



Roteiro da Grande Mata Ancestral

Great Ancestral Forest Route

Three national parks in the extreme south of Bahia

Experiences that await you and that will captivate you

Connections to create Knowledge to take with you and disseminate

- UNESCO World Heritage site
- Tradition, biodiversity and shared knowledge
- Strategic location: next to airports and lodging in cities, towns and indigenous villages
- Distinct and complementary characteristics
- Forests with giant trees, sandbanks and mangroves
- Muçununga and bromeliad habitats
- Well-marked trails for hiking and cycling: multiple viewpoints
- Rivers for sailing or paddling; beaches and waterfalls for swimming
- Rich indigenous culture with experiences, rituals and hiking
- One of the darkest and most suitable places for stargazing
- Admire preserved and lush natural landscapes
- Wildlife observation, especially birdwatching
- Rich Atlantic Forest and noble brazilwood
- Beautiful and historic Monte Pascoal
- Ancestral knowledge and wisdom



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Lagoon
Low light pollution

Trails and roads

Indigenous territory
Pataxó villages

Tabuleiro Forest
Muçununga
Giant trees
UNESCO Heritage Site



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**Centuries-old
brazilwood trees**
Giant bromeliads
Waterfall
Visitor Center



Sea beaches
River beaches
Mangrove
Restinga

Rivers
Extremely low light pollution

Resistance of Indigenous Peoples Monument



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What to do in



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Single day

- Permanent exhibition at the Visitor Center
- Centenary-old brazilwood Pau-Brasil
- Jacuba Waterfall

- Climb Monte Pascoal
- Pataxó Porto do Boi Reserve experience
- Canoe or SUP on the Caraíva or Corumbau Rivers

- Centuries-old trees: gameleira and juerana
- Swim and picnic at the lagoon
- Enjoy the view from the lookout point

Couple of days

- Several trails to observe local wildlife
- Giant bromeliads
- Picnic on the Barra River, formerly known as Brazil river

- Giant trees and a sacred well
- Watch the sunrise and sunset
- Restinga and Porto da Onça

- Observe wildlife along the Lagoon Trail early in the day
- Cycling the Tambor Trail

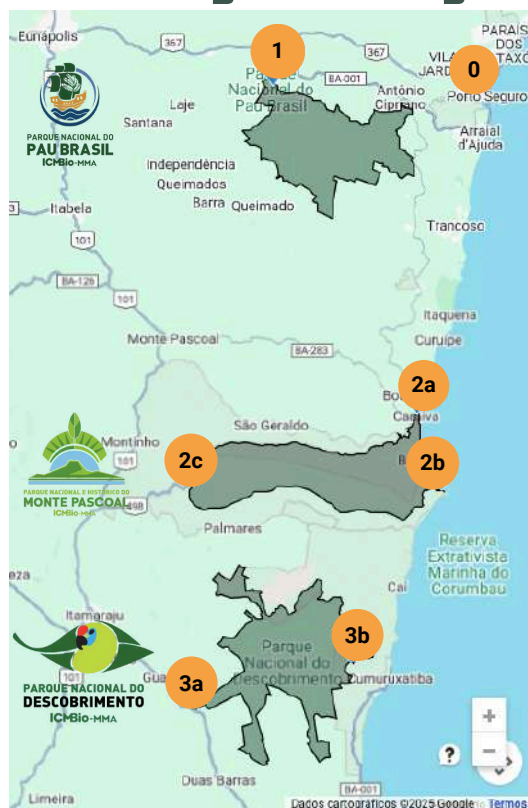
More days

- Cycling trail (18 km) and dirt roads on Caminhos do Brasil Original (40 km)

- ãgohó tibá (full moon) ritual
- Stargazing
- Mountain to Sea Crossing (or vice versa)

- Cultural experience in the Pataxó villages
- Cumuruxatiba Trail
- Birdwatching in Cumuru

Find your way



0 Leaving from Porto Seguro (BPS airport)

Pau Brasil National Park

1 - Visitor center

Monte Pascoal National and Historic Park

- 2a** - Caraíva
- 2b** - Corumbau
- 2c** - Pé do Monte

Descobrimento National Park

- 3a** - West/Main entrance/BR-489
- 3b** - East/ Gurita Village/Cumuruxatiba



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Pau Brasil National Park

Access through Visitor Center

40 km from Porto Seguro historic center; 33 km from Arraial D'Ajuda; 47 km from Trancoso (paved road until road access + 5 km dirt road)

