

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HENRY BATES

PROGRAMA ESPECIAL

The Amazon is one of the most mystical places on the planet, but driven by science, two personalities faced their rivers, lakes, forests and unknown people to learn more about the local fauna and flora.

Henry Bates was a naturalist who spent 11 years in this vast region and lived in small villages, such as the village of Ega, now the city of Tefé - check-in point for the Uakari Lodge and Mamirauá Reserve - collecting samples from more than 14,000 species.

Márcio Ayres was in that same region after learning, through Henry Bates' reports, about the possibility of the exotic red-faced uacari monkeys in this area. His expedition was a success - he not only found the monkeys, but created a reserve to protect these animals and developed a new model of conservation unit that now protects the environment as a whole and the people living in the area.

Márcio Ayres and Henry Bates were in the Amazon at different times, but even today we can see the results they have left for science and for the people of that region. "In the footsteps of Henry Bates" is a tourist chronological route that takes visitors to know about the Mamirauá Sustainable Development Reserve, its natural beauty and for that they stay at the Uakari Lodge. The story of naturalist Henry Bates is told from the reserve and ends in Tefé, where Ega was in the period when Bates was in the Amazon.



ADVENTURE WITH CULL-CRESTED TOUCANS



Uakari LODGE

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DAY 1 - IN THE WILD NATURE

Our explorers will be met at Tefé airport. They will continue their trip to Uakari Lodge on speedboats and have lunch. In the reserve, they will take an introductory tour to get to know the environment.

After dinner, the ecotourism counselor will present the history of the Mamirauá Sustainable Development Reserve.

DAY 2 - FOLLOWING THE STEPS OF MÁRCIO AYRES

After breakfast we leave for the Teiú trail. This trail was especially used by Márcio Ayres himself during his research. The starting point will be the place where Márcio Ayres' boat was anchored for days during his work. The trail, because it is seldom used (regular visitors to Uakari Lodge use the other available trails), leaves a wilder experience than the others and is closer to the forest scenarios as Henry Bates, decades before, found in the region.

In the afternoon you will visit Lake Mamirauá, where local guides will tell you about the importance of the lake to the reserve. The lake, both in the flood and in the dry season, has one of the most beautiful landscapes in the reserve. The sunset in this place is also a spectacle. Upon returning to the lodge it is possible to concentrate on nocturnal animals. The surprise of the night will be the overnight stay in the tree house, located in the jungle, and we will discover the sounds and scenarios that Márcio Ayres encountered during his overnight stays in the Mamirauá Reserve.



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DAY 3 - FIELD RESEARCH DAY

The visit to the Vila Alencar community will be made in the morning. We are going to talk to the oldest residents of the community, who were contemporaries of Márcio Ayres, who also remained temporarily in the place with his Gaivota boat anchored in a small house that can still be visited today. The beginning of the creation of the reserve was helped by some people from this community, who were involved in the community organization of the reserve as a whole. In the afternoon, a canoe trip to contemplate the beauty of the Mamirauá Reserve. After dinner, visitors will see a presentation by the researchers of the pink dolphin project.

DAY 4 - PARTY OF MAMIRAUÁ

Before breakfast, a farewell with a trail or canoe trip, and contemplation of the sunrise. After breakfast, check-out and visitors head to the city of Tefé.

You will check in at the hotel and then have lunch. In the afternoon, you will visit the Mamirauá Sustainable Development Institute, owner and co-manager of Uakari Lodge. Then, we visit the Márcio Ayres Memorial. It shows the history of the transformations achieved by the biologist, gathering photos, books, equipment, among others, illustrating how the research was carried out in the Amazon in previous periods. The visit to the Henry Bates Library will be an opportunity to learn more about the naturalist's legacy for science.



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DAY 5 - HISTORY OF EGA VILLAGE AND MEMORIES OF HENRY BATES

We start the day by visiting the Mangueiras Viewpoint for an explanation of the Port of Tefé. We will talk about the importance of ports at the time of Ega (especially in the middle of the 19th century), the boats that passed through that area, what they brought and who arrived, like the story of Henry Bates who traveled about 35 days in a boat. medium size, from Manaus to Ega.

It was in this port that some daily activities also took place, such as the bathing of the residents who had to dispute the place with the caimans, according to the naturalist, among other interesting facts about the place, such as the phenomenon of drought and flood - seasons that define the weather in this region.

The visit to the Cathedral of Santa Teresa D'Ávila will be an opportune moment to explain how religiosity is closely linked to the history of Tefé. The Naturalist reports that he already had a building in honor of Santa Teresa D'Ávila when he arrived in Ega. Next to the church is the Radio Rural Educational Station of Tefé, which has a historical photographic collection of the city. We will talk about the main personalities of the Village of Egas who lived with Henry Bates, among other interesting stories.

In the afternoon, travelers will visit Lake Tefé and will be informed about the foods mentioned by Henry Bates in his travel notes, most of which come from waters: fish, turtles and other animals that were part of the diet of the time. You will visit the village of Nogueira. Cited in the naturalist's reports, visitors may find a small walnut tree larger than before, but it still contains some characteristics of the time such as a large beach (in the dry season) and vegetation that surrounds the village. Under a tree, Henry Bates' journey will be counted from the moment he left England until his return years later. Aspects of his personality will be explored, as he greatly influenced the success of his expedition.

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After this moment, we visit the Mission Barriers, where the Fallen Lands Phenomenon can be explained, narrated in one of the adventures of the naturalist. In the Mission Community, a place of scenic beauty that is very attractive. The visit to the Missionary House is a complement to the stories told in the morning on the Radio and in the Church, as this historical monument also had an influence in the post-Vila de Ega times. Back in the city it is possible to take breaks to contemplate the pink dolphins and, at a reduced speed, we also admire a beautiful sunset on Lake Tefé.

DAY 6 - FAREWELL

After breakfast, visitors will check out, and then we will proceed to the airport, when this great journey ends.

* Package includes:

- Full board + trail snacks + a bottle of wine per night;
- Exclusive boat for day trips;
- Exclusive guide.