AMAZON CAMP ROTARY

July 23rd to August 01st 2022

Rotary Brazil

rotary youth exchange

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ABOUT THE SHORT TERM / CAMP and FAMILY TO FAMILY PROGRAM

This is a unique program. The RYE Districts in Brazil came together in order to organize and offer this wonderful experience for the students applying to participate to the Exchange Program.

This Program mixes the Short Term (Family to Family) Program and the Camp. Yes!! It's two programs in one.

Our goal is to promote the Exchange Program in Brazil and offer the opportunity to visit Amazon Forest for a reasonable price, with a focus on sustainability, and under the supervision of the RYEP in Brazil.

HOW IT WILL HAPPEN:

1. It's a 1:1 student exchange program. The district partner and the students' families assume to send a student and also receive the counterpart.

2. The age for the students: 15 - 19 years old.

3. Everything must be arranged by the district chairs (host and sponsor chairs).

4. The Family to Family Program may be arranged before or after the Amazon Camp Experience. The plans will be agreed by both families.

5. The whole Program shall last from 2 weeks to 3 months - no longer, because the student will get the Touristic VISA (if necessary).

6. For the Brazilian Students, they will participate of the Family to Family Program Abroad. Camp Abroad is not mandatory for the Brazilian Students. If your district has this opportunity, it will be considered a bonus.

7. For the inbounds in Brazil, the students must attend the Camp and we will prioritize those students interested to have the Family to Family experience. If places will remain, we will have a waiting list for those interested only in the Amazon Camp.

8. During the Family to Family Program, the inbound student will be hosted by the counterpart selected student's family. Different activities may be offer in the districts. The students and the families have to contact the District Chair in order to be informed about the activities and schedule.

9. The Amazon Camp will be hold from July 23th to August 01 rd. The Brazilian Amazon Camp Program involves the districts 4420, 4500, 4571, 4621, 4710, 4730, 4751 , 4700, 4740, 4720, 4770 and 4760. The student may be placed in any of these districts and the organizers will place the students by caster. As said before, the Family to Family Program may be arranged after or before the Amazon Camp.

10. The Amazon Camp has the support and experience of a certificated agency (Belo Brasil Turismo). The Camp will happen in the wonderful Amazon Region.

11. The cost for the Camp participation is U$ 1.750,00, air tickets to Brazil and from the host District to Amazon are not included.

12. After both district agreed to match the students (preference to same age and same gender), the students and their families will connect each other and make the travel plans. The inbound to Brazil will have to contact Belo Brasil, the Certificated Agency, in order to process the student's registration to the Camp.

13. The Certificated Agency Belo Brasil (intercambio@belobrasil.com.br) will make all the arrangements for the Amazon Camp (flight Tickets, Boat, hosting, tours, meals, etc).

14. The Inbounds will come to Brazil in July-August and the Brazilian students will travel abroad in December - February. July is our holidays and the whole month is perfect to visit Brazil. It's our winter, but the weather use to be around 20C degrees. During this month, Brazilian families and students use to have free time to spend with the inbound students, like small trips and cultural events.

15. Brazilian students may travel abroad in December/22 and January/23 (the biggest vacation time in Brazil). School is not mandatory but if the opportunity comes, it will be appreciate. Brazilian Students are not used to a hard winter and this experience will be very important to them. The Brazilian students are not expecting to have a Camp abroad but if your district has this opportunity it will be considered a bonus.

16. This alternate exchange will provide to both students (inbound and outbound) to be connected each other, once hosting and then traveling. The students' families also have opportunity to get closer - it's normal a friendship starts because of the exchange program of their children.

17. Different arrangements may be organized by the students' families but both Districts (Sponsor and Host) must be agreed and aware about the plans for both students.

18. All students will receive the Guarantee Form or an Invitation Letter from the host district in order to allow the student gets the VISA (if necessary). The student shall not purchase flights before that. The districts in Brazil will inform the Arrival Airport.

IMPORTANT:

- ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE DONE ONLY BY THE CHAIRS (host and sponsor districts).
- Every single student will need a Rotary International Certificated Insurance. The student must send the Insurance Policy 10 days prior departure to Brazil.
- As soon as the Travel Plans are agreed with the host and sponsor Families, both chairs must be informed by e-mail.

