

STANDARD PROGRAM 3 NIGHTS UAKARI FLOATING LODGE

Visit the Mamirauá Reserve and discover its biodiversity, its communities and its efforts to conserve the Amazon. World Heritage of Nature, Mamirauá is the ideal destination for visitors who dream of visiting the Amazon. The reserve is part of one of the most protected areas of the tropical forest and is home to a rich ecosystem that includes species endemic to the region, such as the white uakari monkey.

Located in the Mamirauá Sustainable Development Reserve, Uakari Lodge is a rustic and comfortable accommodation that floats on the waters, fully integrated with the landscape. It is administered jointly by the Mamirauá Institute and the riverside communities and its main objectives are to generate income for local communities, strengthen their community organization and create incentives for residents to promote the conservation of the area's natural resources.

The schedule is rich and informative. The activities are carried out with the accompaniment of local guides, great holders of the traditional knowledge of the region. There is also a bilingual ecotourism counselor (English / Portuguese) at the lodge who transmits scientific knowledge about the Reserve.



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DAY 1 (Friday): We start our services with pick-up at the airport or at a hotel in Tefé. Then, we are driven to the port of Lago Tefé, where our motorboat leaves for a trip of one and a half hour. Right after departure, we pass the "meeting of the waters", where the black waters of Lake Tefé meet the white waters of the Solimões River.

The trip is a complete experience in itself. We observe the impressive dimensions of the Solimões River and once we enter the Mamirauá Reserve we see local riverside communities and their stilt houses, many of the more than 350 species of birds, mammals and aquatic animals such as caimans, botos and arapaimas, the largest fish in the Amazonian waters.

We are welcomed in the impressive floating accommodation by the local manager, the ecotourism counselor and the entire team, in a warm welcome. We are then instructed on the tours schedule and safety procedures. Right after check-in we will have lunch - always with lots of fresh food, mostly produced locally in the communities. We follow local tradition and rest in the hottest hours of the day. At 3:30 pm we head to our first activity in the program - an interpretive trail, where local guides will tell us about the várzea floodplain ecosystem and introduce the traditional use of many of their trees. In the period when the waters are already rising, flooding the trails and the entire forest, we take this introductory tour on a boat, observing many species of fauna and flora from the main channel.

Dinner is served at 7 pm, followed by a presentation on the history of the Mamirauá Reserve and the projects being developed by the Mamirauá Sustainable Development Institute, a research unit financed and supervised by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil.

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DAY 2 (Saturday): Mornings start early at Uakari lodge! At 6:30 am we have breakfast and leave for activities at 7:00 am, enjoying the coolest moments of the day and the hours when the forest is full of sounds and movements. The first thing we will do today is to visit a riverside community. A local guide takes us on a tour around his community, shows daily life by the river in a lowland forest - remembering that water levels can rise and fall about 12 meters each year, which requires a great adaptation of the local population!

We return to the lodge, have lunch and have free time to rest, chat with the residents, read in the lodge's library or watch a documentary.

At 3:30 pm we will have a rowing canoe tour, the most traditional vessel among the indigenous and riverside inhabitants. If we are already in the flooded period it is possible to enter the flooded forest, or igapó as it is known here - an experience that you will never forget. The silence of the canoe that slides through the waters, very close to the treetops, will be interrupted by the howl of the howler monkeys, the birdsong or the diving of the aquatic animals.

In the evening, after dinner, the biologists who conduct research in the area will come to the lodge to introduce the world of science, bringing information about a local animal, the result of their work and how scientific research helps the development of conservation strategies in the Reserve.

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DAY 03 (Sunday): After breakfast (with many of the local fruits and delicacies made from manioc) we set off for a walk. In this trail we will be able to see many of the trees and Amazonian animals, with luck we will be able to know the squirrel monkeys, the groups of howler monkeys or even the white uakari monkeys. We have a 14-track system, and our ecotourism counselors will make sure that we are always in a new area. During the flooded season, we use the same trails where we walk in the dry season, but they are traveled by canoe! It is impressive to observe the ability of our local guides to orient themselves in the igapó.

We return for lunch and relax for a few hours in the hammocks on the balconies of our rooms that are overlooking the river. We leave at 3:30 pm for a boat trip on Lake Mamirauá. It is our biggest trip in the reserve and you will learn more about the history of the area from the point of view of the local guides.

When we arrive at the lake, we have a snack while enjoying the sunset, always a spectacle of colors. On the way back, the spotlights are used to see nocturnal animals such as the huge caimans, which can be up to 4 meters long. Dinner and free time in the evening.

DAY 04 (Monday): These are our last moments at Uakari lodge. Breakfast at 6:15 am and we leave at 7:00 am for Tefé (to the airport or a hotel). The whole team will be available for photos and goodbyes, always very emotional moments that are in the memory of us all!

Tour options for visitors:

1. Jungle house (extra cost of R\$ 190.00 for up to 2 people, paid directly at the lodge), if available.
2. Night trail (extra cost of R \$ 260.00 per group, maximum 6 people).

