



SEPTEMBER 17TH - SEPTEMBER 24TH 2026
SEPTEMBER 26TH - OCTOBER 3RD 2026

RASU YAWANAWÁ AND FAMILY FROM MUTUM VILLAGE

WHERE MUSIC AND PRAYER RECOGNIZE NO BORDERS OR RACES
A SPECIAL EDITION FOR PEACE AND THE UNITY OF PEOPLES.

AKASHA RETREAT CENTER
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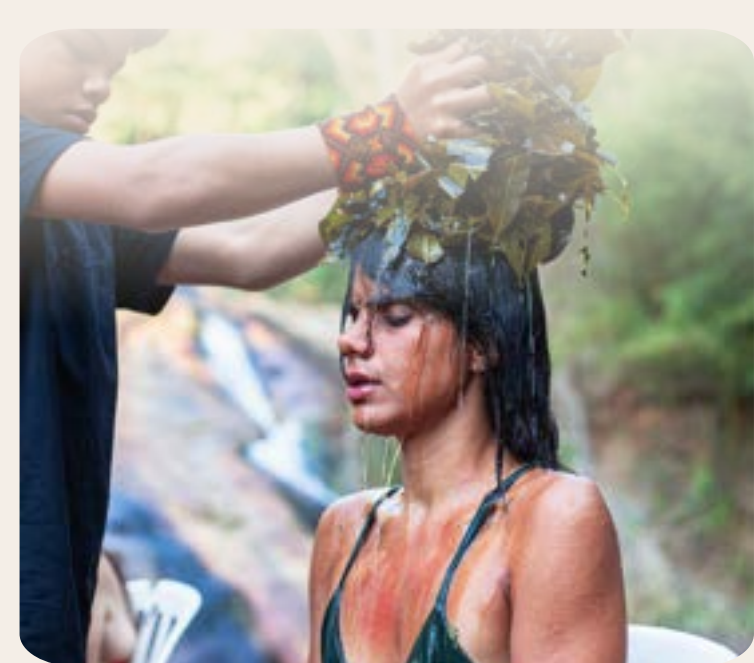
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A DEEP IMMERSION INTO YAWANAWÁ AMAZONIAN SPIRITUALITY

We are deeply honoured to welcome you to the Akasha Retreat Center for the first edition dedicated to peace and the unity of peoples, where music and prayer see no borders or races. This will be a Uni Retreats program, guided by Rasu together with representatives from Mutum Village of the Yawanawá — the second largest village of the Yawanawá nation.

Retreats led by Rasu at Akasha have consistently been profound and memorable, marked by the presence of powerful singers from his family and a strong transmission of ancestral knowledge through song, ceremony, and lived tradition.

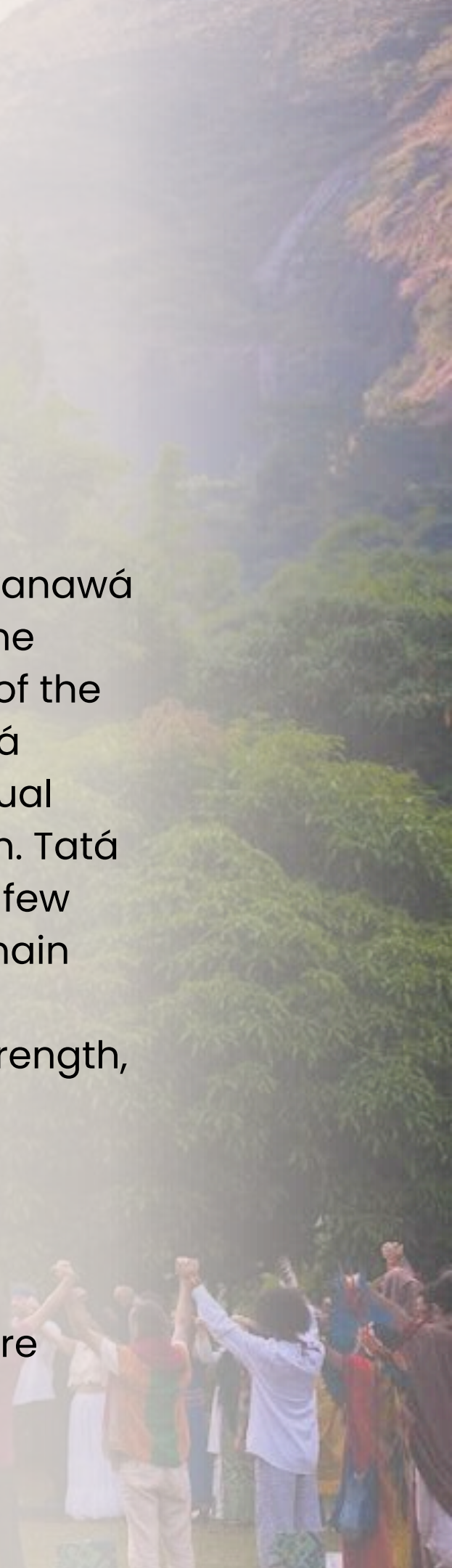




SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

The Mutum Village holds a sacred place in Yawanawá history. It was there that the great pajé, medicine man, and xinaya Tatá Txanu Natasheini — one of the most revered wisdom keepers of the Yawanawá people — re-established and taught their spiritual ways after a long period of religious domination. Tatá lived to the age of 103 and passed away only a few years ago. Rasu, his grandson, was one of his main students and is now recognised as his spiritual successor, carrying forward this lineage with strength, humility, and devotion.