We invite you to see more about the Amazon Camp in the file attached.

Please, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any doubts or concerns.

Warm regards

Brazilian Districts

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Amazon Camp Coordinator

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2022

9 days in an ecological, cultural and humanitarian immersion

In 2022, Rotary includes another important purpose in its guidelines to direct its actions around the world: supporting the environmental experiences. Focusing on environmental matters will give the Rotary family more opportunities to promote positive changes around them, thus increasing the impact of the organization worldwide. Aiming to collaborate with that mission, we have created the Rotary Amazon Camp, a wonderful and immersive program for international students focusing on the build up of capacities to understand, reflect, increase awareness and action in the sustainable development field of the Earth's biggest tropical forest.

The activities of this program were thought aiming to expand and deepen knowledge about natural cycles, social structures, inspiring initiatives and the region's way of life. By showing how the Amazon plays a fundamental role in the challenge of maintaining our ever changing world a sustainable place, we encourage the exchange students to take their insights and learnings acquired in this journey to their professional lives, fields of study and communities. The idea is that participants can learn not only from community leaders and practitioners of forest sustainability, but also with and from each other.

Through a process of collective learning, we will build an experience, together, based on shared purpose, social work, and the values of the forest and its people.

Protecting the Amazon Forest means to protect mankind. We hope that the charms, the diversity and the richness of this experience will serve as an inspiration and an incentive for you to embrace your role as a defender of this forest, helping to keep it alive for all future generations to come.

Our goal is to unite a group of international students from all around the world. Multiple world views to face the complexity of our growing opportunities and global challenges. In order to coordinate the program, we have put together a team formed by local and professional leaders, who live and work in the region, as well as Belo Brasil's own team members.

This is a call to international students to allow themselves to be deeply touched by the Amazon Forest. An invitation for you to visit, get to know and fall in love with this magical place.

Icon identification

- Arrival
- Departure
- Tour
- Bike Tour
- Departure at dawn
- Sightseeing
- Dinner show
- Cave
- Museum
- Washing machine
- Relax
- Bus Tour
- Boat Tour
- Walk/Hike

HIGHLIGHTS

Travel like a native, sleeping on board in authentic organic cotton hammocks, tasting the local cuisine and getting to know the forest, its people and its challenges. You will have the chance to feel and live the essence of the Amazon and be touched by its diversity, richness, social structures, inspiring initiatives and way of life.

The rainforest is a place that is mysterious and complex, fascinating and compelling and incredibly giving and benevolent. In a world of constant environmental changes, it is important to take actions that address these several global challenges. Bringing together unique visions and values of people from different countries, areas of work or study and experiences, we create a multicultural environment of constant learning, where we share a single purpose: to defend the Amazon Rainforest and generate a positive impact on their traditional communities.

During the Rotary Amazon Camp, you will be able to:

· Spend 9 days in the Amazon on different experiences: the cultural part in the city of Manaus, capital of the Amazonas state, the Amazon jungle and its beauty in the area where there are more than 300 hundred waterfalls inside the jungle, and then navigating on the Amazon rivers (Amazonas and Negro rivers) on an Environmental Conservation Unit, inside an authentic Amazonian boat, supporting environmental sustainability and cultural preservation and taking care of local people living in traditional villages;

· Learn about the development of ecological projects when visiting research institutes on flora, fauna, water, climate, land use, history, and geography;

· Spread your wisdom through an humanitarian mission in typical Amazonian communities;

· Participating on a Tree Planting Project contributing to the preservation of the Amazon rainforest and sustainable development;

· Experience direct exchange with local traditional communities and share stories, learnings, frameworks, practices, and concepts, prototype solutions. Put learning into practice and test ideas together.