Recommended overnight stay

Vale Verde (Porto Seguro district, park buffer zone)
Porto Seguro, Arraial D'Ajuda or Trancoso (day-trip)

Main attractions

Permanent exhibition: "The cradle of the original Brazil"
Century-old brazilwood trees and giant bromeliads
Hiking, cycling, and even driving trails
River and waterfall swimming
Lookout points
Flora and fauna observation
Birdwatching



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What to do and see

Don't miss out

- See the permanent exhibition: "The Cradle of Original Brazil"
- See and feel centuries-old brazilwood trees
- Admire the giant bromeliads in Muçununga
- Cool off at Jacuba Waterfall

Save extra time to

- Take a hike along the trails to observe local wildlife
- Refresh in the Barra River, once called the River of Brazil

For a complete experience

- Travel 18 km of dedicated cycling trails and at least 40 km of dirt roads on the Caminhos do Brasil Original (Original Brazil Trails)



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Monte Pascoal National and Historic Park

Caraíva - Coastal sector

62 km from Porto Seguro (paved road + dirt/slow road) until the canoe crossing (cars don't cross, there's paid parking in Nova Caraíva)

Recommended overnight stay

Caraíva (day-trip from Porto Seguro not recommended)

Main attractions

Experiences, cuisine, and rituals at the Pataxó Porto do Boi Reserve
Beaches and swimming in the sea and river

Buggy tour

Canoe and SUP tours in the mangroves and rivers

Flora and fauna observation

Astrotourism / Stargazing



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What to do and see

Don't miss out

- Experience the Pataxó Porto do Boi Indigenous Reserve
- Canoe or SUP through the Caraíva River mangroves
- Discover and admire Pataxó crafts

Save extra time to

- Take a buggy ride to Corumbau
- Watch the sunrise and sunset from the beaches

For a complete experience

- Watch the full moon rise by the sea and stargazing in the mangroves
- Historic village with native populations, traditional festivities, and forró music



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Corumbau - Coastal sector

By canoe: 10 km from Caraíva (sand by buggy) until canoe crossing
By car: 202 km from Porto Seguro (paved road + dirt/slow road) until the canoe crossing (cars don't cross, will remain parked in Corumbau)
Corumbau village is outside the park limits in the Corumbau Marine Extractive Reserve (RESEX)

Recommended overnight stay

Corumbau (either Caraíva - day-trip)

Main attractions

Trail through the Porto da Onça sandbank (view of the Mount)
Beaches and swimming in the sea and river
Buggy ride
Boat tour in the mangroves
Observe the fauna and flora
Astrotourism / Stargazing



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What to do and see

Don't miss out

- Canoe or SUP in the Corumbau River mangroves
- Explore the sandbank and see Monte Pascoal on the Porto da Onça trail
- Shop Pataxó crafts

Save extra time to

- Take a buggy ride to Caraíva
- Watch the sunrise and sunset from the beaches
- Astrotourism and the full moon rising in the mangroves or on the beaches

For a complete experience

- Participate in the ãgohó tibá (full moon) ritual
- Experience and Afro-Indigenous ritual with the Women Who Heal at Aruanda Pataxó - Aldeia Pará



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Monte Pascoal National and Historic Park

Pé do Monte - Forest sector

83 km from Caraíva (paved + dirt); 100 km from Corumbau (paved + dirt)
154 km from Porto Seguro (paved); 30 km from Itamaraju (paved)

Recommended overnight stay

Itamaraju (it's possible, but far to do a day-trip from Porto Seguro)

Main attractions

Climb Mount Pascoal

Hiking trails with an indigenous guides

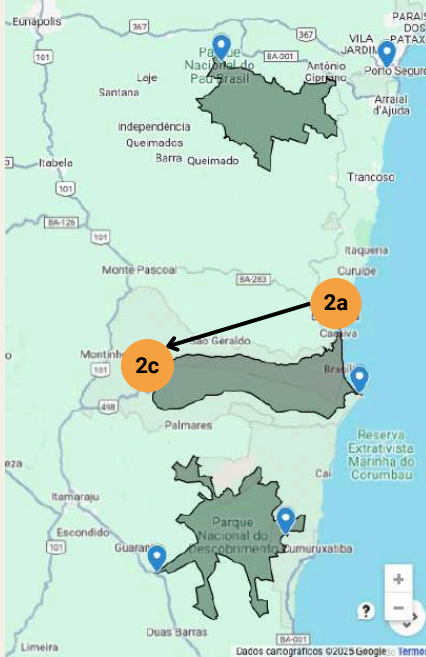
Crossing from the sea to the mountain: on foot, by bike, or off-road

