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**A unique celebration of music, culture, and  
ancestral wisdom.**

## **WHAT IS KAIRAU SAITE?**

Kairau Saite is a festival of music and spirituality in the heart of the forest, where the Yawanawa community celebrates the ancestral power of music as a source of healing, connection, and renewal.

For one week, musicians, visitors, and spiritual leaders share knowledge, sacred ceremonies, and celebrations, honoring Tata's legacy and Kuru's completion of the Muka diet. Come experience this unique journey of unity, transformation, and reverence for nature and spirit.



# WHY ATTEND?

**Exclusive Experience:** Be part of a rare cultural exchange with the Yawanawa people, opportunities to sing, share, and connect.

**Sacred Ceremonies:** Participate in daily rituals, including Uni (Ayahuasca) and rumê (Rapé).

**Spiritual Healing:** Individual healing sessions (Vekux) and plant medicine rituals (bath, sauna and smudging)

**Cultural Immersion:** Share stories, songs, and wisdom with Yawanawa musicians and leaders.

**A Unique Celebration:** Witness the conclusion of Kuru's Muka diet, a profound shamanic initiation.



**Special Tributes:** Honoring the legacy of Tata Txanu Nataishaini, a legendary Yawanawa elder.



## FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

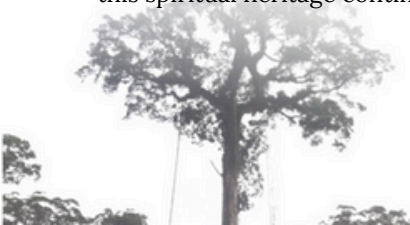
Celebrating Kuru's year-long Muka diet completion.



Kuru Yawanawa is the eldest son of Chief Matsini and a dedicated student of the spiritual and cultural traditions of his people. From a young age, he demonstrated a deep commitment to the ancestral wisdom of the Yawanawa, standing out as a talented singer and creator of melodies that resonate with the soul and strength of his culture. His powerful voice echoes not only in rituals but also inspires his community, particularly the younger generation, to value and preserve the spiritual heritage of their ancestors. Growing up under his father's guidance, Kuru was introduced early to the path of healing and the medicinal knowledge of the forest.

Throughout his journey, Kuru has undertaken various spiritual diets, transformative processes that demand discipline, sacrifice, and a profound connection with the spiritual realm. Currently, Kuru is completing the Muka diet, one of the most profound and challenging practices in the Yawanawa tradition, lasting an entire year. This diet symbolizes a rite of passage that strengthens spiritual and cultural knowledge, enhancing his abilities as a healer and leader. During this period, Kuru dedicates himself intensely to spiritual practices, sacrificing daily comforts to cultivate strength, clarity, and connection with the energies of the forest and the Creator.

Alongside his father, Chief Matsini, Kuru continues to build a legacy of leadership that blends tradition with renewal. Kuru Yawanawa is not just a student of his tradition; he is an inspired artist, a guardian bringing the strength of his ancestors into the present and ensuring this spiritual heritage continues to thrive for generations to come.



# OUR HOST

## MATSINI YAWANAWA

Matsini Yawanawá will be our main host and guide. He grew up working with medicines and learning about the spiritual path from a very early age. His father taught him a lot, and he was with his sister Hushahu, a very dedicated student of the great shaman Tata. When he grew up, he became the spiritual leader of the Village Mutum. And is currently the chief of Mutum. He is guiding many young Yawanawá people, as well as non-native people, into the culture, diets, and spiritual studies of the Yawanawá with a lot of care and dedication. He followed his vision and founded Samakey in Mutum where people can study, diet, and retreat themselves and where many sacred medicines are growing.



He has studied deeply and has a lot of knowledge. He knows to tell many stories, which is a way in the Yawanawá tradition to pass on teachings and spiritual keys. He is firmly grounded in the Yawanawá culture and embraces new working methods.

Matsini is the chief and spiritual leader of the village of Mutum, and comes from an unbroken lineage of Pajé ( master shamans). Matsini studied under the great Pajé Tata who was a key leader that helped revive the traditions of their ancestors after the missionaries and rubber tappers were forced to leave their land. As a Pajé of many years , Matsini has been spreading the teachings of his lineage within his own tribe as well as the outside world. He works year round bringing the non indigenous to his village to study with him and his amazing family. His sisters are the first women of their tribe to become female Pajé's, and he also has several sons and daughters who are in deep study with him in their traditions. All are accomplished musicians with strong voices.



# ABOUT THE YAWANAWAS



The Yawanawa people, numbering approximately 1,500 individuals, are organized into 11 villages residing in the Brazilian state of Acre, along the banks of the Gregório River—a land they have called home for countless generations. Their deep connection to this region reflects a harmonious relationship with the forest that sustains their culture, spirituality, and way of life.



# ABOUT THE YAWANAWAS



The Yawanawa first encountered the non-indigenous world in the 19th century, a period marked by intense conflict. The arrival of rubber barons and missionaries brought violence and attempts to suppress their language, culture, and spiritual practices. These intrusions threatened the very fabric of Yawanawa identity. The Yawanawa have been engaged in a profound cultural renaissance. They have revitalized their sacred medicines, rituals, songs, dances, festivals, traditional games, body painting, artwork, and cuisine.

This revival is not merely a return to tradition but a powerful affirmation of their identity and resilience, ensuring their heritage thrives for future generations. The Yawanawa continue to share their wisdom and culture with the world, standing as a testament to the strength and vitality of their people.



