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ENCOUNTER WITH THE YANOMAMI

Culture and Nature of the Aborigines of the Amazon

(15 days/ 14 nights)

DAY 1.- WELCOME TO THE AMAZON. (*Caracas/Puerto Ayacucho*)

In the morning, we will go to the national terminal of the "Simón Bolívar" Airport in Maiquetía, to take a flight (1h) to the city of Puerto Ayacucho, capital of the state of Amazonas. Upon arrival, we will be met by the local guide who will take us to the hotel, where there'll be an introduction by the crew and a briefing about our expedition. Dinner and overnight. (-/-/D)

DAY 2.- THE ADVENTURE BEGINS. (*Puerto Ayacucho/ Samariapo/ San Fernando de Atabapo*)

We leave our hotel at 5:00 am. aboard a vehicle bound for the Port of Samariapo, 60 kms away south. During the journey we stop at Turtle Stone to enjoy the sunrise; We continue along the road until we reach the ship Jaciara VI that is waiting for us in the port; once on board, we meet the Captain, his crew and the corresponding cabins will be allocated, and then we'll have breakfast. We start sailing, going up the Orinoco River, we will pass by Isla de Ratón, the Raudal del Muerto and we will sail between the border of Venezuela and Colombia; we see the island of Castilito in the river, which is an emblematic granite rock that has a statue of the Virgin Mary Help of Christians on its top. Our river navigation during the day takes us to San Fernando de Atabapo, where we will spend the night on board the boat. (B/L/D)

DAY 3.- BETWEEN BROTHER COUNTRIES. (*San Fernando de Atabapo/ Orinoco River/ Ventuari River*)

Early in the morning, after breakfast, we walk the city of San Fernando de Atabapo, visiting historic places that have left traces since the heyday of rubber; we board and start sailing along the Atabapo River (Venezuela), overlooking the Guaviare River (Colombia) and continue up the Orinoco River. From this point, we leave the border with Colombia, sail and stop in Santa Bárbara; we continue sailing and we will be able to observe the meeting of the Orinoco River with the Ventuari River and its countless islands. We spent the night in the region of Carida. (B/L/D)

DAY 4.- YAPACANA NATIONAL PARK. (*Mount Yapacana / Caño Yagua / Ethnicity Curripaco*)

Our morning navigation will be adorned with the monumental panorama of Mount Yapacana (Yapacana Tepuy) 1,345 meters above sea level of the Yapacana National Park, founded in 1978. We will pass by Caño Yagua and visit the Indigenous Community of San Antonio del Orinoco and navigate until reaching the area of the Curripacos de Cariche Indigenous Community, where we will spend the night. (B/L/D)

DAY 5.- MEETING WITH BANIBAS AND YANOMAMI. (*Banibas de Lau Lau Community/Yanomami Cejal Tery Community*)

Early in the morning, we visit the community, so we can exchange some conuco (plantation) products with the residents; after that we continue sailing, visiting the Banibas Indigenous Community of Lau Lau on our journey; we share with them and also do some exchanges, then we continue sailing the Orinoco. On this day we find the first Yanomami Indigenous Community of Cejal Tery, where we will spend the night. (B/L/D)

DAY 6.- IN THE CASIQUIARE RIVER. (*Casiquiare Arm/Pamoni River/Capihuara Community*)

In the morning we visit the Yanomami community, greet the residents, exchange products; such as baskets, bow arrows and some conuco products; we board the Jaciara VI and continue sailing up the Orinoco River, to enter the Casiquiare arm, changing our navigation, as we are descending, since the Casiquiare is fed by the waters of the Orinoco River that follow a different direction from the greater flow. On our journey, we will find the Pamoni River and reach the small community called Capihuara, where we will spend the night. (B/L/D)

DAY 7.- ON SIAPA RIVER WITH THE YANOMAMI. (*Capihuara Community/ Paul Sprick House/ Petroglyphs/ Siapa River*)

We will take a tour of the small town of Capihuara interpreting its surroundings, as this was a very important place at the time of rubber exploitation; we will walk through the jungle and observe the marks left on the rubber trees when they were exploited more than 100 years ago, we will see the remains of what was the home of the German Paul Sprick, who was the most important merchant of the era of rubber exploration in the Casiquiare. We continued sailing down the river; we will observe the Pasiba Lagoon that von Humboldt described it as "a place of great beauty"; we will continue sailing and we will make a stop at the Curripaco de Momoni Indigenous Community, we greet the residents and we will see in this community some varieties of petroglyphs on a large granite rock. We continue sailing until we reach the Yanomami Community of Wirionabe Tery at the confluency point with Casiquiare and Siapa River, where we spend the night. (B/L/D)

DAY 8.- SHAMANIC EXPERIENCE. (*Yanomami culture*)

After breakfast on the boat, we'll head to the community of Wirionabe Tery, to meet the "Captain" (the Indian Chief) and the Shaman; we offer them some gifts that we bring (hooks, red cloth, etc.) and we go to visit a conuco (plantation); in the afternoon we will have an experience with the shamans activities. (B/L/D)

DAY 9.- RETURN TO RIVER SIAPA. (*Yanomami Wirionabe Tery Community/ Raudal de Cabaroa/ Curripaco Maguari Community*)

We continue sharing with the community and, at 12:00, we board and start the return navigation along the Siapa River, we will pass by Raudal de Cabaroa and spend the night in the small Maguari Community, where the Curripacos Indians live. (B/L/D)

DAY 10.- CASERÍO DE CAPIHUARA. (*Arm of Casiquiare / Capihuara*)

We leave very early along the Casiquiare. We'll have the whole day to navigate and observe the nature and make some stops until we reach the town of Capihuara, where we'll spend the night. (B/L/D)

DAY 11.- CONTEMPLATION OF FLORA AND FAUNA. (*Capihuara/ Coramoni Lagoon/ Maminave Lagoon*)

We leave early to sail all day long; we visit Lagoon Coramoni, we continue until we reach the mouth of Lagoa Maminave, where we spend the night. (B/L/D)

DAY 12.- NAVIGATION ON THE RIVER FATHER ORINOKO. (*Arm of Cassiquiare/Cariche Region*)

Very early we start our navigation. On this day we leave Casiquiare and continue along the Orinoco River. We spend the night in the area of Cariche. (B/L/D)

DAY 13.- NAVIGATION ON THE FATHER ORINOKO. (*Patacame / Minicia*)

We continue down the Orinoco until we reach the Patacame-Minicia area, where we will spend the night. (B/L/D)

DAY 14.- RETURN TO PUERTO AYACUCHO. (*Minicia/ Puerto Ayacucho*)

On this day, very early in the morning, we continue our navigation, reaching the border with Colombia, we sail down the Orinoco River and arrive at the port of Samariapo, from there we take our bus back to Puerto Ayacucho. (B/L/D)

DAY 15.- RETURN HOME. (*Port of Ayacucho/ Caracas*)

Flight back to Caracas. (B/-/-)

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