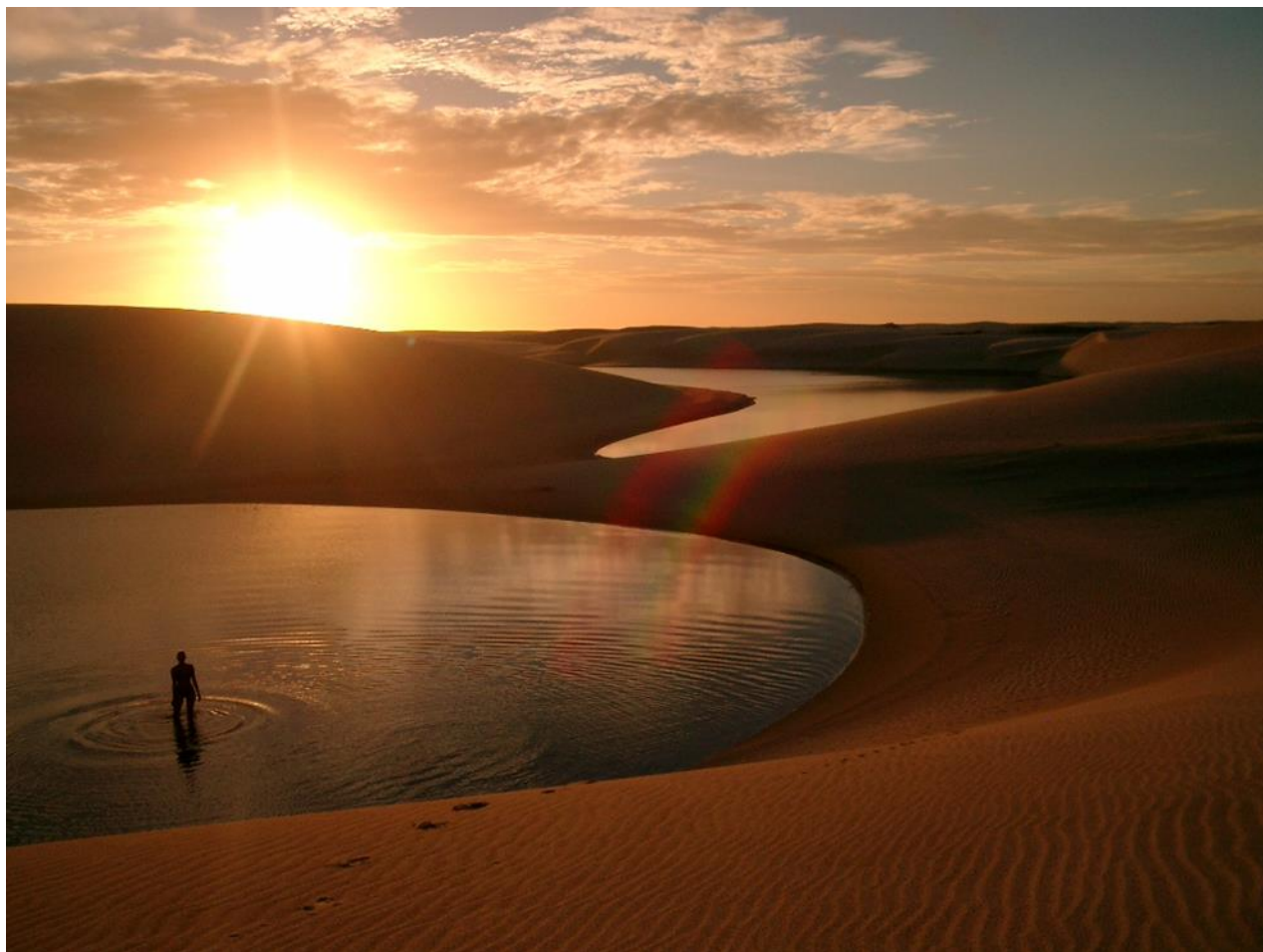


LENÇÓIS MARANHENSES



São Luís, Maranhão, Brasil – 5 days.