Currently, in Mutum Village, which is the focus of this celebration, 27 families reside, totaling around 127 people.



WITH THE  
EXPERTISE

## Teresa Lundgren

Teresa is a mother to two children; she lived in Sweden for 18 years before returning to her native Brazil to answer to her spiritual search.

In 2016, she received an invitation from Tashka Yawanawa, to visit Mutum for the Festival Mariri. She came in contact with the medicine the first time there, and entered into this spiritual path. After this first contact, her relationship with the tribe has deepened; she has visited other territories of the Yawanawa and also receives members of the tribe in the city of Rio Branco where she lives and runs her bed and breakfast. Her space is a sanctuary for those entering and leaving the jungle, she is a bridge between the visitors and the indigenous, often coordinating the connection for both.

She has received the profound study of the Mamã diet with Matsini, and is committed to supporting the continuation of this work for more people to find the spiritual and physical cure that they are searching for.





# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Uni (Ayahuasca) ceremonies
- Rume circle (Raphé / Tobacco Snuff)
- Traditional Body Painting Storytelling  
- Yawanawa Cosmology Plant  
Medicine
- Bath, Sauna
- Clay bath
- Hike to the Samauma sacred tree Arts  
& Crafts Market

Much more

\* program subject to changes



PRACTICAL  
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**TRAVEL ITINERARY**

**DEPARTURE:**

February 19th: Arrival and overnight - stay in Cruzeiro do Sul - Swamy Hotel  
February 20th: Departure at 6 am with a minibus or taxi to the Rio Gregório port. Boat trip to Mutum Village, approximately 7/8 hours.

**RETURN:**

February 27th: Departure from the village towards Cruzeiro do Sul. Arrival in Cruzeiro do Sul around 7 pm, sleep over hotel Swamy  
February 28th onwards: Round-trip flight from Cruzeiro do Sul.



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### **TRAVEL ITINERARY**

#### **Swamy Hotel**

Swamy Hotel 3 stars offers 51 guest rooms. Swamy Hotel is situated in Cruzeiro do Sul. It offers a shared lounge, room service and free WiFi throughout the property. .

#### **Airport**

Cruzeiro do Sul International Airport - Marmud Cameli is an international airport located in the municipality of Cruzeiro do Sul, in Acre, being the westernmost airport in Brazil. Cruzeiro do Sul airport is located at a distance of 592 km, as the crow flies, from the capital's airport.



# REGISTRATION

Total amount: US\$ 2.600,00 paid in full.

## **What's included:**

Airport transfer to hotel - round way 2 nights in a hotel in Cruzeiro do Sul (one on the way there and one on the way back) Ground transportation from Cruzeiro do Sul to Rio Gregório - Round way Boat to Mutum Village - Round way Mutum Village experience, including all activities, ceremonies, and meals

Limited Spots Available: Secure your place now and join this life-changing experience.



\***Airfare is not included.** It is the responsibility of each participant to arrive in Cruzeiro do Sul on the specified date.



# WHAT TO CONSIDER

We will be in the Amazon, and this also means mosquitos! During the night there are usually not many, but during the day there are a lot of little flies that like to bite us. Especially fresh blood. See it like an initiation. As well they teach us to be in a good movement and they help us to become more present.

We are a one-day boat ride away from the first little town, so please let us know if you have any disease or condition that might need extra attention.

We will be merging with the Amazonian lifestyle, and this means that the program we will plan is always open for change.

Please be mindful with how much luggage and weight you take along with you. Try to travel as light as possible with of course having all the necessities with you.



# YOUR GUIDES



## **Teresa Lundgren**

Teresa Lundgren has spent 10 years immersed in forest medicines, promoting Indigenous cultural exchange and bridging worlds as a facilitator. As an energy healer, she guides transformative journeys, helping others connect deeply with ancestral wisdom and inner healing.



## **Bastiaan Kamāvena**

is a dedicated student of Matsini, known for his musicality, ceremonial work and love for the Yawanawá tradition and culture. He is a bridge that translates the Yawanawá tradition and music to the western world. As a music teacher, he is also involved in supporting the musical development of the new generation.

It is our great joy and honor to be building this alliance and bridge with indigenous people, for the support and benefit of the Yawanawá tradition and Mutum village, as well as for the global family that is called to these lands and tradition.





# WHAT TO BRING

Hammocks with mosquito net or tent

- Mosquito net
- Water bottle with filter
- Flashlight
- Candle
- Lighter
- Organic repellent,
- Personal hygiene products,
- Pillow, warm clothing and blanket for the cold nights of ceremony
  
- Safe and comfortable shoes for the forest.
- Dark clothes, earth and forest colors.
- Chargers for electronic devices.
- Musical instruments.
- alcohol 70%.

**Note:** try to get everything in advance, before arriving at Tarauacá, due to the short time available, and the possibility of lack of stock in the trade. There are no shops in the village, everything comes from nature Ps: payment by dollar are not acceptable only Brazilian Real bring some Brazilian real in case you would like to buy crafts from the indigenas.



# IMPORTANT

To register, each participant must undergo an anamnesis conversation and fill in the registration form. The group will be limited and we recommend It is recommended to have a vaccine card or take a test covid 19 in the week prior to the diet for the safety of all participants.

The Ministry of Health recommends vaccination against yellow fever and COVID19 for all travelers entering endemic areas in Brazil, which is the case for the entire Amazon.

