip on the Acajituba lake to observe the typical flora and fish for “piranhas” before lunch. Stop at the Paricatuba community to see the abandoned buildings that date back to the period of rubber extraction, and are now half hidden among the overgrown fig trees.

Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 4

January Lake. At daybreak, canoeing excursion for bird sighting. After breakfast, navigation ***“to the confluence of Rio Negro and Solimoes rivers”** .

Return to the pier of the “Tropical Hotel” in Manaus at 11.30 a.m.

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