THE SHANENAWA PEOPLE
THE PEOPLE OF THE BLUE BIRD

The Shanenawa are located in the Katukina-Kaxinawá Indigenous Land, in the municipality of Feijó, Acre.



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LOCATION AND POPULATION

The Shanenawa live in the Katukina-Kaxinawá Indigenous Land, in Feijó, Acre. This area is home to approximately 800 people, divided into 14 villages. Until 1990, the Shanenawa were known as the Katukina. However, after a recognition process, it became clear they are, in fact, the Shanenawa, with their own cultural identity and history.

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ORIGIN LEGEND

According to tradition, the origin of the Shanenawa people is linked to a mysterious basket. It is said that an elderly couple lived in a house where a basket hung from the roof beam.
One day, the basket started spinning, and upon investigation, they found a pair of children inside, who were white (non-Indigenous).
Later, the basket began swinging again, this time containing feathers from various birds and even bat wings. Each feather gave rise to a new people, including the Shanenawa.
Thus, tradition states that different Indigenous peoples and the "white man" emerged from this basket.

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MIGRATION AND CONFLICTS

The Shanenawa originally lived along the Juruá River. Due to conflicts with other groups, they migrated. Some moved upriver into Peruvian territory, while others crossed the Juruá and settled along the Tarauacá and Muru rivers, before encountering settlers.

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FIRST CONTACTS WITH THE WHITE MEN

The Shanenawa's first contact with settlers was recounted by the grandfather of a current leader. He described meeting a white man and, after exchanging hats as a symbolic gesture, began a trading relationship. The settlers brought tobacco in exchange for meat and other food items. Over time, rubber tappers introduced new items like machetes and mirrors, expanding the interaction between the groups.

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LIFE ON RUBBER PLANTATIONS

During the latex extraction boom, the Shanenawa lived on rubber plantations such as Simpatia and São Francisco along the Envira River.

Despite attempts by "Paulistas" to enslave the Indigenous people for rubber collection, the Shanenawa resisted, moving to new areas as needed. Eventually, they settled near Feijó, where they were granted land by Governor Joaquim Falcão Macedo before the establishment of FUNAI.

CULTURE AND IDENTITY

The Shanenawa culture is deeply rooted in their ancestral traditions and stories.
Despite historical challenges, they have preserved their identity and customs, passing them down through generations.
Their spiritual ceremonies, cultural practices, and way of life reflect resilience and accumulated wisdom over the years.

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INVITATION TO EXPERIENCE

For those fortunate enough to visit the Shanenawa people, the experience offers an opportunity to deeply learn about their stories, culture, and relationship with nature. Participating in this immersion is more than a visit; it is an invitation to connect with a rich history, profound spirituality, and traditions that continue to shape the spirit of the Shanenawa.

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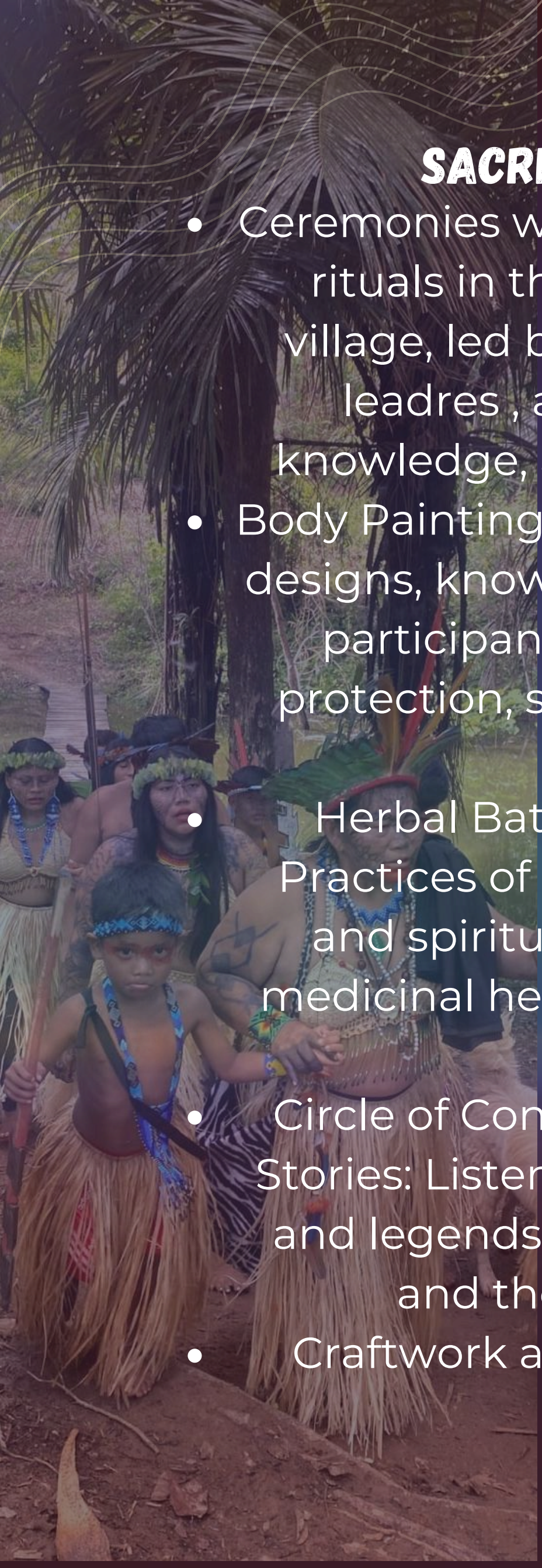
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Teresa is a mother of two. She lived in Sweden for 18 years before returning to her homeland, Brazil, following a calling that transformed her life's purpose through sacred medicines and the wisdom of ancestral peoples.

