

PHOTOGRAPHY JOURNEYS

Visit the Mamirauá Reserve and discover its biodiversity, local communities, and conservation efforts in the Amazon. A **UNESCO World Natural Heritage** site, Mamirauá is the ideal destination for travelers dreaming of experiencing the Amazon rainforest. The reserve is part of one of the most protected tropical forest areas and is home to a rich ecosystem, including endemic species like the white Uakari monkey.

Located within the **Mamirauá Sustainable Development Reserve**, the Uakari Lodge is a rustic yet comfortable floating accommodation, fully integrated into the landscape. It is jointly managed by the Mamirauá Institute and riverside communities, with the primary goals of generating income for local residents, strengthening community organization, and creating incentives for the conservation of the area's natural resources.

The program is immersive and educational. Activities are led by local guides — keepers of traditional knowledge — alongside a bilingual (English/Portuguese) naturalist guide who shares scientific insights about the reserve.



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4 NIGHTS PROGRAM – CHECK-IN ON MONDAY AND CHECK-OUT ON FRIDAY

Day 1 (Monday) - We begin our services with airport pick-up around 1:00 PM. You will then be transferred to Lake Tefé's port, where our speedboat departs for approximately a one hour journey. Shortly after departure, we pass through the **Meeting of the Waters**, where the lake's black waters converge with the white waters of the Solimões River.

The journey itself is a complete experience. We observe the vast expanse of the Solimões River, and upon entering the Mamirauá Reserve, we see local riverside communities with their stilt houses, along with more than 350 species of birds, mammals, and aquatic animals such as caimans, river dolphins, and the pirarucu - the largest fish in Amazonian waters.

We are welcomed at the impressive floating lodge by the local manager, the naturalist guide, and the entire team. After introductions, we receive information about the program and safety procedures. Following check-in, we'll enjoy a snack - always featuring fresh, locally sourced food from the communities.

Afternoon Program: At 3:30 PM, we will head out for our first activity - an interpretive **boat tour through Apara Paraná** to observe numerous species of fauna and flora along the main channel. We return for dinner, which will be served at 7:00 PM.

Evening Program: After dinner, we will attend a **lecture about the history of the Mamirauá Sustainable Development Reserve** and the projects being carried out by the Mamirauá Institute for Sustainable Development, a research unit funded and overseen by Brazil's Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.



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Day 2 (Tuesday)

Morning Program: After breakfast we depart for a canoe tour. We'll navigate through an extensive trail aboard a **paddle canoe** through our flooded forests (igapós), the favorite excursion of most of our guests. This is our chance to experience being part of the world's largest flooded forest reserve and understand how life adapts to extreme seasonal flooding. We return for lunch and relax in our balcony hammocks until 3:00 PM, when we'll have a snack and begin the afternoon program.

Afternoon Program: Around 3:30 PM, we'll set out on a boat tour lasting approximately 3 hours. Along the way, we'll admire the richness, beauty, and tranquility of the surrounding flora and fauna while capturing these moments through our lenses. We will visit a place where we will see the graceful dolphins of the Amazon, the fun challenge is to be able to photograph them

We return for dinner, served around 7:00 PM.

Evening Program: A nighttime excursion after dinner will give us a chance to uncover the mysteries hidden in the forest and lakes, as well as marvel at the beautiful reflection of the bright moon on the water.



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Day 3 (Wednesday)

Morning Program: We'll take another boat tour or trail tour, with new opportunities to capture moments from different perspectives, always searching for the best lighting and perfect shot.

Afternoon Program: At 3:30 PM, we depart for a boat tour on Lake Mamirauá. This is our longest excursion in the reserve, and you'll learn more about the area's history from the perspective of local guides. When we reach the lake, we'll enjoy a snack while admiring the sunset, always a spectacular display of colors. On the return trip, spotlights will be used to observe nocturnal animals like the enormous black caimans, which can grow up to 4 meters in length.

Night at the lodge free.

Day 4 (Thursday)

Morning Program: We begin the day with a hearty breakfast served around 6:30 AM. At 7:00 AM, we depart for our first activity - a visit to a local riverside community. A local guide will take us on a tour around their community, showing us daily life along the river in a floodplain forest. Keep in mind that water levels can rise and fall by about 12 meters each year, requiring significant adaptation from local residents to these changing conditions throughout the year! We return to the Lodge for lunch, followed by free time to rest, chat with residents, read in the lodge's library, or organize and save your photos on your laptop. A snack is served at 3:00 PM.



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Afternoon Program: At 15:30 pm we will have a rowing canoe ride. In the dry season we followed the main channel, watching closely the caimans and botos along the way. In the flooded period is another opportunity to explore the flooded forest, a unique experience that you should make the most of! The silence of the canoe that slides through the waters, inside or at the edges of the forest, will only be interrupted by the howl of the howler monkeys, the birdsong or the diving of the aquatic animals.

Evening Program: 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.

Day 5 (Friday)

Morning Program: For our last moments at the Uakari lodge we offer you one last boat tour after breakfast at 6:30 am, returning at 09:00 AM, and we leave at 10:00 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!



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