EXPEDITION MAP

- STARTS
- ENDS
- 1 STOPS
- BUS ROUTE
- BOAT ROUTE
- ARRIVAL
- DEPARTURE
- BOAT NAVIGATION
- CONSERVATION UNITS

1. Manaus
2. Figueiredo Village/ Night Trekking / Waterfalls
3. Meeting of waters of Negro and Solimões rivers / Amazon River
4. Lily Pads / Floating Village
5. First Night Sleep
6. Indian Tribe
7. Ariaú River / Canoe Ride
8. Manioc flour / Tapioca and Açaí House
9. The Pink Dolphin project
10. Amazon Traditional Community / Turtles of the Amazon project
11. Praia Grande river beach
12. Camping Area and Tree Planting Project

HOTELS

MANAUS: Hotel Tropical Executive
Avenida Coronel Teixeira, 1320, Ponta Negra, Manaus/AM - Fone: (92) 3306-4500
Website: www.tropicalexecutive.com.br

PRESIDENTE FIGUEIREDO: Hotel Cachoeira do Santuário
Estrada de Balbina - Rodovia AM 240 – Km 12/MD - Zona Rural - Fone: (92) 3238-6752
Website: www.cachoeirasantuario.com.br/

BUS

Our private buses and vans are new, modern, comfortable and are equipped with air conditioning, fridge and chemical bathroom.

BOATS

BELO SHABONO

A 26-meter, regional boat with 2 floors, 3 bathrooms, kitchen, open and closed decks, where the sleeping hammocks are set. Fully equipped crew, VHF radio connected to the port authorities, life saver jackets, 250HP engine, average speed: 10,79 knots (20km/h). The boat is equipped with a washing machine and a dryer.

REGIONAL BOAT

24-meter regional boats with two floors, three bathrooms (cold shower), kitchen, open and closed decks, where the hammocks are set for sleeping. Fully equipped crew, VHF communication radios with the port authorities, life-saver jackets, 315HP stern motor.

RESTAURANT BOAT

A boat with the same characteristics is used as a restaurant, with a team of cooks by Belo Brasil Tours.

MOTORIZED CANOES

10-meter motorized canoes with a 40HP stern engine, VHF radio connected with the port authorities, extra-support canoe and life-saver jackets.

PRICE

US$1.750,00

Air tickets are not included in the price of the trip and depend upon your city of departure.

Ask for more information by e-mail:
intercambio@belobrasil.com.br

PAYMENT METHODS

International transfer, or bank deposit/bank invoice (in Brazil).
All payments should be completed up to 30 days before the trip starts.

INCLUDED

· 01 night at a hotel in Manaus - 3 or 4 students per room, including breakfast buffet style;

· 01 night at the lodge in Presidente Figueiredo - 3 or 4 students per room, including breakfast buffet style;

· 6 nights on an Amazon regional boat, sleeping on hammocks, including breakfast buffet style;

· 01 night in the forest sleeping in hammocks;

· Free mineral water during the boat expedition and at the Presidente Figueiredo lodge – 24 hours a day;

· Breakfast, lunch and dinner all days (except lunch on the days in Manaus) Buffet style, including so drink or water in each meal. Meals with international menu and local Amazonian fishes, such as: pirarucu, tucunaré, tambaqui, surubi, jaraqui and others;

· Snack meals with tropical fruits and local pastries;

· Transfer in/out in Manaus and Presidente Figueiredo by tourist bus with air conditioning within the schedule stablished by the program;

· Cultural City tour in Manaus;

· Meeting of waters from Negro and Solimões rivers, that together form the Amazon River;

· Folkloric show in President Figueiredo;

· Expeditions in motorized canoes inside igapós and igarapés in the Negro River;

· Piranha and other fish sportive fishing;

· Alligator and other animals' night-spotting activity;

· Expedition to the Janauari Ecological Reserve;

· Expedition to the Anavilhanas Archipelago;

· Trekkings, medium and high levels, in trails inside the Amazon Forest;

· 01 Evening trekking to the Maroaga Cave;

· 01 Survival trekking;

· Presentation on a topic about the Amazon;

· Visit to a community of "caboclos" with social activities;

· Project Carbon Zero;

· Exclusive: visit to the tribe of the "Dessana Tukana" indians;

· Pink dolphins activity;

· Visit to the Manioc flour/Tapioca and Açaí House, with demonstration of the manufacturing process of manioc flour and tapioca;

· Visit to the Turtles of the Amazon project;

· Stand-up paddle;

· Kayak;

· Banana Boat and buoy cross;

· Professional regional jungle guides;

· Cultural guide in Manaus;

· Belo Brasil Tours coordinator and monitor;

· Nursing student on the boat expedition;

· Emergency first aid attention;

· Speed boat;

· First-aid medicines;

· 01 t-shirt;

· 01 backpack;

· Personalized link to download your trip's video and photos.