In 2016, she was invited by Tashka Yawanawá to visit Mutum for the Mariri Festival. There, she encountered medicine for the first time, beginning her spiritual journey. Following this first experience, her relationship with the tribe deepened; she visited many other Indigenous territories and became well-known and respected for her work and dedication to the wisdom of the forest peoples.



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SACRED MEDICINES:

- Ceremonies with Uni (Ayahuasca): Night rituals in the sacred temple of the village, led by shamans and spiritual leadres , aimed at healing, self-knowledge, and spiritual connection.
- Body Painting with Jenipapo: Traditional designs, known as Kenes, are applied to participants' bodies, symbolizing protection, strength, and connection with nature.
- Herbal Baths and Kãpu Medicine: Practices of purification and physical and spiritual strengthening using medicinal herbs and the Kãpu vaccine (Kambo).
- Circle of Conversations and Ancestral Stories: Listening to shanenawa stories and legends, learning about ancestry and the wisdom of elders.
- Craftwork and Traditional Cooking:

CONTRIBUTION PER PERSON:
3 nights in the tribe
Experience Program Includes:

650,00USD (subject to additional fees via card payment, PayPal, or TransferWise).

1 ayahuasca ceremony,3 meals a day , body painting,herbal bath sananga,hape, storytelling,music, 1 aplication Kambo
round trip boat
Airport/Hotel Transfer – Hotel/Airport, ·
2 nights Hotel in Rio Branco, ·
shared car transportation for 4 people from Rio Branco to Feijo (round trip),

Not Included: Flights to Acre Additional items not covered by the retreat package

Yellow fever vaccination is mandatory to visit indigenous lands.

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Private Facilitation Service

FOR SOLO TRAVELERS

For visitors who do not speak Portuguese and wish to have full support during their stay in the indigenous village, I offer a personalized facilitation service. Unlike a simple tour guide, I am an experienced facilitator with over 10 years of deep immersion in indigenous traditions and sacred medicines. My role goes beyond translation

I provide cultural guidance, share insights on sacred rituals, and ensure that your experience is meaningful and enriching.

Many travelers choose to visit the village on their own, as there are ways to communicate with the indigenous people. However, for those who prefer personalized assistance, my service includes:

- ✔ Complete guidance throughout the experience – From arrival in the village to participation in ceremonies and daily activities
- ✔ Cultural and spiritual insights – Understanding the significance of rituals, sacred medicines, and indigenous traditions
- ✔ Translation and support – Ensuring smooth communication between you and the community
- ✔ Logistical assistance – Helping with transportation, accommodations, and meals

This service is not included in the standard 3-day visit fee, as it is a specialized facilitation for solo travelers. The cost for 3 nights is $360 USD, which must be paid at the time of booking your retreat.

If you are interested in this personalized facilitation service, please confirm your acceptance and proceed with payment upon booking.

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