

# **Expedition Mavecure Hills, Zamuro and Cualet Rapids and Tuparro National Park**



## **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 until April 19, 2025:

- **\$2,470,000.00 per person (National)**
- **\$2,530,000.00 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.  
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## 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 hotel (rooms for 2, 3, 4 or 5 people) with fans and a private bathroom according to itinerary.
- Accommodation in tents or hammocks (includes: tents, mattresses, hammocks and mosquito net) according to itinerary.
- 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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- Air Transport (ticket) to Puerto Carreno and return from Puerto Inirida
- 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
- Lunch last day
- Personal expenses
- Souvenirs
- Expenses not stipulated
- Tips

## Itinerary

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### Notes:

- The following itinerary is informative in nature and may vary without prior notice according to weather conditions, flight itineraries or unforeseen events that may arise during the expeditions to the Cerros de Mavecure and Estrella Fluvial del Guainía.
- The order of activities may change.

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.

**ATTENTION:** The following itinerary corresponds to the outbound flight Bogotá - Puerto Inírida and the return flight is Puerto Carreño - Bogotá.

### Day 1

Flight Bogotá- Inírida, at the airport the local guides are waiting for us in the Land Rover Safari vehicles to transport us to the Hotel, settle in, register and have lunch.

After lunch we will head by land to the Kenke Ethno Cultural and Ecological Park, where we will discover in its natural state this invaluable endemic resource of the area known as the Inírida Flower that reproduces naturally in the Amazonian savannahs, protected by a family proud indigenous woman of her roots who, with her warmth and love for her land, will tell us about her environment,

culture, customs and gastronomy, we will enjoy a beautiful sunset

We will return to our hotel, have dinner and rest.

NOTE: You sleep in a hotel in multiple accommodation. If you want a single room there is an additional \$90,000 with a fan (Subject to availability)

## Day 2

After breakfast, we will begin our boat trip along the Inírida River until we reach the town of Amanaven on the banks of the Guaviare River, passing through the mouth of the Inírida River on the Guaviare River, we continue our way towards the Estrella Fluvial del Sur or Estrella de Humboldt.

We continue our journey to Maviso on the Atabapo River, to enjoy a short swim in its cold, red waters, then we will pass through the artisan community of Coco and the Amarru Rupestre Park for a visit, before returning to Inirida and having lunch.

Later we will depart up the Inírida River towards the Cerros de Mavecure, impressive rocks in the middle of the Amazon jungle, bordered by the meandering river.

We will arrive at the El Venado indigenous community where we will find our camp: comfortable Maloca typical of the Curripaca culture perfectly located in the middle of the three hills and on the banks of the Inírida River. Our accommodation includes: beds, camping area and hammock area, permanent solar energy, bathrooms, kitchen, dining room, beach and large gardens.

We will begin our tour along the viewpoint path and enjoy the sunset on the banks of the Cerros de Mavecure.

Then we will go to the camp to take a short bath and have dinner. Bonfire, cinnamon and stars!

Accommodation.

NOTE: Tonight you sleep in a tent (individual or shared) or hammock. Beds subject to availability.

## Day 3

Very early in the morning (4.30 am) with a small breakfast and under the direction of our indigenous guide we will ascend to Cerro Mavicure, making short stops to enjoy the sunrise and the landscape.

We return to our camp for breakfast.

We continue our journey along the Inírida River, until we reach the majestic streams of Zamuro and Cualet.





There we will walk along the river bank to the upper part of the Cualet rapid known as Punta Baletón, where we will appreciate the immensity of its waters and take a short and refreshing swim.

Later we will return to the community of Zamuro to have a delicious traveler sandwich and return to the El Venado community, making a stop to enjoy a swim in the company of the Toninas, at the mouth of Laguna Gente.

Return to the camp where we will spend the night again.

Dinner and accommodation.

NOTE: Tonight you sleep in a tent (individual or shared) or hammock. Beds subject to availability.

#### Day 4

In the morning after breakfast, by boat we will go to the El Remanso community, where our indigenous guides from the Curripaco ethnic group will be waiting for us who will take us on a walk along the Densicoira trail, which borders Cerro Pajarito passing through the foothills of Cerro Diablo and Cerro Mono until we reach the mouths of Caño Claro (Approx. 3 hours) where our boat will pick us up and take us back to the camp, we will make a short break and continue our adventure by boat to Caño San Joaquin where we can enjoy from the cold waters and red wine produced from the tannin of the leaves of the jungle trees.

We will return by river to our camp, we will have lunch with typical foods from Amazonian cultures.

Later we will begin our trip to the city of Inírida, where we will spend the night in our hotel, we will make a short stop in the community of La Ceiba where we will have the opportunity to purchase crafts, learn about the stingless bee project and appreciate the departure of the dolphins. freshwater (Toninas).

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#### Day 5

We will begin our trip by boat, after breakfast, heading to El Tuparro National Park in the Department of Vichada.

We will navigate along the Inírida River until we reach the town of Amanaven on the banks of the Guaviare River, passing again through the mouth of the Inírida River on the Guaviare River, we will go to the Estrella Fluvial del Sur or Estrella de Humboldt and we continue by boat down the river to the mouth of the beautiful Caño Matavén where we will pause to take a short swim.

We continue our navigation until we reach the Zarrapia indigenous community where we will have lunch.

Always sailing along the Orinoco River we will arrive at a place known as the Atarrayadero, from where we will walk along the shore of the Raudal de Maipures until we reach the visitor center, where we will make our formal entrance to the El Tuparro National Park to go to our "Base Camp" on the Island of Pedro Camejo.

At nightfall we will discover the exquisite flavor of "La Patriarca Rosita".

NOTE: Tonight you sleep in a tent (individual or shared) or hammock

#### Day 6

In the morning, once we have had breakfast, we will take a walk to ascend Cerro Guahíbo, and enjoy a wonderful view of the Tuparro National Natural Park, its savannahs, jungle and rivers, and the magnificent Maipures rapid.

Then we will visit the indigenous cemetery, to return to the camp and have lunch.

We will go up the Tuparro River by boat to its first rapid, there we will have time to take a bath and appreciate this spectacular distant, remote and inhospitable landscape. We will descend down the river again either in the boat or in vests (optional) to our camp on the banks of the Orinoco.

Dinner and rest.

NOTE: Tonight you sleep in a tent (individual or shared) or hammock

#### Day 7

Very early in the morning after breakfast, we head in our boats to the community of Caño Lapa on the Tuparro River, where we will have the opportunity to walk to the community and we will have time to share with its inhabitants and take a refreshing swim in the crystal clear waters. from Caño Lapa.

We will return to our camp to have lunch, collect all our luggage and continue our trip to Puerto Carreño.

During our river trip to Puerto Carreño we will pass by the Tambora Center, an abandoned building built by Father Javier de Nicoló to provide education and detoxification to street children, a project that operated for more than 25 years and at its best had more than 500 boarding children.

We continue our journey until we reach Garcitas where we continue by 4\*4, passing through pipes



and savannas to Cerro Banderas just to enjoy the sunset and the impressive landscape from above, where we can see the mouth of the Meta River over the Orinoco River.

Transfer to the hotel, dinner and rest

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## Day 8

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to take our plane to the city of Bogotá.

## Travel tips

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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!