USEFUL HINTS

Important tips before boarding your flight:

- Have your cellphone with a fully-charged battery;
- Have enough credit with you on your cellphone for an emergency;
- Our phones, should you need them:

Belo Brasil Tours (Monday to Friday, 09:00A.M. to 06:00P.M.):
Tel: +55 (31) 3282-2080

24-hour emergency (during the trip only):
Tel: to be informed.

It is mandatory to bring proof of COVID-19 vaccination. We also recommend that everyone takes the yellow fever vaccine up to 10 days before the start of the trip.
The yellow fever vaccine is valid for life; therefore, if you are interested in this trip, you may take the vaccine ahead. There is no need to bring proof of yellow fever vaccination.

CHECKLIST SUGGESTION:

- Lock for your luggage (mandatory);
- Flashlight and batteries (mandatory);
- Sunscreen;
- Insect repellent;
- Shorts;
- Sneakers and/or boots and high socks for trekking in the forest (we advise you to bring two pairs, in case one of them gets wet);
- Sandals and flip-flops (your main shoe type during the trip);
- Hat;
- Sweatshirt for cooler nights;
- Swimsuit;
- Bath towel;
- Sunglasses;
- Books to read;
- Medication you take regularly.

IT WOULD BE NICE TO BRING (REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR NAME ON IT):

- Camera;
- Battery charger;
- Extra batteries;
- Cellphone and charger;
- Musical instrument you play.

WHERE CAN I WASH MY CLOTHES?

You will be able to wash your clothes in our washing machine, which is inside the boat. You will be allowed to wash them once during the expedition.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

English is the official language of the trip.

It will not be allowed, under any circumstances, the deviation of a student to separate programs during the trip.

It is mandatory to bring your original ID.

It is mandatory to have health insurance with national coverage during the period of the trip. In case you don't have any, we will be happy to send you buying options.

Belo Brasil Tours will be responsible for buying your air tickets to/from your host city to our meeting point(s). If a student asks to reschedule the tickets after they have been bought, he/she will have to pay for any transportation costs, fees and other expenses which may appear.

Obs.: If students decide to buy tickets on their own without Belo's authorization and before the official confirmation of the trip, we do not take any responsibility for any fees charged for the rescheduling of any flights. Belo Brasil defines, for every trip, an official schedule for arrivals and departures in order to book monitors to assist the students at the airports and bus stations.

IMPORTANT 1: Belo Brasil Tours will not take any responsibility for any delays or cancelations of flights which may occur due to the airline companies' decisions.

IMPORTANT 2: For the Amazon Expedition, it is MANDATORY to purchase the flight tickets with Belo Brasil. The flight tickets are part of the trip's package but are NOT included in the trip's price, and flight prices will be confirmed to each student upon the official trip confirmation by e-mail. Since the Amazon trip involves very complex logistics, Belo Brasil reserves the right to have full control over arrival and departure schedules. If any student insists on purchasing flights for the Amazon Expedition without the consent of Belo Brasil, his/her trip will automatically be cancelled.

It is prohibited to use drugs of any kind. It is extremely forbidden to smoke cigarettes of any kind during the trip as well. This is a smoke-free trip.

It's extremely forbidden to consume or buy alcoholic drinks of any kind during the trip if you are under 18 yo.

The time scheduled on the program must be followed. The trip coordination reserves the right to make changes in the schedule, if it's for the best interest of the group or if they find it necessary.

Lodging does not cover incidentals costs, such as phone calls, mini fridge products, laundry, room service, etc. You must cover these expenses.

We suggest that you bring the least luggage possible, because you will have to carry and be responsible for it at all times. Maximum allowed is 23kg. Remember to bring with you in a backpack everything you might need during the trip, such as toothbrush, towel, camera, wallet, etc.

The return time from our activities will be settled by the coordinators, depending on other activities.

The trip has a limited number of vacancies that will be filled in a first come - first serve basis.

There must be at least 15 students signed up to open the trip. The maximum capacity is 24 students.

Belo Brasil Tours reserves the right to operate the trip program backwards if needed because of the number of students and plane tickets availability.

Swimming: Even if you know how to swim, BE CAREFUL, you don't know the places well. Never go too far.

EXTRA EXPENSES

It varies from people to people. We assume that R$200,00 is an average amount. You will only have access to ATM Machines in Manaus during the trip.