Monument to the Resistance of Indigenous Peoples

Giant, centuries-old trees

Observing fauna and flora

Astrotourism / Stargazing



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What to do and see

Don't miss out

- Climb Mount Pascoal with a Pataxó guides
- Visit the Monument to the Resistance of Indigenous Peoples
- Learn about and shop Pataxó crafts

Save extra time to

- Discover the giant, centuries-old trees and the sacred well

For a complete experience

- Participate in the ãgohó tibá (full moon) ritual
- Crossing from the Mount to the sea: on foot or by bicycle with Pataxó guides



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Descobrimento National Park

Main access through road BA 489

50 km from Pé do Monte (paved); 60 km from Corumbau (paved + dirt)
20 km from Itamaraju (paved); 30 km from Prado (paved); 180 km from Porto Seguro (paved)

Recommended overnight stay

Itamaraju or Prado (it's possible, but a bit far for a day-trip from Porto Seguro)

Main attractions

Giant, centuries-old trees
Lagoon with deck: meditation, swimming, picnicking
Accessible viewpoint
Trails on foot, by bike, or even by vehicle
Observe fauna and flora, especially birdwatching
Lagoon and Cumuruxatiba trails



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What to do and see

Don't miss out

- Admire the giant, centuries-old trees: gameleira and juerana
- Refresh at the Só Não Vou Lagoon
- Admire the view from the lookout

Save extra time to

- Watch wildlife on one of the many trails

For a complete experience

- Take a bike ride along the Tambor trail

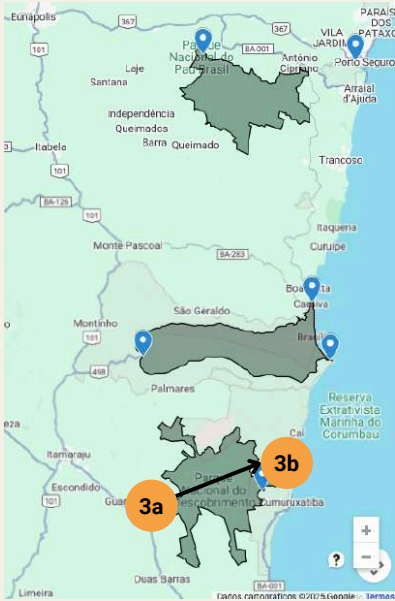


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Descobrimento National Park

East entrance - Access through Gurita Village in Cumuruxatiba
37 km from Prado (paved + dirt); 7 km from Cumuruxatiba

Recommended overnight stay

Cumuruxatiba or in one of the 6 Pataxó villages: Alegria Nova, Gurita, Kaí, Monte Dourado, Pequi e Tibá

Main attractions

Ethnotourism: visiting villages and experiencing Pataxó culture

Trails on foot, by bike, or even by vehicle

Observe fauna and flora, specially birdwatching



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What to do and see

Don't miss out

- Complete the Descobrimento National Park crossing (Lagoa Trail and Cumuruxatiba Trail) with a Pataxó guide

Save extra time to

- Visit and enjoy a cultural experience in the Pataxó villages

For a complete experience

- Participate in the Birdwatching Cumuru program

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Recommendations

- Carry water, light food, a hat, insect repellent, and sunscreen
- Wear closed-toe shoes, gaiters, and hiking poles on the trails

Visiting rules

- Pets harm wildlife and are therefore not allowed to accompany visitors
- Stay on established trails, avoid shortcuts
- Be careful where you touch and step, checking for thorns, insects, and other animals
- Be silent and listen to nature! The use of portable sound equipment, loud bangs, and noises that may disturb local wildlife are prohibited
- Leave only footprints! Do not light fires, take care of your trash, and dispose of it properly at the end of the tour, including food scraps
- Collecting rocks, plants, flowers, seeds, or any other material is prohibited
- Fishing, hunting, capturing, harassing, or chasing wild animals is prohibited
- Carrying weapons, including slingshots, traps, machetes, sickles, and similar weapons, is prohibited
- Smoking cigarettes of any kind and consuming alcoholic beverages or any other substances considered intoxicating are prohibited within National Parks
- Inform yourself about the areas where an Indigenous guide is required
- Listen to, respect, and follow the instructions of your guide and the people who inhabit the territories and surrounding areas
- Respect the departure times of attractions and parks. Request prior authorization for activities with special opening hours

