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Lençóis Delta and Jericoacoara 9 nights

Lençóis Maranhenses comprise a fantastic sequence of sand dunes extending for 62 miles/100 km along the coast in Maranhão and 18 miles/30 km towards the backlands, creating a unique surreal landscape in the world. Inside that large area, verdant oases covered with buriti palms lodge a small population of nomadic people who make a living by fishing and cattle-raising. The desertic landscape becomes more agreeable from January to September, when several pools with transparent bluish rain water appear amongst the dunes. The entrance to Lençóis is Barreirinhas town. From this small town, visitors start speed boat rides up Preguiças river, with its mangroves, and hikes on the dunes and beaches. A visit to São Luis old town completes this program



The Parnaíba Delta is formed by 85 islands in an area of 2700 square km between the states of Piauí and Maranhão it is the only open -sea delta in the Americas. Within the same ecosystem it has different and picturesque scenery: rivers, lagoons, high dunes, marshes and swamps, deserted beaches with white sands and various types of different mangroves of the regions. It is as if we could appreciate all the different aspects of our immense country in one single place.

Jericoacoara is surrounded by dunes and coconut palms it is protected by a rocky elevation called the "serrote", the saw and Jeri generates fascinating images. Sunset on the great dune or at the Malhada Beach is an example of this. The fortunate spectator can contemplate the fiery sphere of the sun disappearing into the calm blue sea at that point of the Atlantic ocean in a spectacle of light and color.

Duration time: 10 day(s), 9 night(s)

Departures on: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Program:

1st Day – SÃO LUÍS – Reception at the airport and transfer for accommodation in São Luis. The city was founded in 1612 by Daniel de la Touche de la Ravardihre, a French naval officer, and named in honor of Louis XIII and was taken by the Dutch between 1641 and 1644. However, it is the Portuguese influence that is most visible in São Luis. The many huge mansions have the façade covered with tiles, as a recollection of the architecture of Century XVII and XIX. São Luis is the Brazilian reggae capital, a good suggestion for the evening. City tour and return to hotel.

2nd Day – SÃO LUIS - BARREIRINHAS – Breakfast and departure by road to Barreirinhas. The trip takes about 3 hours. Arrival and accommodation on chosen pousada. After lodging, visit to Lençóis Maranhenses National Park, with some breathtaking views. Also there will be the possibility to take a refreshing dive in the crystal clear waters of one of the many natural swimming pools. This tour takes 4 hours. In the afternoon return to Barreirinhas.

3rd Day – BARREIRINHAS - After breakfast, departure to another visit to Great Lençóis National park, stopping at Lagoa Bonita. 4 hours tour and return to Barreirinhas. Free afternoon.

4th Day – BARREIRINHAS - CABURÉ – After breakfast, departure in speed boat through Rio Preguiças to the APA (Ambiental Protected Area) of Small Lençóis Park. The Preguiças River is also responsible for the division into two parts of the Lençóis, the Grandes (Great) and the Pequenos (Small). The first impressions are because of the size of its area, dunes and lagoons. The second because of its diversity, in one photograph we can snap a scene of the river, the sea, the mangroves, the fields and the dunes with their lagoons. Stop in Mandacarú, to visit the lighthouse from where we can have a wonderful view on the surrounding region. Transfer to Caburé, accommodation, lunch and overnight.

5th Day – CABURÉ / PARNAIBA – After breakfast, departure on 4x4 car through dunes and beaches until the village of Paulino Neves. Continuation to Parnaíba.

6th Day – PARNAIBA – Breakfast and transfer to the pier to get the speed boat to do the tour on the Parnaíba River Delta, stopping in the Periquitos Igarapé, Poldro, Morro Branco, Canarias Bay and Feijão Bravo Bay. This tour will take about 4 hours. Return to Parnaíba and free afternoon.



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7th Day – PARNAIBA – JERICOACOARA – After breakfast, transfer to Jericoacoara on 4x4 cars. In Camocim, crossing the rivers on very rustic wood ferry boats. Arrival in Jericoacoara and accommodation.

8th Day – JERICOACOARA – Buggy tour on the dunnes, visiting the Azul and Paraiso Lagoons, close to Jijoca village. Time to enjoy the cristal waters of the lagoons. Suggestion for lunch at Lagoa Paraíso, at Chez Laurent Restaurant, specialized in seafood with a French cuisine touch (not included). Around 4 PM, we go back to Jericoacoara. At the end of the afternoon, our suggestion is to watch the sun set on the see from the top of the biggest dune in Jeri, the visitor's rendezvous. As an option, we can visit Tia Angelita, famous for her delicious tapiocas, coconut sweets and banana pies. In the evening, depending on the day, visit the Forró do Turista – the most "picturesque" night in Jeri (optional).

9th Day – JERICOACOARA – FORTALEZA – Departure from Jeri by the beach for 10 km. The following way will be a 12 km of dirty road, to acess the paves road to Fortaleza. There will be 320 km until the Ceara State Capital, crossing many small villages. Arrival in Fortaleza in the end of the day. Accommodation on choosen hotel.

10th Day – FORTALEZA – Breakfast and free day. On scheduled time, tranfer to airport.

General Information:

Included:

Transfers airport / hotel in São Luis

Transfer São Luís/Barreirinhas/São Luís, by car;

City tour in São Luis

01 night accommodation in São Luis with breakfast;

02 nights in Barreirinhas with breakfast;

Motorboat and Toyota rides in Lençóis;

Speedboat ride on the Preguiças River;

01 night accommodation in Cabure, with breakfast;

02 nights accommodation in Parnaiba, with breakfast;

Boat ride on the Parnaiba Delta;

02 nights accommodation in Jericoacoara, with breakfast;

Drive to Lagoa Azul and Lagoa Paraíso, in Jericoacoara;

01 night accommodation in Fortaleza, with breakfast;

Tranfer hotel / airport in Fortaleza;

English speaking guide and travel insurance;

Not included:

meals; drinks; and other personal expenses.



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Obs.:

- Never bring traditional suitcases made of canvas or fiber because they are difficult to fit in the jeeps and boats used in this program
- Maximum limit of luggage 10 kg/person (bag or backpack) on the off road trip. Check for bigger luggage;
- Depending on the natural obstacles, in some parts of the trip we will drive on secondary roads and asphalt;
- During the trip there are some stops at exceptionally beautiful places, for sand skiing, photographing and sea and lagoon bathing, or to visit regional culture attractions;
- **Rustic trip of nature and adventure, with no luxury, not recommended for small children or elder people;**
- Programming and lodging can be subject to changes