Bring your money in REAIS (BRL - cash) to be used in places where cards are not accepted.

The hotels that we are going to be staying in have breakfast included. We advise you to have a good breakfast, so that you can start your day well fed.

HEALTH

It's mandatory for the student to be vaccinated against the yellow fever. We advise you to take the vaccine at least 10 days before the start of the trip.

Health: If you take any medication regularly, bring enough for at least the duration of the trip. All participants will have to fill out a medical form with name, address, type of blood, allergies, etc. Attention: your health is extremely important for you to enjoy your trip to the fullest. Take care of it!

We will be under the sun the whole time of the trip. We strongly recommend wearing sun screen at all times.

Good judgment must reign: if any student's conduct is considered harmful to the excursion's program, or if the student breaks any of the rules, he can be sent back to his city immediately, assuming all extra costs, as well as the communication of the happening to the responsible person.

CANCELLATION/FORFEIT AND REFUND POLICY

- In case the minimum number of participants needed is not achieved, Belo Brasil Tours reserves itself the right to cancel the trip or to change its dates and/or to offer other options of tours as well, according to the clients' wish. In this case, the total refund of the payment already made will be processed.

- If the passenger gives up on the programmed trip or is sent back home for breaking the exchange program rules, he/she will pay a penalty according to the antecedence of his written order to cancel the tour, as it is said on the EMBRATUR's Normative Deliberation no 161/1985 read below:

* Cancelled more than 30 days before the beginning of the trip 10% of the amount paid.
* Cancelled between 29 and 21 days before the beginning of the trip 20% of the amount paid.
*Cancelled between 20 and 07 days before the beginning of the trip 40% of the amount paid.
* Cancelled between06 days or less before the beginning of the trip 100% of the amount paid.

- During the trip, the student who gives up on continuing the entire program or part of it will not have the right to any refunds of the amount already paid.

- The request for cancelling or abandonment of the trip must be done by letter or e-mail, as a document, and in writing, by the tour's participant or family to Belo Brasil Tours.

- We remind you that your original ID will be required for boarding any means of transportation.

LOST AND FOUND

All the students' items found during the trip will be sent to Belo Brasil Tours' office and kept for 60 days after the end of the trip. The student that lost something must send us an e-mail with the description of the item until the deadline informed (60 days). The post office's tax (Sedex) is the student's responsibility.

IMAGES AND VIDEOS

Image use rights: the student that takes part on the trip assigns the image use rights to any kind of video production as well as the entailing of photos in our website and trips' programs.

When the video for the trip is ready, Belo Brasil will e-mail each student a link containing access to the images.

FURTHER ISSUES

In case there are any complaints about our services, the client must send a letter or e-mail to Belo Brasil Tours within 30 (thirty) days after the end of the services, as it is said on the art. 26,incise I, paragraph 1o of the Brazilian Consumer's Defense Code. If this is not done in respect to the deadline, the contractual relationship will be considered perfect and finished, not obligating the tour operator of any further responsibility.

Agreement: Once a student applies to any of the trip programs organized by Belo Brasil Tours, the client declares to know and to agree with all the terms of this "General Conditions", which you can find on our website.

Whenever a student is late during the trip and does not get to the meeting point in time in order to leave with the group to an activity, a staff member will stay there and wait for the student's arrival. As soon as the student arrives they will take the available transportation method and all the costs will be the student's responsibility.

EARLY RETURNS

Early return of the exchange student due to health issues and/or for breaking the trip and exchange program rules:

a) the exchange student who breaks the trip's and/or exchange program rules or gets sick and is not allowed to continue the trip will be returned home to his/her host family in Brazil.

b)This decision will be made by the trip's coordination along with the exchange organization.

c) All expenses that may appear due to the student's condition, such as hotel, meals, monitors, transportation, etc. are the student's responsibility.

d) The student who is returned home due to breaking the trip's/exchange rules will not receive a refund of the amount paid.

It is prohibited for students from different genders to be on each other's hotel rooms.

The trips have a curfew time for the students to be in their rooms. The curfew time is determined by the trip's coordinator based upon the trip's activities and group behavior. After the curfew, the students must stay inside their rooms. In case any student leaves the room after curfew, he/she is subject to punishments determined by the trip's coordination.