



Tour Program



DESTINATION FACTS

Town: Acaraú State: Ceará
 ZIP Code: 62.580-000 (Acaraú)
 Location: West Coast
 Distance to Fortaleza-CE: 250 km
 Population: 3000 citizens
 Local Organization: Grupo de Turismo da Associação de Marisqueiras e Pescadores de Curral Velho (AMPCV)

DIRECTIONS

Leaving Sobral (CE), run 97 km in the Highway CE-178 until Acaraú. Then pass the Matriz Church and turn right again after the Peixaria Fernandes (Fishery). Just run this street for 7 km until Arpoeiras (reference – fresh water reservatory) on your left and turn left in that street. At the first crossing turn right and look for Centro Comunitário.

Leaving Fortaleza (CE) by Av. Bezerra de Menezes/ BR 020, go through the direction of Caucaia and at the first roundabout turn right to Icaraí. In the next roundabout, turn left to the Rodovia Estruturante – Costa do Sol Poente (CE 085) and go through almost 229 km until the county of Aracaú. Then turn right to Arpoeiras beach, pass the Matriz Church and turn right again after the Peixaria Fernandes (Fishery). Just run this street for 7 km until Arpoeiras (reference – fresh water reservatory) on your left and turn left in that street. At the first crossing turn right and look for Centro Comunitário.



Region: West Coast of Ceará

BUS SCHEDULE

route FORTALEZA/ Acaraú*

Bus Carrier: Redenção

Departures: 7h – 8h15 – 13h e 17h30 (dialy)

Approximate travel duration to Curral Velho: 4h30

Telephone: (+55 85) 3256 19 73

Fare: ca. R\$ 25,60

Tips:

- In Acaraú, take the taxi until the Curral Velho's community, the price is around R\$ 10,00.

* The bus departures take place at the bus station Rodoviária Engenheiro João Tomé, Borges de Melo avenue, 1639 Bairro de Fátima Tel. (+55 85) 3230 11 11

Rede Tucum

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Blog of the community:

<http://curralvelho.blogspot.com>

CONTACTS

ACCOMODATION

Centro de Educação Ambiental e Turismo Comunitário Encante do Mangue

(Accommodation and Restaurant)

3 rooms (double room, single room, fan, shared toilet, space for hammocks).

Other services offered: Restaurant, Luggage room, Bar/snack-bar, Parking, Freezer, Room available for events, Internet.

Daily rates*: R\$ 22,00 (for one person) | R\$ 44,00 (for two persons).

* Prices during the low season. Included breakfast.

restaurants

Encante do Mangue

The restaurant accommodates up to 20 people.
Regional meals. Service à la carte.
It offers also big space for parking.

Options

Fish
Variety of fish

Sea food*
Shrimp, lobster, clams and mussels

Others
Meats, birds

menu

open hours

Breakfast: 7h - 9h

Lunch: 12h30 - 13h

Dinner: 18h

* We protect mangrove swamps and lobsters:
we don't use small lobsters in our dishes.
The shrimp cooked here comes from the sea.

TOURS AND TRAILS

Ship trail through the mangroves

an excursion where the river and the sea meet and where mangroves flourish, cradle of sea life and a source of survival of the inhabitants. Is a great opportunity to learn about this ecosystem from another perspective and through the experience of fishermen and local sellers.

Duration: 1h50

Departures: in the morning or in the late afternoon (depends on tide)

Number of participants: until 7 persons – R\$ 100,00 for the trail
until 4 persons – R\$ 60,00 for the trail

Ship trail in the sea

hiking near the beach Arpoeiras, with the possibility of fish and / or dive in the calm sea (these activities must be arranged in advance with the local group).

Duration: 1h50

Departures: in the morning or in the late afternoon (depends on tide)

Number of participants: until 7 persons – R\$ 100,00 for the trail
until 4 persons – R\$ 60,00 for the trail

Ecological trail of "gamboas»

path of consciousness for the ecosystem "gamboas" through the flora and fauna.

Duration: 50 min

Departures: in the morning or in the late afternoon (depends on tide)

Number of participants: until 6 persons

Fare: R\$ 25,00 for the trail

EVENTS FACILITIES

Centro de Educação Ambiental e Turismo Comunitário Encante do Manguê
Characteristics

the community center has a large room well ventilated and surrounded by a veranda used for events that holds up to a maximum of 40 people.

The property offers other services

- Data-Show,
- Internet,
- Computer,
- Printer,
- Copier,
- Scanner,
- Amplifier,
- Speakers,
- two micro-computer.

Also, available to visitors is the Telephone (public), sanitation and parking.

The community kitchen also offers snacks and meals for the events. For more information and budgets just get in touch with the Network Tucum.

FESTIVALS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

Carnival: the beach of Arpoeiras big party with live music; in the community, the tranquility reigns.

São João (in the end of June): quadrilhas dance, booths with food and immersive entertainment on the whole community.

Nossa Sra. dos Navegantes (Patron of Curral Velho): 12 days of celebrations, starting January 24 with a procession of cars and finally a traditional festival with "barraquinhas", a mass and dishes in the style of the ancient "quermesses".

CITY SERVICES

Medical facilities: Curral Velho - open from Monday to Friday from 8h to 16h.
Hospital and maternity ward 'Dr. Moura Ferreira: Rua José Julio Louzada, 678 Acaraú.
Regional Commissioner of Acaraú: Rua José Júlio Louzada, 398 Tel (+55 88) 3661 10 17

HISTORY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

The small district of Curral Velho is formed by warrior people who live primarily in traditional activities such as fishing, gathering shellfish, subsistence farming and handicrafts. As the veterans population report that their first job came in 1902 mainly on the island of "Imburanas", enclosed by coconut palms and the bright green color of mangroves. On this island lived about 30 families. The depth of the sea was so great that the fishermen did not need to enter, as in the low waters you could find a great diversity and quantity of fish, like sardines, swordfish and other types.

One of the biggest threats to reproduction of the life of this community was the planting of carcinicultura, the cultivation of shrimp in captivity, which destroyed much of the ecosystem. A portion of land of mangroves, which still exists, is the result of actions carried out by the residents against the installation of this activity in the community.

In 2006, faced with the problems of the fisheries crisis and the need to think of new alternative forms of local development and income, the community started to invest in proposed community-based ecotourism. With the support of NGOs, local organizations and social movements, AMPCV (Associação de Pescadores de marisqueiras and Curral Velho) succeeded in pushing through 4 projects in this area and are currently developing an interesting activity about the contact with ecosystem and the various forms of life that are born and live in it.

The local population has a real passion for football and every day playing in the field adjacent to the Center Encanto do Mangue, which remains cut off during high tides.

ENVIRONMENT FACTS

The main feature of Curral Velho is without a doubt, the wonderful ecosystem, with its typical fauna and flora: mangroves, crustaceans, shellfish and birds.

Arpoeiras beach, 2 km from the community, is fairly quiet, with flat sea and a great variation between high and low tide. Even here you can find a small field with mobile dunes.

The landscape is characterized by old and new "currais" (traps), which catch fish at the back of the tide. Fishermen just take the fish caught by the "Curral", besides doing the regular maintenance. The name of Curral Velho derives from this fishing strategy.

The average temperature is around 26 ° and 28 ° degrees, with some variations during the year. The rain season is between January and June, but is accentuated more between March and May. In general, the climate allows you to wear light and comfortable clothes all year long. It is better to bring insect repellent spray during the rain.

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