We will also have the honour of welcoming ceremonies from the Lakota tradition, led by Sundance Chief Wakia Un Manee, creating a rare and powerful meeting of ancestral lineages.



THE EXPERIENCE

Retreats guided by the Yawanawá people offer a deep immersion into their culture and spirituality. Throughout the experience, participants take part in three Ayahuasca ceremonies, as well as traditional practices such as body painting, chanting circles, storytelling, sacred rapé, sananga circles, and teachings on Yawanawá cosmology and spirituality. The program also includes an Inípi (sweat lodge) ceremony from the Lakota tradition, expanding the meeting between different ancestral wisdom traditions.

In the Yawanawá tradition, music is not merely artistic expression: it is prayer, memory, transmission, and a path of connection between the human, nature, and the sacred. The chants cross borders, languages, and races because they arise from a place that exists before division, a space of listening, presence, and respect among peoples. In a time marked by separation and conflict, this edition emerges as a call for peace and unity, finding in chants and prayers a living force of ancestral continuity, where each voice carries history, spirituality, and the remembrance that different paths can meet before the sacred.



All of this unfolds in the breathtaking valley of Itaipava, surrounded by the mountains of upstate Rio de Janeiro, where the Akasha Retreat Center is nestled in nature.





THE EXPERIENCE

Each retreat is limited to a group of up to 40 participants, ensuring intimacy, care, and depth. Guests are hosted in the comfort of Akasha Retreat Center, with shared bungalows, nourishing and healthy meals, an herbal sauna, and natural swimming pools — offering a container of safety, beauty, and presence for this transformative journey.





THE YAWANAWÁ

Find more information on the Yawanawá here:



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RASU

Rasu is grandson of the great medicine man and xinaya Tata Txanu Natasheini, who was one of the greatest wise men of the people. Rasu was raised and chosen by Tata to be his successor and he currently has a very important role in the Mutum village, leading the ceremonies and its organization alongside Chief Matsini. Rasu has a powerful voice and is a very talented musician and representative of the Yawanawá people, who fluently speaks the Yawanawá language and completed the highest initiation of the Muká diet.





WAKIA UN MANEE

Wakia Un Manee is a full blooded Klamath/Modoc native of North America, medicine man, sundancer and leader of the Vision Quest and Inipi (Sweat Lodge) ceremony. From a young age he was brought up with the Lakota and Ojibway, so his work has been largely influenced by the traditions and culture of these two nations. Wakia graduated in psychology and political sciences and also studied theology. He founded and developed non-profit charitable organizations within various communities. As an activist, Wakia stood on the front lines, fought and defended the rights of native peoples, as well as environmental and ecological issues. His work is focused on empowering people to recognize and understand their own capabilities.



SEPTEMBER RETREAT PROGRAM

1ST WEEK

September 17th – Thursday

- Morning gathering in Rio de Janeiro and 2 hour road trip to the mountains of Itaipava – Akasha Retreat Center.
- Afternoon: Introduction on the retreat and Lakota teachings on spiritual experiences from indigenous peoples' perspective.
- Evening purification – Inpi (sweatlodge) in the Lakota tradition.

September 18th – Friday

- Morning body painting
- Afternoon: integration circle.
- Evening Traditional Yawanawa Uni Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Uni – ayahuasca, Hapé – tobacco snuff, and Sananga – eye drops).

September 19th – Saturday

- Cultural/spiritual activities in the afternoon

September 20th– Sunday

- Cultural/spiritual activities in the morning
- Evening Traditional Yawanawa Uni Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Uni – ayahuasca, Hapé – tobacco snuff, and Sananga – eye drops.

*Program subject to change ***



SEPTEMBER RETREAT PROGRAM

1ST WEEK

September 21st – Monday

- Cultural/spiritual activities in the afternoon

September 22nd – Tuesday

- Cultural/spiritual activities in the morning
- Evening Traditional Yawanawa Uni Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Uni – ayahuasca, Hapé – tobacco snuff, and Sananga – eye drops.