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THE EXPERIENCE

One of the most beautiful places along the Brazilian coastline is in the State of Maranhão. There you'll find a "sea" of sand dunes that occupies 70 km of coastline and advances 50 km inland, called the Lençóis Maranhenses. This formation provides impressive views comprised of countless lakes of blue and green water. During the rainy season, they contrast with the white sand of the dunes, which can reach 40 m in height.

The entire area belongs to the Lençóis Maranhenses National Park, created in 1981 to protect 155 thousand hectares that preserve this very special ecosystem. Short journeys can be made on foot; however, for the longer ones, 4x4 vehicles, or even the traditional donkey rides, are advisable. The strong heat is compensated by the refreshing crystal clear ponds and the deserted beaches. The Blue Pond is the most famous and most beautiful. There are two oases inside the park, Queimada dos Britos and Baixa Grande, and large mangroves along their banks. Crabs and sea turtles can be seen along the beaches.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DURATION: 5DAYS/4 NIGHTS

Day 1 – Barreirinhas (São Luís do Maranhão)

Pick-up at São Luís Airport and transfer to the historical city center. Stroll on the narrow cobblestone streets and witness the rich ancient architecture of the well-preserved mansions, churches and squares. You won't be anything but enchanted by the beauty of this city. Its charm is imprinted in the hand-painted Portuguese wall tiles decorating every house and low-rise. After this visit, transfer (3h30 approximately) to Barreirinhas. Check-in at the hotel.

Meal: (No meals.)

Day 2 – Barreirinhas (Boat ride and Canto do Atins)

In the morning, transfer to the pier where we will embark on a boat and sail along Preguiças River towards Atins. In Porto de Fora, our 4x4 vehicle will be waiting to pick you up and take you to a lagoon at Canto do Atins – the transfer will take approximately 30 minutes. Enjoy some free time sunbathing and swimming in the lagoon. Later, lunch at the famous restaurant Camarão do Canto Atins. Finally, transfer back to the port to return to Barreirinhas.

Meal: Breakfast.

Day 3 - Barreirinhas (Lençóis Maranhenses National Park)

Enjoy a full day at the National Park. Experience the marvelous walk through the sand dunes and river trails. Visit the famous Blue Pond, among other lagoons. At the end of the day, return to the hotel.

Meal: Breakfast.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

The best time to visit the Lençóis is between May and September, when the ponds are full and the scenery is stunning. During the dry season, which runs from October to March, some ponds come to dry completely, but the look is still charming.



GETTING THERE

Daily flights to São Luis airport (SLZ). The transfer to Barreirinhas (gateway to the National Park) lasts approximately 3h30, covering 395 km. There is also a 50 minute air transfer option (subject to airport and weather conditions).



Day 4 - Barreirinhas (quadricycleride)

After breakfast, ride quadricycles to get to know the surroundings and enchantments of the region. You will drive them through the dunes, tracks, lagoons and rivers, and our host will be at your disposal to guide you if necessary. You will meet the inhabitants of small isolated villages in the heart of Lençóis Maranhenses. At the end of the day, return to the hotel by boat.

Meal: Breakfast.

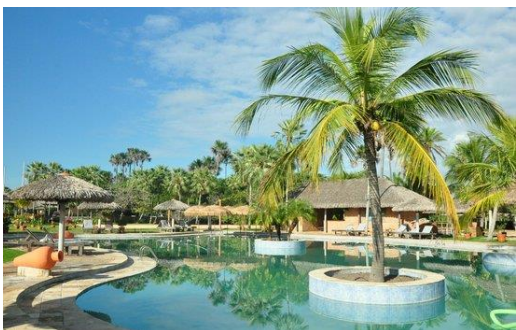
Day 5 - Barreirinhas

After breakfast, check-out and transfer (3h30min approximately) to São Luís do Maranhão airport.

Meal: Breakfast.



