



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

What is the Mariri?

The MARIRI YAWANAWA is a grand celebration that brings together representatives from every Yawanawa village at Aldeia Mutum. During this week-long gathering, participants experience sacred singing, dancing, ceremonies, games, traditional storytelling, healing rituals, artistic expression, and profound cultural and spiritual manifestations of the Yawanawa people.

#### 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).

**Cultural Immersion:** Share stories, songs, and wisdom with Yawanawa txanas, shamans and spiritual leaders.



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



#### **OUR HOST**

#### TASHKA PESHASHO YAWANAWÁ

Tashka Peshasho Yawanawá is a visionary leader, filmmaker, and photographer dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Yawanawá culture. As a representative of the Yawanawá Sociocultural Association (ASCY), he promotes sustainable ethnotourism, develops educational programs for the youth of his people, and actively works in the territorial protection and economic autonomy of Yawanawá communities.

From an early age, Tashka witnessed the oppression of his people due to the rubber economy and the arrival of Christian missionaries, who prohibited the Yawanawá from speaking their native language and practicing their spiritual rituals. His father, Tuikuru - Raimundo Luis Yawanawá, was a great warrior who fought against this system. Today, Tashka follows in his father's footsteps, becoming one of the key voices in the cultural revitalization of the Yawanawá people.



With an international academic background, Tashka studied graphic computing and filmmaking in the United States, earning a scholarship in California and San Francisco. Fluent in English, he represents his people in global conferences such as COP27 and Climate Week in New York, amplifying the voices of the Yawanawá on an international stage.

Alongside his partner Laura Soriano, a woman of Mixteco and Zapoteco (Mexico) descent, who holds a degree in Anthropology and International Relations, Tashka strengthens the movement for the preservation and visibility of Yawanawá ancestral knowledge, inspiring new indigenous leaders and collaborating with companies that support the rights of forest peoples.



## 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.







# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Uni (Ayahuasca) ceremonies
- Rume circle (Raphé / Tobacco Snuff)
- Traditional Body Painting
- Storytelling Yawanawa Cosmolog Plant Medicine
- Hike to the Samauma sacred tree & Crafts Market

Much more

\* program subject to changes









## **Important**

#### Travel Dates for Mariri Yawanawa 2025

To ensure a smooth journey to the Mariri Festival, participants must arrive in Rio Branco (RBR) at least 1 or 2 days before departure to allow time for rest and preparation.

#### Arrival in Rio Branco (RBR)

- ✓ Recommended arrival date: July 8 or 9, 2025
- ✓ Official departure from Rio Branco to Tarauacá: July 10, 2025
- ✓ Participants must be in Rio Branco no later than July 9, 2025.

#### **Travel Schedule**

**July 10, 2025** – Departure from Rio Branco to Tarauacá (by private vehicle)

July 11, 2025 – Boat journey to the Mariri Festival July 12-16, 2025 – Mariri Yawanawa Festival (5 days of immersive experience)

**July 17, 2025** – Boat return to Tarauacá, then travel back to Rio Branco

Arrival in Rio Branco: After 8:00 PM on July 17, 2025

## Accommodation Recommendations

Since the return to Rio Branco will be late at night (after 8:00 PM on July 17), we highly recommend booking an additional hotel night in Rio Branco before your departure flight.

Plan to leave Rio Branco on July 18, 2025, or later.

### **Key Reminder:**

Participants must be in Rio Branco by July 9 and should book flights out of Rio Branco no earlier than July 18.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION How to Get There



TRAVEL ITINERARY

#### **Hotel Loureiro**

In Rio Branco, Hotel Loureiro offers accommodation with a restaurant and free WiFi throughout the property, as well as free private parking for those arriving by car. The accommodation provides room service, a 24-hour front desk and luggage storage for guests.

#### **Airport**

Rio Branco International Airport – **Plácido de Castro** is an international airport in the municipality of Rio Branco and the main airport in the state of Acre. It is located in the rural area of the municipality of Rio Branco, on the banks of the BR-364 highway, and at a distance of 25 km from the city center



#### REGISTRATION

Total amount: US\$ 1.875,00 .

Brazilian Reais 10.950

#### What's included:

Airport transfer pick up hotel - round way, 2 nights in a hotel in Rio Branco (Arriving and one on the way back) 1 night hotel in Tarauaca, Ground transportation from

Rio Branco to Rio Gregório - Round way Boat to Mutum Village -Round way Mutum Village experience, including all activities, ceremonies, and meals

#### Limited spots available!

Due to the exclusivity of this event and the deep cultural and spiritual immersion it offers, we carefully select participants to ensure alignment with the experience.



\*Airfare is not included. It is the responsibility of each participant to arrive in Rio Branco city on the specified date.



### HOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT FOR MARIRI YAWANAWA 2025

- ✓ Step 1: Pre-Selection Call (Mandatory)
- Before registering, you must schedule a discovery call to receive essential details and assess if this experience aligns with your intentions and expectations. This call ensures that every participant is fully prepared for the journey.
- ✓ Step 2: Registration & Payment
  After the call, you will receive the official registration form. Your
  participation is only confirmed after the form is completed and
  payment is made. As spots are limited, we encourage early
  confirmation
- ✓ Step 3: Preparation for Your Journey
  Once your registration is approved, you will receive detailed
  guidance on travel arrangements, what to bring, health
  requirements (including the mandatory Yellow Fever vaccination),
  and how to prepare for this transformative experience.

**Act now!** If you feel the call to join Mariri Yawanawa 2025, don't wait—secure your spot today. Click below to schedule your call and begin your journey.

★ [Schedule My Call Now]

(https://calendly.com/vivacreretreat/yawanawa-retreat)

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.





## W H A T T O B R I N G

#### 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: paymente by dollar are not acceptable only Brazilian Real bring some Brazilian real in case you would like to buy crafts from the indigenas.



### **YOUR GUIDE**



#### 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.

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 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.



for Mariri Yawanawa 2025

To secure your spot for the Mariri Yawanawa Festival, please follow the payment instructions below.

#### International Bank Transfer

(Wise, PayPal, or Western Union) Recommended for international participants Transaction fees may apply Secure online payment option

#### **Payment Deadlines**

- ✓ Deposit to Secure Your Spot: 50% of the total amount (non-refundable)
  - ✓ Final Payment Due: At least 30 days before the festival (June 10, 2025)

#### **How to Confirm Your Payment?**

After making the payment, please send proof of transaction via WhatsApp or email, including:

- ✓ Your full name
- ✓ Payment receipt/screenshot
- ✓ The package option selected
- For payment details and instructions, contact us via WhatsApp +55(68)9999304040 or email. lundgrenteresa@gmail.com