

## Combú Cocoa & Chocolate, 4 hours

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Immerse yourself in the heart of the Amazon on an approximately 4-hour journey through the region of Combu Island, in Belém, where a rich cacao heritage meets creativity, memory and the identity of Amazonian artisanal production. More than a simple visit, this is an immersive experience in a living territory where rivers, forest, riverside culture and the bioeconomy come together in an authentic way. Along the way, you will discover landscapes, ways of life, local knowledge and flavors that reveal the profound connection between the forest and the communities that depend on it.

### Program Highlights

- Interpretive navigation through the creeks and floodplain landscapes of the Combu region.
- Contact with riverside ways of life and with the environment in which cacao thrives naturally.
- Visit to Dona Nena's Chocolate House, with an immersion into cacao culture and the story behind Filha do Combu.
- A tasting experience featuring Amazonian flavors, including hot chocolate, Brigadeiro da Floresta, chocolate cake and specialty coffee.

### Detailed Itinerary

#### 8:30 AM – Departure from the hotels in Belém for river embarkation

The experience begins with pick-up at your hotel and continues to the port for the crossing toward Belém's island region. From that point onward, the boat journey becomes more than transportation—it becomes part of the experience itself. As we travel through the creeks and channels of Combu, guests gradually enter the rhythm of the forest and riverside life, observing piers, local boats, houses built over the water, floodplain areas and the landscape in which cacao grows in close relationship with the Amazonian ecosystem.

This route offers a sensory and interpretive introduction to the territory, allowing visitors to understand how rivers and creeks shape the life, work and culture of local communities. It is a moment for contemplation, for reading the landscape and for connecting with estuarine Amazonia, preparing guests for the cultural and culinary experience that follows.

#### 10:00 AM – Visit to Dona Nena's Chocolate House

Our stop is Dona Nena's Chocolate House, a distinctive setting deep in the Amazon forest where tradition, family memory, riverside culture and artisanal production come together. More than a visit to a chocolate atelier, this experience invites guests to understand how Combu cacao has become an expression of local identity, shaped by forest ingredients and knowledge passed down through generations.

The visit begins in the organic cacao growing area, where guests are introduced to aspects of cultivation and to the processes that give rise to fine cacao beans, revealing the connection between territory, biodiversity and product quality.

Next comes an introduction to Dona Nena's story and to the path that gave rise to Filha do Combu—from the recovery of an ancestral cacao-based recipe to the creation of emblematic products such as Brigadeiro da Floresta and Chocolate do Combu. This part of

the experience expands the visit beyond flavor, showing how artisanal production also preserves stories, ways of life and a strong sense of place.

The visit concludes with a tasting of hot chocolate, Brigadeiro da Floresta, chocolate cake and specialty coffee—an experience that expresses the richness of the Amazon in aroma and flavor. At the end, guests may browse the Chocolate House’s small shop before returning to the hotels.

### **12:30 PM – Return to the hotels**

After a morning of navigation, discovery and Amazonian flavors, we return to the port and transfer back to the hotel. Guests take with them not only the memory of a remarkable tasting experience, but also a deeper understanding of the relationship between forest, culture, artisanal production and hospitality in the Amazon.

**Meals:** Tasting experience at the Chocolate House.

### **Notes on the itinerary**

The above itinerary is current and may differ from previously printed material. We occasionally refine our itineraries based on feedback from travelers or on our own research. Your host-guide will inform you of any changes at the group’s first meeting at the start of the tour.

**Included:** Specialist local guide; round-trip land transfers from the hotels to the port and round-trip river transfers from the Port of Belém to Combu Island; visit and tasting experience at the Chocolate House.

**Not included:** Lunch; travel insurance (optional); personal items and extras not mentioned.

**What to bring:** We recommend closed shoes that can get wet or are waterproof, a long-sleeved shirt and long pants for protection from occasional insects, a hat or cap, sunscreen, insect repellent, and plastic bags or waterproof pouches for documents, papers and cameras. As always, we recommend bringing only what you can comfortably carry.

**Departures:** Sep 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, 2026.

**Duration:** Approx. 4 hours (from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM).

**Group size:** 2 to 12 guests.

**Activities:** Tasting experience, short walks and motorboat navigation.

**Guest profile:** A light adventure, recommended for travelers interested in culture and gastronomy, and suitable for all ages. Due to the rustic and itinerant nature of the experience, accessibility and comfort features are limited.

**Physical effort level:** Light. See guest profile.

**Prerequisites:** None.

**Description of the place:** Combú Island, one of the 42 islands that make up Belém’s insular region, is a fascinating retreat just a few minutes away by boat along the Guamá River. Known for its riverside restaurants, local cuisine and strong riverside identity, the island is also a territory shaped by the production of açaí and cacao, two emblematic elements of Amazonian culture. Its lush natural scenery invites contemplation and connection with the forest, revealing an Amazon that feels alive, close at hand and deeply authentic.

Visiting the Combu region goes far beyond a simple outing: it is an opportunity to understand how nature, culture, gastronomy and traditional ways of life come together in harmony. It is ideal for travelers seeking to experience the Amazon in a way that is intimate, genuine and memorable.

**Medical restrictions:** None. See guest profile.

**Safety management system:** Yes.

**Emergency assistance:** No.

**Accessibility and comfort features for guests with mobility or special assistance needs:** Limited.

**Minimum age:** 8 years.

**Maximum age:** Open. See guest profile.

**Visitation rules apply:** Yes.

**Responsible conduct practices in natural environments:** Yes.

**Risk acknowledgment form and medical questionnaire required:** No.

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