

Review Summary – Vaupes, August 2013

When I first learnt about the opportunity to participate the expedition deep in the rain forest in a company of the indigenous people, I was amazed and thrilled immediately. I could not believe I was so lucky and found Thomas' travel agency, I was getting truly close to my dreams of experiencing what De Una offers.

Talking about the impressions and intense experience I could be too long and cover a few pages of this 8 days' life in deepness of Vaupes world. Every day there, starting with Cessna flight from Mitu, landing in the unknown world of Buenos Aires community and continuing the trip into other indigenous communities on the river, surrounded by the green beauty, meeting people living in a harmony so close to the nature and living a simple life a few days with them, was a unique and special time of my life.

Eating the food of native people, sharing their malokas with them, sleeping in hammocks, having bath in the rivers, getting to know at least a bit what makes these people happy, smile, worried, relaxed or meditating, perceiving a very peaceful way of the life they live, walking in the wild nature hoping to spot some animals leaving in freedom, sweating on the sun and being refreshed by the wonderful and powerful waterfalls, learning on medical plants and having a unique chance to participate the native tribe ceremony, drinking ayauaska and cleaning the spirit and body from the toxins we bear with us, trying to absorb this magic atmosphere as much as possible and bring it back home as the most precious souvenir, all this created the best time of my 4 weeks stay in Colombia.

Thomas was a kind and friendly guide on this way, his peace made the stay so safe and relaxed and I appreciate his precious knowledge of the country, a deep respect and understanding of the native tribes and simply the way the expedition was organized was very pleasant and smooth.

Also I appreciate we were in a very small group, only 2 of us as tourists and Thomas as our expert guide. It was a true adventure, I touched and lived my dream, I met a lovely people among indigenous tribes despite of the language barriers (my Spanish is poor) we were able to find the mutual friendship annulling all culture and mental differences. I learnt that we "white people" are the ones who need to learn from native people, their abilities and happiness living so far away from the cities and all daily comfort we have. These people are the best teachers how to get to the basis of our internal power and stability. This is something I observed there strongly and that still has impact on my presence.

I very much recommend this and similar special expeditions with Thomas and De Una to all people who are interested in a different way of travel, who have the adventurous spirit and like a simple way staying in the nature. This is a fantastic experience for the people who enjoy a very unique point of the life, who respect and value the existence and substance of the indigenous people and their holy and wonderful nature. Simply GO and ENJOY ☺