

“Rio Negro and Solimoes”

06 days / 05 nights

Day 1

At 2.30 p.m. departure from the pier of the “Tropical Hotel”. Once aboard introduction of the staff and explanation of facilities for the passengers. Welcome drink. We will sail up past Manaus to the Xiborena region. Canoe trip to visit the “igarapes” and observe the market of garden plants and the local flora, that includes the “Giant Royal Water Lilies”. We will return after sunset so we will be able to sight nocturnal animals such as alligators. We will sail up the Amazon river (called Solimoes by the natives) to Janauaca lake. Dinner and overnight.

Day 2

Early in the morning we will set off in canoes for bird sighting. There are good chances of sighting “hoartzins” (stinkbirds) and flocks of egrets and cormorants. After breakfast we will visit the “caboclos” (name given to the inhabitants of the lake area) who live by fishing, gathering and harvesting cassava. An expert guide will take us for a stroll in the forest. After lunch we will have the chance of fishing piranhas as we sail the Amazon river. After dinner we will go for a stroll to observe nocturnal animals: birds, cobras, rats, bears, toads. Back on the ship we will sail down the Amazon river.

Day 3

Before having breakfast the canoes will take us to the “January Ecological Park” and the surrounding area to sight local birds. Later we will sail back to Manaus where we will see the floating market, the municipal market and the ancient leather and palafita house. Arrival at the pier of the “Tropical Hotel” at 11.30 a.m.

Day 4

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. Welcome drink. We will sail up the Pagodao river (affluent of the Rio Negro). A canoe excursion that will end after sunset, will enable us to see the nocturnal animals and the changing landscape as night falls. Dinner and overnight

Day 5

After breakfast an expert guide will take us for a stroll in the forest. Then we will visit the * **“Caboclo House”** and learn about the local way of life. After lunch our ship will take us to ****Anavilhanas, the second largest freshwater archipelago in the world**, more than one thousand miles away from the Atlantic Ocean. A night excursion will enable us to observe alligators, cobras, toads and other species of the local fauna.

Day 6

January Lake. At daybreak, canoeing excursion for bird sighting and the discovery of the exuberant flora, that includes the “Giant Royal Water Lilies”. 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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