

# **Cerros de Mavecure and Raudal de Maipures**

## **Expedition 8 days**



## **Overview**

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### **Highlights:**

- Explore the impressive rock formations in the middle of the Amazon jungle. Check here a Video about Mavecure Hills (off2colombia): [VIDEO MAVECURE HILLS](#)
- The streams of Zamuro and Cualet. The Inirida river, along its meandering route forms many streams, one of them is the Mavecure, in front of it we will sleep. The next streams upstream are those of Zamuro and Cualet, much more impressive. We include a walk through the jungle between the two, when the river does not allow the passage of the boats due to its level.
- Meet "The Waterway Star of the South" - confluence of the Orinoco, Atabapo and Guaviare Rivers.
- Visit the Maipures rapids. Check here a Video about Tuparro (off2colombia): [VIDEO TUPARRO](#)

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- Remote landscape, with virgin rivers like the Tuparro and the Tomo.
- Read a note about this destination: [Note by Manuel Rueda](#)

### **Trip details:**

- **Duration of the trip:** 8 days
- **Trekking time:** 3 hours daily through the hills, jungle, savannah and river beaches.
- **Distance:** 5-10 kms each day.
- **Ecosystem:** tropical rainforest and savannah.
- **Climate:** warm and humid with an average temperature of 26°C.
- **Elevation:** 100 meters above sea level (m.a.s.l).

### **This expedition is ideal if you like:**

- Venture into remote and rugged territories.
- Interact with different local cultures.
- Navigate rivers.
- Feel the silence of the jungle and the savanna.
- Deep contact with nature.

### **Important note:**

An unforgettable journey into the heart of the Amazon jungle and the great Orinoco savannah.

The scenario setting for "La Voragine" by José Eustasio Rivera and "Personal Narrative of a Journey to the Equinoctial Regions of the New Continent" by Alexander von Humboldt in the 19th Century.

The Mavecure, Pajarito and Mono Hills, stand out as huge natural pyramids in the middle of the lush jungle on the bank of the majestic Inirida River, which is inhabited by playful fresh water dolphins. Further north, our boats will get to the "Waterway Star of the South"; the vast confluence of the Orinoco, Atabapo and Guaviare rivers on the border with Venezuela.

In addition, we will go from the Orinoco to Mono Hill which is set on the great plain of Vichada, to finally find the spectacular rapid of Maipures - often called the eighth natural wonder of the world.

## **Dates**

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## Price

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**Price valid from January 1 to December 20, 2025:**

- **Price \$2,690,000 per person (Nationals)**
- **Price \$2,790,000 per person (Foreigners)**

**Important note about transportation to the starting location:** Our expeditions begin at the indicated place according to the proposed itinerary. For this reason, in the vast majority we do not include in the price the value of the transfer (land or air) from your city of residence to the city where the expedition begins. If you have purchased an air or land ticket on your own to attend this expedition and the transport company (airline or land transportation company) cancels the trip or postpones it or if there are significant delays due to weather, technical aspects of the aircraft or vehicles, situations at airports, transport terminals or roads, pilots or drivers, etc., that prevent you from arriving at the start time of the expedition, these are considered risks inherent to the trip that the client assumes and in no case the unforeseen events of the client's journey are transferred neither to the hotel nor to Ecoglobal Expeditions. It is very important that you understand that this is a situation in which Ecoglobal Expeditions has no responsibility. Remember that if you do not show up at the established time and date, without notifying us sufficiently in advance (please see the previous paragraph), this situation is considered a "No Show" and in principle we cannot give you any money refund, due to that we have carried out all the previous administrative and logistical work to guarantee the smooth development of the expedition (example: we have bought all the food for all the people, we have reserved accommodation and internal transportation, we have hired local guides, we have acquired insurance, we have reserved and paid permits to National Parks, etc.). It is also important that you keep in mind that in particular cases we do buy tickets for clients, at their express request. In this case Ecoglobal Expeditions acts as a facilitator and bridge between the client and the airline or ground transportation company that provides the service. This additional service that the operator offers does not hold it responsible at any time for delays in the itinerary caused by weather or other types of situations beyond the operator's control. There is no contractual relationship between the operator and the client regarding this service.



