



ACRE

Land of Chico Mendes and the Rubber Trees



Located in South-western Brazilian Amazon, Acre has most of its territory covered by a thick rainforest, which combined with its wild rivers with fine clear sand makes it a great Ecoturism attraction.

Besides all its biodiversity, Acre is also the land of Chico Mendes and the "Forest people". The forest shelters populations that for centuries have lived off its resources, such as the rubber and the Brazil nut. The importance of this forest to its people has caused fights as the one led by the rubber tapper Chico Mendes, killed in 1988 in Xapuri. He fought for the rights of the so called "Forest people", and became internationally renowned as a symbol of the

struggle to preserve the environment. And his hometown, Xapuri, the country's capital of ecological conscience.

Rio Branco, its capital, is a peculiar city, not only by its multicultural population with different beliefs and customs, but also by its architecture with modern and old characteristics, reflected in its squares, museums, palaces and parks

One of the main highlights of Acre is the Rubber tree plantations next to Xapuri, as the Chico Mendes Extractive reserve and the Pimenteira and Cachoeira plantations, where it's possible to experience the life in the rainforest and the daily routine of the rubber-tappers.

When it comes to Ecotourism, the Juruá Valley is one of the main regions in terms of Biodiversity. Its highlights are the Serra do Divisor National Park, located at the border with Peru, and the lands inhabited by the Ashaninka Indian community.

Other attractions of the state are the Flights over the Geoglyphs; visits to the Flor de Lótus community – Saint Daime; native handicraft, as well as the Folcloric festivals, such as the Yawa Festival.



Rio Branco package

RIO BRANCO / XAPURI / SERINGAL CACHOEIRA

5 days/4nights



Day 1: Arrival at Rio Branco airport and reception by the local guide. Transfer to The Hotel, check-in

1 st part of the city tour in Rio Branco (Revolution Square, Memorial of the autonomists, Rio Branco Palace, Old Market, Footbridge Joaquim Macedo, Gameleira Complex)

Return to the hotel. Dinner at and Overnight

Day 2: Buffet breakfast at the hotel. 2nd part of city tour in Rio Branco (Chico Mendes Park, Capitaó Ciriaco Park). Lunch Restaurant Inacio (Buffet). 3rd part of city tour in Rio Branco (Handcraft workshops, Tucumã Park, Forest's Library, House of the people of the forest, House of the Artists). Return to the hotel. Dinner and Overnight

Day 3: Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Transport in private air-conditioned bus/minibus to Xapuri , 177 km on a paved road, which takes approx. 2 ½ hrs. En route, stop for visitation of the geoglyphs. Arrival and lunch at Pousada Aushawa (regional food: chicken, fish in nut sauce, desserts and typical fruits of the season). City tour in Xapuri (Chico Mendes' house, Foundation Chico Mendes, Downtown and Xapuri Museum)



Departure in private air conditioned bus/minibus to Seringal Cachoeira, 33 km on paved road, a ride of approx . 30 minutes. Arrival and check-in at Pousada Ecologica Seringal Cachoeira. Visit of the local community. Dinner at the inns restaurant and overnight

Day 4: Buffet breakfast. Encounter with the community. Lunch at the restaurant of the Inn Ecological trek. Dinner and Overnight

Day 5: Buffet breakfast. Check-out. Encounter with the local community to say good bye Transfer to Rio Branco airport.

The Package includes:

English speaking local guide

Local nature guide

Transportation as mentioned

2 Overnights in Rio Branco as mentioned, including buffet breakfast

3 overnights in Seringal Cachoeira (**bunk beds**), including breakfast buffet

Tours and meals (not including beverage) as mentioned

Travel insurance

SGL and DBL room applies only for Rio Branco accommodations in Seringal Cachoeira lodge pax are accommodated in bunk beds in shered rooms.

This Itinerary can be combined with Peru (cusco) or Bolivia.