

# AMAZONIA-EDU

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**10-day immersion in Manaus and Tumbira community,  
part of Rio Negro Sustainable Development Reserve.  
Getting to know the local reality to inspire and deepen  
knowledge about sustainable development.**

# AMAZON IMMERSION 2019



The Amazon Immersion was created in partnership with Sustainability Institute from South Africa, for their students. It was held between June 9 and 19th of 2019, in Manaus and in the Rio Negro Sustainable Development Reserve (RDS).



**The immersion was created bringing together academic knowledge about the Amazon region with traditional knowledge of Rio Negro communities.**

# PROGRAM



												
		domingo	segunda-feira	terça-feira	quarta-feira	quinta-feira	sexta-feira	Sábado	Domingo	segunda-feira	terça-feira	quarta-feira
		9-jun	10-jun	11-jun	12-jun	13-jun	14-jun	15-jun	16-jun	17-jun	18-jun	19-jun
		Welcome	Manaus	Tumbira Community	WildLife	Wood	Food	Community life	Water	Learnings from the Amazon	Back to Manaus	Going home
7:30	Breakfast											
8:30	Check in											
9:00	Part 1		Downtown Manaus	Boat to Tumbira	Biodiversity treck	Sustainable wood management	Casa de Farinha: Manioc products	Natural dying	Free morning	Review and appreciation	Packing	
10:30	Part 2		FAS	Setting up + Getting to know Tumbira								
12:30	Lunch											
14:30	Part 1		MUSA and tower - urban development in the Amazon	Our journey and learning process	Workshop - Wood crafts	Workshop - Medicinal Plants	Agroforestry system Ajuri	Local Party	Fishing	Group work	Going back to Manaus	
16:00	Part 2	Opening session		Amazon Basics								
16:30	Check out											
19:30	Dinner											
20:30	Night Activities	Welcome Dinner	Dinner in the center of Manaus	Welcome to the forest						Final presentation	Dinner in the center of Manaus	
22:00	Sleep time											

\*Times can change according to the forest and community. In case of need, we will adjust and inform.



# PEOPLE



7 people were part of the group, between 23 e 56 years old, students from the masters of sustainability.

# REFLECTIONS



The immersions from Lab Amazon-edu aims to be a program in constant evolution and learning.

With this intentions we want to share some reflections from the team:

- to have a day in the beginning and a day in the need of the course in Manaus;
- to combine academic and traditional knowledge, putting together teachers from some important institutions of the Amazon and also people from the community
- to have time in each activity to really dive in the subject
- to have free time and let the students discover the community by themselves
- to have the final group work related to what they learned and their local realities, in a way to understand how the students can apply what they learned during the immersion
- small groups are better, from 6 to 10 people we believe is a good number



# NEXT STEPS



As part of their evaluation process for Sustainability Institute each one of the students is going to write an essay related to one of the themes they had learned during the Amazon immersion.

The themes chosen by each one are:

- Ian Michler- Ecotourism
- Tshepiso Phefo - Indigenous knowledge
- Nirvana Milton - Food production
- Rumbidzai Tendaupenyu - Women in traditional communities
- Jeannine Hunter - Protected Area: how to adapt and respond to change?
- Dona Eeden - Context Based Education



# THANK YOU



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