## How to book

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For bookings and payments please email us at [info@ecoglobalexpeditions.com](mailto:info@ecoglobalexpeditions.com) or call us to Mobile (57) 310 823 3974

## What's included

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- River transport on all routes via speed boats with expert boat handlers and guides.
- Overland transport.
- Accommodation in hotels in Puerto Inírida in double accommodation, with fan and private bathroom according to the itinerary.
- Accommodation in communities, in beds, in shared rooms.
- Entrance fee to "El Tuparro" National Park.
- Economic contributions to indigenous communities.
- All meals (from lunch day 1, to breakfast last day).
- Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Local guides (Ecoglobal Expeditions supports green initiatives and eco-tourism in the regions we visit).
- Assistance card (travel insurance).

## What's not included

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- Round trip ticket, contact us to advise you on the purchase.
- Tourist/Airport Taxes. Government tourist contribution tax 2024:
  - Adults \$42,000
  - Children between 0 and 6 years old DO NOT PAY
  - Children between 7 and 14 years old \$21,000
  - Adolescents between 15 and 17 years old \$31,000
  - Foreign Adult \$73,000
  - Foreign children between 0 and 6 years old DO NOT PAY
  - Foreign children between 7 and 14 years old \$42,000
  - Foreign adolescents between 15 and 17 years old \$52,000

- Personal expenses.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Souvenirs.
- Tips.
- Unstipulated expenses.

## Itinerary

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### Notes:

The following itinerary is for informational purposes and may vary without prior notice according to weather conditions, flight itineraries or unforeseen events.

**ATTENTION:** The following itinerary may change depending on the date of your reservation, on some dates the outbound flight is Bogotá – Puerto Inírida and the return flight is Puerto Carreño – Bogotá, in these cases we make the crossing in the direction of Puerto Inírida – Puerto Carreño. Ask us before purchasing your airline tickets.

### Day 1

#### **RECEPTION AT THE CESAR GAVIRIA AIRPORT - MAVICURE HILLS - REMANSO COMMUNITY.**

Reception at the Cesar Gaviria airport and transfer to the Port.

Then we will travel by boat up the Inírida River for two hours to the Mavicure Hills, rocky outcrops that are part of the Guyanese Shield and are sacred sites for several ethnic groups in the region such as the Puinaves, as they are home to several species of plants of cultural importance.

There, the El Remanso indigenous community is located, where we will settle in for dinner and spend the night in a tourist inn of the Puinave indigenous people.

The accommodation has electricity from 6 am to 9 pm.

Before going to bed we will receive all the recommendations for the development of the activities of the following day.

### NOTES:

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- **If your flight arrives before 12 pm this day, lunch will be included.**
- **Tonight you will sleep in a shared room, with 2 single beds, or in a single room paying the supplement.**

## Day 2

### **MAVICURE HILLS - EL REMANSO COMMUNITY**

Depending on the weather conditions of the day, we will visit Cerro Mavicure. If it is raining, the lichen on the rock makes it very slippery and prevents its ascent.

If we cannot climb this hill, it will be postponed to the next day and instead we will do other activities with the inhabitants of the community, such as touring the savannah to admire the Inírida flower or visiting and bathing in Caño San Joaquín, whose characteristic wine-red color is due to the tannin of the leaves of the trees.

At the end of the afternoon we will return to the camp to have dinner and rest.

#### **NOTE:**

- **Tonight you sleep in a shared room, with 2 single beds, or in a single room paying the supplement**

## Day 3

### **MAVICURE HILLS - MATAVEN FOREST.**

After breakfast, depending on the activities carried out the previous day and following the instructions of the local guides of the El Remanso indigenous community, we will travel through the Amazon savannah to see the Inírida flower.

After the activity, we will have breakfast and head to the dock with our suitcases to take the boat and travel to the Piaroa ethnic community of the Sarrapia - Mataven community.

During the trip we will make stops for lunch in Inírida and we will sail the Guaviare River to visit the Estrella Fluvial (Ramsar Site) located at the mouth of the Guaviare, Inírida and Atabapo rivers on the Orinoco.

