



ANAVILHANAS ARCHIPELAGO – 4 days

1) Introduction

Sitting in the middle of the world's second largest fresh water river archipelago (Anavilhanas), lies Novo Airão, a cozy small town with several tourism attractions, in a region blessed by Nature and protected by IBAMA.

Peculiarities of the Region

The Upper Amazon, mainly the Rio Negro region, home of the **Anavilhanas Archipelago** and the town of Novo Airão, is an ideal region for ecotourism. Unlike other regions of the Amazon, the Rio Negro is almost mosquito-free, due to a natural insecticide in its waters. It is also the Amazon's most wild and preserved region. In the municipality of **Novo Airão** you will find the **Anavilhanas National Park** and the **Jáú National Park**, the world's second largest ecological reserve.



2) Day-by-day - 4 days

1st day: Manaus / Novo Airão



- ∞ Hotel transport – Manaus to Novo Airao
- ∞ Boarding at 9:00 a.m. in a Van with air-conditioning.
- ∞ Amazonian briefing: quick explanation on the animals, plant life, water basins, local customs, study of maps to set a route, handing out of the Ecotourism Booklet for Anavilhanas Archipelago, and of the customized maps in pdf format.
- ∞ Arrival at Novo Airão close to lunch-time.
- ∞ Beginning of the Katerre Expedition through Anavilhanas Archipelago.
- ∞ Lunch on board.

- ∞ Anchorage for quick speedboat ride through islands and lakes nearby.
- ∞ Probable sighting of **Tucuxi River Dolphins** (*Sotalia Fluviatilis*), Pink River Dolphin (*Inia Geoffrensis*) and of birds of the season: Cocoi Heron (*Ardea Cocoli*), Great Egret (*Casmerodius Albus*), Blue-Yellow Macaw (*Ara Ararauna*), Festive Parrot (*Amazona Festiva*), Rufescent Tiger-herons (*Tigrisoma Lineatum*), Yellow-rumped Caciques (*Cacicus Cela*), Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius Decumanus*) and Jacamars (Galbulidae), among others.
- ∞ Swimming with water floats in the Negro river.
- ∞ Return to the boat, and proceed to the **Madadá Observatory**.
- ∞ Light dinner is served on the boat.
- ∞ Overnight stay in the boat's cabin or in hammocks in the observatory, (a bungalow with washrooms), in the middle of the jungle, with a beautiful view of the Negro river.



Madadá Jungle Bungalow

2nd day: Anavilhanas / Madadá



- ∞ Dawn in Madadá.
- ∞ Regional breakfast – fruits, jams, tapioca, “tucumã”, etc.
- ∞ 3 hour hike (round trip) through virgin forest to the Madadá Caves, with a jungle survival mini-course.
- ∞ Upon return, visit to a native ranch, practice of local customs and a fruit garden with fruits of the season, etc.
- ∞ Swimming with water floats in the Negro river.
- ∞ Lunch on board.
- ∞ Speedboat trip to a Native Community. Exchange in the native language of the native peoples, Yanomami and Tukano. Traditional customs display.
- ∞ Canoe ride for alligator flash light-spotting and other nocturnal animals.
- ∞ Overnight stay onboard, anchored by the beach.

3rd day: Anavilhanas / Novo Airão

- ∞ Dawn, with breakfast served at the beach.
- ∞ Navigation back to Novo Airão.
- ∞ Arrival in town, swimming with Pink River Dolphin.
- ∞ Lunch on board.
- ∞ City-tour by motor-taxi through the attractions of Novo Airão.
- ∞ Visit to a wood working workshop, basket-making, purchase local arts and crafts, shipyards (dry docks)
- ∞ Visit to the Aramboia Serpentry.



