Proposal for show participants







Mouth of the Jauaperi River Expedition - From Manaus to the Aquarium Fish Paradise (September 2018)

4-days cruise in the Brazilian Amazon across the Anavilhanas Arquipelago, low and middle Negro River

Duration: 4 days 25/09/2018 - 28/09/2018 Price: \$800 USD

DESCRIPTION

During this amazing expedition, you will explore the exuberant nature and scenic beauty of the low and middle Negro River region on a thematic cruise specially offered for aquarists and fish lovers. You will travel aboard a charming boat, with a professional crew of huge experience in Amazonian expeditions. The four-day trip starts in the city of Manaus and goes upstream the Negro River across the Anavilhanas National Park up to reach the mouth of the Rio Jauaperi, a halfway region between Manaus and Barcelos.

On the trip you will enjoy the fantastic views of the Anavilhanas archipelago and will enjoy the excellent meals included aboard (breakfast, lunch and dinner), you can use the bar (drinks are not included) and the small library with books with varied themes about the Amazon forest like flora and fauna identification guides, including some about fishes. The conference space is suitable for making presentations, with the possibility of connecting laptops to a large flat-screen TV; the guides team will show the itineraries, locations, characteristics of the ecosystems and species that can be found during the expedition. Participants can also make their own presentations.

In the mouth of the Jauaperi River will be possible to explore streams rich in fish diversity and with a high water transparency, which is rare in the Amazon basin. You will be able to snorkeling in clear water streams where you can see, photograph and make videos of many Amazon fish species and their natural habitats. Many of the fishes that can be found there are well known by aquarists, as different species of little Characoids like Tetras (Hemigrammus, Hyphessobrycon, Moenkhausia, Astyanax, Paracheirodon, Exodon), pencil fishes (Nannostomus), hatchetfishes, (Carnegiella), headstanders (Chilodus), medium-sized (Leporinus, Anostomus, Hemiodus) and large Characoids (Brycon, Acestrorhyncus). We can find small (Apistogramma, Dicrossus, Biotodoma, Acarichthys),

medium-sized (Astronotus, Heros, Mesonauta, Geophagus, Satanoperca, Pterophyllum, Symphysodon) and large cichlids (Cichla, Crenicichla); several types of catfishes (Hypostomus, Ancistrus, Platydoras, Pimelodus, Liosomadoras, etc.), stingrays (Potamotrygon, Paratrygon), weak electric fishes (Steatogenys, Gymnotus, Apteronotus), electric eels (*Electrophorus electricus*), and many other species.

You will be able to see details of those fish natural habitats and to do some water quality tests, that information may be useful for your future amazon aquarium projects. We will be able to catch some fishes for photography; participants can bring their own dipnets and photography aquariums (we will have some equipment available in the boat too). It will also be possible to do sport fishing during different moments along the expedition (possible species: Peacock-bass, big Catfishes, Piranhas, etc.), you can bring your own fishing gear or to use some equipment available on the boat.

You can watch this short video made in one of the streams we will be able to explore during the Mouth of the Jauaperi River expedition: <u>https://youtu.be/PRkGW6BaHv0</u>

The last day you will be able to swim with pink-dolphins and to visit the Meeting of the Waters, the confluence of the Negro and the Amazon River, which is one of the greatest natural wonders of the Amazon. In Manaus we will be able to visit some Aquarium fish exporter facilities.

ITINERARY

24/09/2018 - Arrival in Manaus and transfer to the boat (night)

- **Day 1.** -Day: Travel upstream across the Anavilhanas arquipelago to the mouth of the Jauaperi River -Night: Nocturnal exploration, spotlighting on fishes, alligators and other animals
- **Day 2.** -Morning: Cambéua stream exploration (snorkeling fishing) -Afternoon: Maracacá stream exploration (snorkeling - fishing)

-Night: Nocturnal exploration, spotlighting on fishes, alligators and other animals

Day 3. -Morning: Água Boa stream exploration (snorkeling - fishing)

-Afternoon: Return trip downstream along the Negro River across the Anavilhanas archipelago

Day 4. -Morning: Swimming with pink dolphins and visiting the Meeting of the Waters -Afternoon: Ornamental fish exporter facilities -Night: Transfer to the airport or hotel



THE BOAT

EXPEDITION SHIP

Category: Capacity: Hull: Propulsion: Motor: Length: Width: Cruising speed: Passenger 24 passengers Wooden Single engine MWM 250 HP 26.39 meters 6.58 meters 8 kts



-Main Deck - 8 acclimatized cabins with private facilities, bunk beds and reading lights. 4 cabins in the front and 2 in the back. Galley and entrance hall.

-2nd Deck - 6 acclimatized cabins with private facilities, bunk beds and reading lights. Bar/restaurant/conference room. Library. Wheelhouse.

-Upper Deck - Open deck for sunbathing, stargazing or observation. Barbecue grill.



















DETAILS

4-day cruise on the Negro River, with an exclusively chartered expedition ship, for up to 21 guests (16 minimum). Excursions, lectures and guided visits in English with professional guides specialized in the Amazon and with Amazon fish specialists aboard.

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