We continue our journey along the Orinoco River to the great Matavén jungle, where we will settle in Sarrapia, an indigenous community of the Piaroa ethnic group, and at the end of the afternoon, once settled in the community, we will have dinner and rest.

#### **NOTES:**



- **Depending on the weather, we will stop in Castillito**
- **Tonight you will sleep in a shared room with 2 single beds, or in a single room paying the supplement**

Day 4

### **SELVA DEL MATAVEN**

We will have breakfast and get ready to leave for the mouth of the Caño Fruta where we will stop for a refreshing swim and if we are lucky we will be able to see the river dolphins.

Then we will return sailing along the Caño Frutas to the Sarrapia Indigenous community to continue with the activities of learning about the crafts and taking a walk through the community.

After finishing the morning session we will have lunch.

In the afternoon session we will resume the activities with the cultural display of the Piaroa indigenous people in the art of arrow, the work process of the wild yuca, and a crafts class by the women and if the weather is good we will be able to see the sunset over the gallery forests of the Caño Fruta.

We will finish with dinner and rest.

#### **NOTE:**

- **Tonight you sleep in a shared room, with 2 single beds, or in a single room paying the supplement.**

Day 5

### **MATAVEN - TUPARRO**

After breakfast we will leave the Matavén jungle to continue our journey along the Orinoco River to El Tuparro National Park.

The estimated journey time is three and a half hours until we reach Puerto Mantequero, from there we will make a transfer from the Orinoco River to the Tuparro River. This journey is done on foot for one hour and forty minutes through the high plains savannah of Tuparro. There is also the possibility of making this journey in a truck, but this service is not always available, so it is better to be prepared for the walk. (It is important to pack everything in a comfortable backpack)

After making the transfer we will arrive at the shore of the Tuparro River where we will sail for 10 minutes to return to the Orinoco and continue sailing to the HUAJARI DEL ORINOCO camp, close to

the Tambora facilities, where we will settle in for two nights.

Once we are settled in we will have lunch and take a refreshing swim on the camp beach.

If the weather is good we will be able to see the sunset over the Orinoco, then comes dinner, the next day's program and rest.

**NOTE:**

- **Tonight you sleep in a shared room, with 2 single beds, or in a single room paying the supplement**

Day 6

**TUPARRO: CERRO DEL GUAHIBO AND MAIPURES RAUDAL AND TOMO RIVER**

We will start the day with breakfast, then we will visit the Guahibo hill, a rocky outcrop that is part of the geological formations of the Guayana Shield.

The Guahibo hill is approximately 300 meters above sea level and to reach the top you must walk for approximately three hours, including the time we take to observe the landscape. From the top of the hill you have a spectacular panoramic view of the savannahs and forests of El Tuparro Park, and you can also see the Orinoco River and its imposing Maipures rapids. During the walk we will find some species of birds such as eagles, woodpeckers, parrots and toucans. The path that we will take to the top of the hill is traced by a forest of rocky outcrops which allows us to appreciate some species of palms and trees that are used by indigenous communities for the construction of their houses.

Then we will visit the beach of the Tuparro stream to take a refreshing bath and appreciate the scenic beauty of the area.

In the afternoon we will go out to take a walk through the imposing Maipures Stream, which was classified by the explorer and naturalist Alexander von Humboldt as the eighth wonder of the world.

After the tour we will navigate the Orinoco River for approximately 40 minutes to the mouth of the Tomo River, in this place we will be able to see the river dolphins and watch the sunset. The Tomo River is a tributary of the Orinoco, it is born in the department of Meta, in the municipality of Puerto Gaitán, it travels 800 kilometers from its source to the mouth, 270 kilometers of the Tomo River are part of the El Tuparro NNP.

We will return to our camp for dinner and rest.

**NOTE:**

- **Tonight you sleep in a shared room, with 2 single beds, or in a single room paying the**





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Day 7

**TUPARRO - PUERTO CARREÑO**

At 6:30 am we will have breakfast and then begin our journey along the Orinoco River to Puerto Carreño.

During the journey we will pass through the Atures rapids, classified as the widest in the world and which are important for the subsistence fishing activity carried out by the riverside communities in the area.

In the rapids area we will take a walk of approximately one and a half hours to appreciate the place and take photographs.