Swimming with river dolphins in Novo Airão



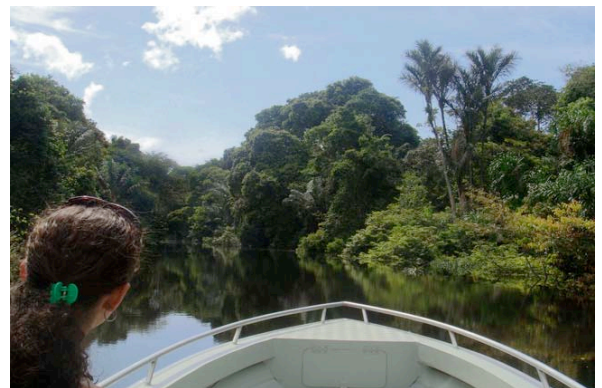
- ∞ Return to the boat, departure to the Tiririca Community, for an exchange with the inhabitants.
- ∞ Mini-camping at Tiririca beach. Dinner with a bonfire and grilled snacks.

4th day – Community / Manaus

- ∞ Regional breakfast at Tiririca beach.
- ∞ Visit to flour mill and fish-breeding pond.
- ∞ Optional soccer match: tourists vs. locals.
- ∞ Return to Novo Airão
- ∞ Return to Manaus in an air conditioned van

3) General Characteristics

The purpose of the regional style of the boats at Katerre Expeditions is to provide to our clients the feeling of traveling in line boats, much like the local people do, but with more comfort, safety, and onboard services. Wooden boats, ranging from 40 to 80 feet, with a solarium, leisure area with a cover, table and chairs, cabins, space for hammocks, electrical power, kitchen, lunch table, 2 washrooms, mineral water, beverages and frozen foods. Also: rafts with Motors and canoes, according to our excursion needs.



Canoeing through Anavilhanas Archipelago



Our Boat, Awapé

- ∞ Two-story 53ft regional boat
- ∞ 2 canoes and outboard engines
- ∞ Cabins with air-conditioning
- ∞ D-33 Mattresses and goose feather pillows
- ∞ Freezer, refrigerator, electric water-fountain
- ∞ Full first-aid kit
- ∞ GPS, Sonar, Amateur Radio, Satellite dish
- ∞ Walkie-Talkie radios for the trail
- ∞ Equipment for overnight in the jungle.

- ∞ Leisure area with barbecue grill
- ∞ Cd player, cards/dominos.
- ∞ Library with more than 150 books, including specialized Guides and photographic maps.
- ∞ Water floats and accessories for river swimming and waterfalls.
- ∞ Solarium with deck chairs.
- ∞ Powerful flashlight for light spotting of alligators.
- ∞ Fishing rods.



Sunrise in Madadá

Crew

skipper, guide, expedition leader, native guide, boatman, cook and Maid.

Meals



Aracu on the Grill

Full regimen, including:

- ∞ 3 daily meals
- ∞ Snacks, juices and mineral water at hand.
- ∞ Fruit "caipirinhas".

All food is washed and cooked with mineral water.

Customized menu options:

- ∞ Regional
- ∞ International
- ∞ Vegan
- ∞ Low fat

4) Prices and Commercial Conditions

US\$ 999.00/person in a cabin for two.

Price for a group of no less than 4 people, including:

- ∞ Bilingual guide
- ∞ Individual travel insurance policy
- ∞ Rides and attractions from third parties
- ∞ Photographic map with expedition itinerary, in PDF
- ∞ Charts and graphics about the Amazon, in PDF
- ∞ Documentary "The Next Meal" produced by TV Cultura and shot on the region, on DVD.



A Toucan in Anavilhanas

For boat charting and closed groups, contact us at expeditions@katerre.com. This price does not include airfare.

Commercial Conditions

Payment of 50% upon issuance of Voucher // 50% on boarding day or in up to 6 installments on a credit card for packages booked in advance.

In accordance with the 161 Embratur Deliberation Act (August 9, 1985), cancellation of your reservation 31 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 30 days prior to boarding, 20% of the total value will be retained. If the trip is canceled within 10 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 during the trip, both man-made and Nature-made.**

