

Combú Riverside Experience, 8 hours

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Set out on a full-day journey through the region of Combú Island, where the Amazon reveals itself through riverside landscapes, local flavors and ways of life shaped by the forest and the water. Over approximately 8 hours, this experience invites guests into a living territory where cacao, açai, creeks, river channels and warm local hospitality come together in a way that feels both authentic and deeply rooted in place.

Throughout the day, guests encounter different expressions of the Amazonian bioeconomy, gain insight into local production and sustainability practices, navigate through quiet inland waterways, and find—in a river swim and in the flavors of regional cuisine—a rewarding way to experience Combú beyond the obvious.

Program Highlights

- Interpretive navigation through the creeks and riverside landscapes of Combú Island.
- Visit to Dona Nena's Chocolate House, with an immersion into cacao culture and the story behind Filha do Combú.
- A culinary and cultural experience at a partner venue on the island, with a focus on the Amazonian bioeconomy.
- Navigation through Furo da Paciência toward Periquitaquara, revealing a quieter and more intimate side of the island.
- River swim and a relaxed moment at Canto dos Pássaros.
- Amazonian flavors throughout the day, in an experience that connects territory, culture and hospitality.

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 Combú, guests gradually enter the rhythm of the forest and riverside life, observing piers, local boats, houses on the water, floodplain areas and the landscape where traditional production remains closely tied to the Amazonian environment.

This first stretch serves as a sensory introduction to the territory. It is a moment for contemplation, for reading the landscape and for connecting with a living, accessible and deeply human estuarine Amazon — preparing guests for the cultural and culinary experiences that unfold throughout the day.

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

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

The visit begins in the organic cacao growing area, where guests are introduced to cultivation practices and to the processes that produce fine cacao beans, revealing the connection between territory, biodiversity and product quality. From there, the experience

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

The visit concludes with a tasting experience that expresses the richness of the Amazon in aroma and flavor. At the end, guests may enjoy this encounter between memory, artisanal production and local hospitality before continuing to the next stage of the day.

Lunch

Next, we continue to a partner venue on the island, where the experience expands into a deeper understanding of the Amazonian bioeconomy, sustainable practices and riverside hospitality. Here, guests come into contact with initiatives that value local ingredients, environmental responsibility and forms of production closely connected to the territory.

This is the moment for lunch (not included) and also one of the central moments of the day. As is customary in RNX experiences, the host-guide sets a comfortable pace, allowing each guest to enjoy the experience according to their own interests — whether by observing the details of the setting, lingering over lunch, or simply enjoying the riverside setting at a slower rhythm.

After lunch – Navigation through Furo da Paciência

After lunch, the journey continues toward one of the most beautiful stretches of the day. Navigation through Furo da Paciência is not simply a connection between stops, but an essential part of the experience. As we move through this passage, the atmosphere shifts: the landscape becomes quieter, more contemplative and more intimate, revealing another side of Combú.

This route allows guests to observe the waters, vegetation and daily life along the banks with a different tempo and a more attentive gaze. It forms a natural transition between the more interpretive morning and the final stage of the day, marked by rest, a river swim and enjoyment of the landscape.

Canto dos Pássaros – river swim and riverside snack

Arrival at Canto dos Pássaros, in the Periquitaquara region, marks the most relaxed and sensory moment of the experience. In a setting of tranquility and natural beauty, guests find an inviting place for a river swim, quiet contemplation and simple enjoyment of the island's serene atmosphere.

Here, the experience is completed with a riverside snack, offering local flavors in a warm and authentic setting. After a day that weaves together cacao, cuisine, sustainability, inland navigation and Amazonian scenery, this final stage provides a natural and pleasurable close to the journey.

4:30 PM – Return to the Port of Belém and transfer to the hotels

At the end of the afternoon, we return to the Port of Belém and then to the hotels. Guests take with them not only the memory of a day rich in flavors and striking landscapes, but also a deeper understanding of the relationship between forest, culture, local production and riverside hospitality in the Amazon.

Notes on the itinerary

1. 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.

2. Due to operational conditions, availability of local partners, or adjustments required for the best delivery of the experience, the order of activities, stopping points and lunch venue may be adjusted by the host-guide without affecting the overall purpose of the tour.

Included: Host-guide; private round-trip land transfers from the hotels to the port and private round-trip river transfers from the Port of Belém to Combú Island; experience at the Chocolate House; culinary and cultural experience at a partner venue on the island; visit to Canto dos Pássaros; tastings and a riverside snack according to the tour program.

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, sandals, swimwear and a change of clothes, 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. 8 hours (from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM).

Group size: 2 to 12 guests.

Activities: Culinary experiences, short walks, river swimming and motorboat navigation.

Guest profile: A light adventure, recommended for travelers interested in culture, gastronomy and nature, 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. Guests should be in good general health. See guest profile.

Prerequisites: None.

Description of the place: Combú Island is one of the 42 islands that make up Belém's insular region and, just a few minutes by boat from the city, reveals itself as a territory where nature, culture and gastronomy coexist in harmony. Known for its riverside restaurants, strong local identity, and the production of açaí and cacao, the island offers guests a living, accessible and deeply authentic Amazon.

More than a leisure destination, Combú is a meeting point between forest landscapes, traditional ways of life and new expressions of the Amazonian bioeconomy. Navigating its creeks, tasting its flavors and meeting its hosts offers a closer understanding of a way of living and producing that remains deeply connected to the rivers, the forest and local knowledge.

Visiting the Combú region goes far beyond a simple outing: it is an opportunity to understand how nature, hospitality, cuisine and culture come together in a way that feels 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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