

Cerros de Mavecure and Raudal de Maipures

Expedition 8 days



Overview

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](#)

NATIONAL PARK

- 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

(Español) Esta expedición la puedes realizar en cualquier época del año con tu grupo familiar o de amigos, conformando un grupo privado. En este caso el precio dependería del número de personas que conformen tu grupo. Comunícate con nosotros a nuestro



correo: info@ecoglobalexpeditions.com para asesorarte.

Si deseas unirme a un grupo abierto tenemos las siguientes fechas programadas para nuestra expedición Cerro de Mavecure Ruta Humboldt 8 días:

- 29 de abril al 6 de mayo de 2024
- 6 al 13 de mayo de 2024
- 26 de mayo al 3 de junio de 2024
- 3 de junio al 10 de junio de 2024
- 24 de junio al 1 de julio de 2024
- 5 al 12 de agosto de 2024
- 12 al 19 de agosto de 2024
- 14 al 21 de octubre de 2024 (Semana de Receso) **¡Confirmada!**
- 28 de octubre al 4 de noviembre de 2024
- 4 al 11 de noviembre de 2024
- 23 al 30 de diciembre de 2024

Por favor antes de comprar tiquetes consultar con nosotros disponibilidad de cupos

Price

Price valid from January 1 to December 20, 2024:

- **Price \$2,540,000 per person (National)**
- **Price \$2,600,000 per person (Foreigners)**

How to book

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

What's included

- 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

- Round trip ticket, contact us to advise you on the purchase.
 - If the flight you are traveling on cannot reach Puerto Inírida, it is an unforeseen event inherent to the responsibility of traveling; Therefore, the services that you cannot use, due to non-attendance or "No Show" on the day agreed upon in the reservation, will not be refunded since a train of expenses is incurred to prepare all the logistics of accommodation, food and transfers. However, if the reason why you cannot arrive was the closure of an airport, strike, riot or natural phenomenon; All of us without being obliged, and reviewing case by case, can review availability and re-schedule.
- 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

Notes:

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

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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

RECEIPT AT CÉSAR GAVIRIA AIRPORT

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

Then we travel by boat up the Inírida River for two hours to the Cerros de Mavicure, rocky outcrops that are part of the Guyanese Shield and are sacred sites for various ethnic groups in the region such as the Puinaves, since they are home to

several plant species of cultural importance.

There, the El Remanso indigenous community is located, where we set up our base camp and then have dinner.

Before going to bed, we received all the recommendations for the development of the next day's activities.

NOTE:

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

Day 2

CERROS DE MAVICURE - EL REMANSO COMMUNITY

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

In case of not being able to climb this hill, it will be postponed until the next day and in exchange we carry out other activities with the inhabitants of the community, such as touring the savannah to admire the Inírida flower or visiting and bathing in the Caño San Joaquín whose characteristic color Red wine is due to the tannin of the tree leaves.

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

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Day 3

CERROS DE MAVICURE - FLUVIAL STAR

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

Then we sail along the Inírida river to the Fluvial Star (Ramsar Site) located at the mouth of the Guaviare river on the Orinoco, here we stay in the Moru Natural Reserve, after settling down we have lunch and in the afternoon we can appreciate the beautiful beaches of white sand of the Atabapo river where we will take a refreshing bath in its tannin waters.

At the end of the afternoon, already settled in the reserve, dinner and rest come.

NOTE:

- **Tonight you sleep in a hotel in a shared room. If you want to sleep in a single room, there is an additional COP \$70,000**

Day 4

MORU-SELVA DEL MATAVEN RESERVE

We have breakfast and then we walk through the Moru Reserve to the Laguna de la Nutría, after the walk we return to the cabin to collect our luggage and continue our trip along the Orinoco River to the great Mataven Forest, there we settle in Sarrapia , indigenous community of the Puinave ethnic group.

After lunch and following the indications of our hosts, we navigate through the fruit channel to the Mataven mouths, there we make the ascent to Cerro Mataveni to appreciate the immensity of the jungle and the Altillanura savanna.

Additionally, you can paddle a canoe through the Caño Fruta to appreciate the landscape and see the river dolphins.

We return to the community to have dinner and rest.

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Day 5

MATAVEN - TUPARRO

After breakfast we leave the Mataven jungle to continue our journey through the Orinoco River to the Maipures streams in a journey of approximately three hours, when we reach the mouth of the Tuparro River we settle in the Pedro Camejo Island camp.

Once we are settled we have lunch and in the afternoon we visit the imposing Raudal de Maipures cataloged by the explorer and naturalist Alexander von Humboldt as the eighth wonder of the world.

Dinner and rest.

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Day 6

PNN EL TUPARRO: Cerro del Guahibo and Arawato trail

After breakfast we start the tour to make the ascent to Cerro Guahibo, a place that allows us to have an excellent panoramic view of the savannas and forests of the PNN El Tuparro and from where you can see the Raudales de Maipures and the Orinoco and Tuparro rivers.

After the ascent we return to take a refreshing swim in the waters of the Orinoco River.

After lunch we start the tour of the Arawato trail, two hours of walking through the riparian forest of the Orinoco where we can observe wildlife.

After the walk we will have time to take a refreshing swim in the waters of the river with the impressive landscape of the rocks at the mouth of the Tomo River and enjoy a unique sunset.

Dinner and accommodation.

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Day 7

TUPARO - PUERTO CARREÑO

We have breakfast and start our journey along the Orinoco River to Puerto Carreño, passing through the Raudales de Atures.

The tour is done by boat, but when we get to the area of the rapids we take a walk to see the petroglyphs, appreciate the landscape and take a bath in Playa Mar.

Then we continue to Cazarito bound for Puerto Carreño in a 4 × 4 truck and be able to appreciate the beauty of the landscape given by the savannas and the hills.

We settle in the hotel to have dinner and rest.

Estimated travel time: 5 hours

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Day 8

RETURN TO BOGOTÁ

Depending on the flight schedule to Bogotá, these activities can be carried out: We leave through

the Puerto Carreño dock to watch river dolphins (*Inia geoffrensis*) at the mouth of the Meta River on the Orinoco.

Later, we take a tour of the mouths of the Rio Bitá, which is a Ramsar Site and the object of research programs due to its great biodiversity and high level of conservation.

Then we make a visit to the Bojonawí Nature Reserve to see the El Pañuelo Lagoon and appreciate various species of wildlife.

At noon we return to the hotel to prepare our luggage and move to the Germán Olano airport for our return to the city of Bogotá.

Note: National Parks has a 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

This is an adventure expeditions 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!