

## Serra do Araca Expedition

The Aracá mountain range, located between Mount Roraima and Neblina peak, is the only tepui located entirely in Brazilian territory. This area is composed of high plateaus, and some of the oldest rock formations in Brazil. Perhaps this is why they take refuge in such an unexplored area. With complicated logistics, it is in one of the most fantastic settings in Brazil.



The Guyana Plateau, one of the oldest geological formations on Earth, comes into the Brazilian Amazon from the north. Along its border is unique and diversified vegetation, whose transition is clearly perceptible as we advance our route upwards to Eldorado, the largest waterfall in Brazil, which has 353 meters of free fall. There are those who say that in this region is the city lost of the Incas - Eldorado, and its' tons of gold. The Aracá Mountain range is a kind of lost link between two distinct Amazonias: the Great Amazonian Plain and its immense rivers, flooded forests, and igarapés; and the Guyana Plateau, with its ancient rocks and gigantic waterfalls.



**For those in the mood for adventure, challenges, and unique attractions in the Amazon.**

**1st day: Manaus > Barcelos > Rio Negro > Aracá River**

• 7:30am – Flight from Manaus-Barcelos by Trip Airlines

- 8:30am – Group Reception in the Barcelos Airport.
- Quick City-tour to see the sights of Barcelos – native workmanship, and historical buildings.
- Entrance, presentation of the boat, crew, and cabin accommodations.
- Initiate our expedition to the Aracá Mountain range.
- Amazonian Test: study/explanation of the itinerary, short lecture about the particularities of the expedition with maps, videos and pictures. Introduction to the Amazonian biomes of the plains and mountains.
- Observing Mariuá, the largest fluvial archipelago in the world.
- Lunch onboard
- Enter the Aracá river, by nocturnal navigation.

### **2nd day: Aracá river**

- The day starts in the Caboclo community Bacuquara, on the margins of the Aracá river.
- After breakfast, a quick walk through the community.
- Exchange with the locals, observations of local customs, the making of farinha, fishing, hunting, planting, and manufacturing of artifacts.
- After our walk, resumption of our navigation on the Aracá river with a stop for swimming.
- Arrival in the Tauatu narrow river, close to sunset.



### **3rd day: Tauatu Narrow River**

- Breakfast in the boat. A trip by speedboat through this beautiful Igarapé, with high vegetation, from where we can already see the mountains, until we reach the Caboclo site of Seu Anisio.
- Lunch on site, and an exchange with the locals.
- After our visit, we continue by speedboat to Base-1, at the foot of the Mountain Range, and assemble our camp.
- Dinner, bonfire, stories about Eldorado, and spend the night in the camp surrounded by the sounds of the forest.



#### **4th day: Aracá Mountains**

- Breakfast in the camp at daybreak.
- Start our walk up the path that leads to the top of the Mountain Range. This is approximately 8 hours, with stops for refreshments, rest, observation of flora and fauna. (Medium-hard Level of difficulty.)
- Arrival at Base-2, at the top of the Mountain Range.
- Assemble our Camp, and have dinner dinner around the bonfire.

#### **5th day: Aracá Mountains**

- Daybreak on top of the Aracá Mountain range.
- Breakfast. Small path to the lookout to see the waterfall which has approx. 200m of free fall. Time to relax, and contemplate the waterfall and the beautiful landscape
- Return to Base-2, for a 2:30hrs hike up to Eldorado waterfall, the biggest in Brazil, which has 353m of free fall.
- Lunch in the area.
- Walk up to the head of the Waterfall.
- Return to Base-2.

#### **6th day: Aracá Mountains**

- Breakfast in the camp.

- Start of the flat path that leads along the border east of the Mountain Range, with sights of the Boto waterfall which has approximately 200m of free fall. Swimming in Parima Lake. Time to relax and contemplate nature.
- Return to Base-2, for dinner and a bonfire.

**Note:** the 6th day is logistically planned as a "Back-up day", in case something unexpected happens during the 4th or 5th day, taking into account delay factors, such as climate, bad weather, or physical conditions. We have the 6th day to take advantage of and contemplate the Eldorado Waterfall, the main appeal of the expedition.

### **7th day: Aracá Mountains**

- Day break at Base-2. After breakfast, we will start down the path to Base-1, at the foot of the Mountain Range with stops for refreshments, rests, and observation of the flora and fauna.

### **8th day: Jauari > Aracá River**

- Journey by speedboat up to the mouth of the Tauatu igarape, where our boat is anchored.
- Welcome aboard reception
- Start our navigation back to Novo Airao.
- A special group dinner.

### **9th day: Rio Negro**

- Navigation back to Novo Airão, with stops for Water trails; Visit to a giant tree; Swimming in the river.

### **10th day: Rio Negro > Novo Airão**

- \* Navigation through the Anavilhanas Archipelago.
- \* Arrive in Novo Airao. Swim with Pink River Dolphins.
- \* City-tour of local attractions. Arts and crafts made of Wood, straw and seeds. Naval construction.
- \* Lunch on board
- \* Travel by air-conditioned taxi to the airport or hotel in Manaus.

In accordance with the 161 Embratur Deliberation Act (August 9, 1985), cancellation of your reservation 41 days prior to boarding will result in 10% of the total value being retained due to operational expenses. In the case that the trip is canceled 21 to 40 days prior to boarding, 50% of the total value will be retained. If the trip is canceled within 20 days prior to boarding, we will retain 80% of the total value of the package.

We point out that our prices are determined according with the fair value policy, and are the sum of costs of the Amazon river transport logistics, fuel expenses, maintenance program, specialized crew, top quality food, ride, attractions and the whole infra-structure necessary for a peaceful and safe trip. **Furthermore, we**

**offer our clients the genuine feel that only mobile tourism can offer, with spontaneous moments, both man-made and Nature-made.**