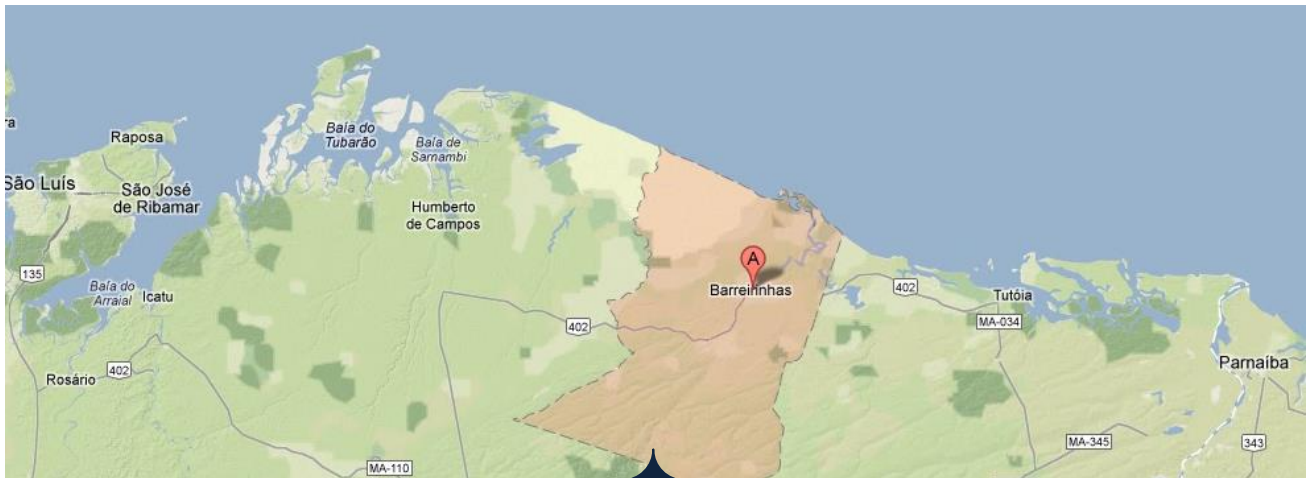
THE HOTELS

BARREIRINHAS	PORTO PREGUIÇAS RESORT
DAYS 1 TO 5	CATEGORY: STANDARD
	Porto Preguiças Resort is a comfortable hotel wonderfully located at the edge of Rio Preguiça, in Barreirinhas. The hotel, inaugurated in 2003, provides the best accommodations in the village.

Ask us about other options.

THE REGION

Explore the region using Google Maps. Click on the image below.



AURORAECO DIFFERENTIALS

- + Exclusive, personalized and flexible trip;
- + Trained and experienced hosts and local guides;
- + Constant research into the destination in order to always offer the best options according to each traveler's profile;
- + 24-hour access to a telephone during the trip.



GENERAL INFORMATION

INCLUDED

4-night lodging in a suite at Porto Preguiças Resort in Barreirinhas, breakfast included.
Auroraeco host service during the trip.
All transfer services described above.
All activities described above with necessary support and admission fees.
Travel insurance.

NOT INCLUDED

- Air ticket.
- Personal expenses.
- Early check-in or late check-out.
- Tips.

PAYMENT METHODS AND CANCELATION

CREDIT CARD (tax of 2,5%) OR WIRE TRANSFER

In order to secure a reservation, passengers must pay 30% of the total price of the trip via deposit up to 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made under 90 days before the departure date will result in the payment of the full cost of the trip upon purchase. The following credit cards are accepted: Visa and MasterCard.

Note that:

- Payments with credit cards are processed in Brazilian Reais with a tax of 2,5% percent.
- Payments via wire transfer are converted from Brazilian Reais to US Dollars at the exchange rate of the day of the transaction.

CANCELATION POLICY

- 10% fine on the amount paid if the cancellation occurs at least 30 days before the beginning of the trip.
- 20% fine on the amount paid if the cancellation occurs during the following period: 30 to 21 days before the beginning of the trip.
- If the cancellation occurs less 20 or less days before the beginning of the trip, there may be a fine greater than 20%, calculated upon proof of Auroraeco incurred expenses.

IMPORTANT

- Our prices are subject to change according to availability and time of year. They are not valid for national holidays, Carnaval and New Year.
- The itinerary may vary according to the need for operational changes, which can be caused by factors such as climate and availability.
- There will not be a refund or discount due to overnight reductions, once the check-in is made.
- Upon confirmation of the trip, a Medical Form and a Responsibility Term will be sent to all travelers, and should be filled in, signed and sent back to Auroraeco at least 30 days prior to the start of the trip. If there are less than 30 days between the dates of purchase and departure, please send the above mentioned documents as soon as possible.