



## *Ilha do Caju and Delta do Parnaíba*

East of "Lençois Maranhenses", between the states of "Maranhao" and "Piaui" runs the river "Parnaiba". The delta of the "Parnaiba" River, one of the few open sea deltas in the world, is made up of 80 islands and comprises a total area of 2700 km<sup>2</sup>. The delta map resembles the shape of a hand with 5 branches, called "Tutoia", "Melanciaira" of "Carrapato", "Caju", "Canariuas" in "Maranhao" and "Barra do Rio Igaracu" in "Piaui". The diverse fauna in this unique and, for tourism as yet undiscovered region, comprises many birds, rodents, foxes, crocodiles, monkeys, deers, wild cats, aardvarks and many endangered species like sea turtles and dolphins.

"Ilha de Caju" (Cashew Island), one of the main islands in the delta, is a true ecological sanctuary presenting a rare combination of ecosystems: thousand of small islands, narrow channels, caju trees, mangroves, dunes and pure crystalline lagoons formed by rainwater. The island is protected by law since 1991 and access is possible only by boat.

We recommend combining the Delta and Ilha do Caju with Lençois Maranhenses.



### **Suggested itinerary:**

#### **1st DAY: SÃO LUÍS / BARREIRINHAS**

Transfer hotel / airport. Departure in the morning (07:00 and 09:00) by plane (monomotor-6 seats) to the city of Barreirinhas (gateway for Lençóis). After arrival, transfer to the Pousada, accommodation and then departure in Toyota to the Lagoons (Blue), considered one of the most beautiful attractions of the region.  
**Overnight in Barreirinhas.**

#### **2nd DAY: BARREIRINHAS / CABURE**

After breakfast, departure on a boat tour by the Rio Preguiça (Preguiça River), visiting Fishing villages in Vassouras, Mandacaru and Caburé. The Rio Preguiça surrounds the desert and then meets the sea, flanked by forest and dunes.

**Overnight in Caburé - Pousada Porto do Buriti**

### **3rd DAY: CABURÉ / ILHA DO CAJU**

After breakfast departure from Caburé in Toyota to the city of Carnaubeira through trails, dunes, lagoons and beaches ( + or - 4 hours), then departure towards Ilha do Caju by boat.

**Overnight on the Island - accommodation in Casa do Vaqueiro**

### **4th DAY: ISLAND OF CAJU**

Day free

• **Overnight on the Island - accommodation in Casa do Vaqueiro**

### **5th DAY: ISLAND OF CAJU / PARNAIBA**

Departure from the island by boat towards the city of Parnaíba

**Overnight in Parnaíba - Pousada dos Ventos**

### **6th DAY: PARNAIBA**

After breakfast, departure on a boat tour in the Delta (visit to the Canary Islands, Poldros Islands, Periquitos *igarapé* and Morro Branco). After lunch, tour on a 4x4 vehicle in Luis Correia (Atalaia, Coqueiro, Carnaubinha) and Lagoa do Portinho (Portinho Lagoon)

• **Overnight in Parnaíba - Pousada dos Ventos**

### **7th DAY: PARNAIBA / SÃO LUÍS**

Departure in the morning to São Luis in regular bus with air conditioning, television and toilet. The duration of the trip is approximately 8 hours (optional return by plane). Arrival and transfer to hotel.

Important notes:

Regular departures only on Monday / Wednesday / Friday

Children under 14 years is not allowed at Ilha do Caju



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