After the walk we will continue our journey and make a stop in Cazarito, a police inspection located on the bank of the Orinoco in front of Puerto Ayacucho, capital of the Amazonas State of Venezuela. We will take a short walk along the town's dock and then have lunch.

After lunch we will board our boat to continue our journey to Puerto Carreño where we will spend the night (dolphin watching in the Dagua channel).

Dinner and rest.

**NOTE:**

- **The night at the hotel in Puerto Carreño is in a shared room. If you wish to sleep in a single room there is an additional charge of COP \$80,000**

Day 8

**PUERTO CARREÑO - BOGOTÁ**

After breakfast we will begin our journey to the Bojonawi reserve to do some wildlife watching. We may be lucky and find monkeys, otters, dolphins and some birds such as the chenchenas.

After the trail tour, we will arrive at the El Pañuelo lagoon, a spectacular place surrounded by gigantic rocks where we can walk to appreciate the savannah.

After the tour we will return to the reserve facilities to continue our journey along the Orinoco River

to the mouths of the Bitá and Meta rivers.

Our tour ends at the Puerto Carreño airport.

**NOTE:**

- **National Parks has the habit of closing the Bojonawí reserve several times a year without prior notice. If this were to happen during our expedition we will visit El Raudal de Ventanas in the Piedra Luna sector.**



## Travel tips

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This is an adventure expedition to one of the most remote regions in the country. The tourism infrastructure is almost nonexistent.

The expeditionary must be willing to walk under the sun, on the rocky and sandy terrain of the Orinoco savanna.

In camp sites there are no toilets nor showers, a portable latrine is installed and bath can be taken in the rivers, obviously without the use of soap.

It is required a walk of about 4 hours round trip in the savannah, with no major climbs and descents and without shadow to get to The Tuparro National Park. Each expeditionary should carry their own backpack with clothes and personal items for three days (the fewer things you carry the less weight!) What is not needed for the first three days can be left in the hotel in Inirida the first day.

- As far as possible take the least amount of wrappers, cans or glasses and please, we return home all the inorganic wastes that we carry in our backpack «if you carry it in your backpack, you can return in your backpack»
- Be previously vaccinated against yellow fever and tetanus
- Don't bring items that are typically used by the military (i.e. camouflage clothing)
- Don't bring or take toxic, psychoactive or hallucinogenic and alcoholic substances
- Don't bring jewelry or valuables – Rolex watches and Cartier earrings; please leave them at home!
- During the trek, don't separate from the group and don't remain alone at any time.
- Bear in mind that we will be staying in a very remote place and our hosts will do everything for us as best as they can, given the local conditions and culture.
- We want that during our visit to these far, remote and often forgotten territories, all: guides, coordinators and tourists, we contribute to the economy of these regions and small towns, buying in the stores, bakeries and restaurants, their products and merchandise (such as sweets, chocolates, soft drinks, fruits, etc.) and acquiring local handicrafts. It is a small support through which we include these communities in the tourism value chain. If you like to consume very sophisticated foods or special diets (almonds, sugar-free chocolates, dried seeds or dehydrated fruits, for example), which you will not be able to get in the shops of the villages, we recommend you take them with you. Thank you for joining this initiative, this is called sustainable tourism!

### **Each participant should bring:**

- Water canteen, Thermo or Camelback, let's avoid plastic or PET bottles and if we buy or take them we return them to our house!
- Cotton clothes for warm weather, light colors, shirts with long-sleeves



- Bathing suit
- Towel
- Hiking boots or tennis shoes with good grip
- Additional tennis shoes or sandals
- Cap or hat
- Torch and extra batteries
- Sunglasses
- A small backpack for use while trekking
- Poncho (rain cape) - waterproof
- Personal hygiene items in small quantities
- First aid kit (personal medicines)
- Insect repellent
- Sun block
- Cash for tips, souvenirs and personal expenses
- Personal documents (identity papers, ID cards, health cards)
- Camera

**Note:** The maximum weight allowed on flights is 15 kilograms

**Our contribution:** When we visit places, where we know there are farmers or indigenous communities, we like to bring gifts to children, as a gratefulness for allowing us to explore their territory. We usually carry books, school supplies, pencils and colors! We invite you to participate!