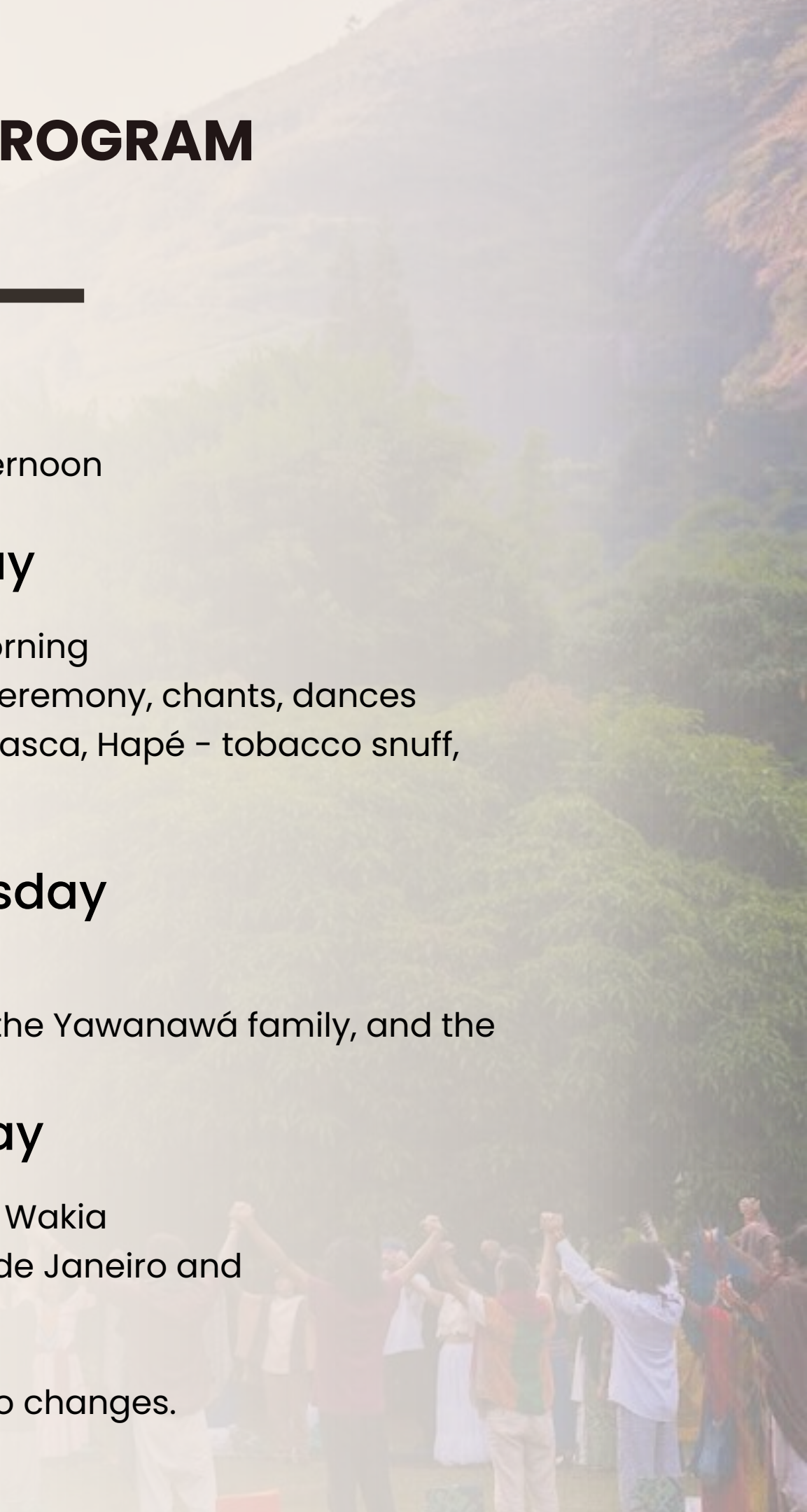
September 23rd – Wednesday

- Afternoon – Integration Circle
- Evening – Concert with Rasu and the Yawanawá family, and the Universal Peace Dance

September 24th – Thursday

- Morning – Closing experience with Wakia
- Afternoon – 2 hour road trip to Rio de Janeiro and Galeão International Airport

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SEPTEMBER RETREAT PROGRAM

2ND WEEK

September 26th - Saturday

- Morning - gathering in Rio de Janeiro and 2 hour road trip to the mountains of Itaipava - Akasha Retreat Center.
- Afternoon - Introduction on the retreat and Lakota teachings on spiritual experiences from indigenous peoples' perspective.
- Evening - purification - Inpi (sweatlodge) in the Lakota tradition.

September 27th - Sunday

- Morning - body painting
- Afternoon - integration circle.
- Evening - Traditional Yawanawa Uni Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Uni - ayahuasca, Hapé - tobacco snuff, and Sananga - eye drops).

September 28th - Monday

- Afternoon - Cultural/spiritual activities

September 29th - Tuesday

- Morning and Afternoon - Cultural/spiritual activities
- Evening - Traditional Yawanawa Uni Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Uni - ayahuasca, Hapé - tobacco snuff, and Sananga - eye drops.



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SEPTEMBER RETREAT PROGRAM

2ND WEEK

September 30th - Wednesday

- Afternoon - Heart Dance with Wakia

October 1st - Thursday

- Morning and afternoon - Cultural/spiritual activities
- Evening - Traditional Yawanawa Uni Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Uni - ayahuasca, Hapé - tobacco snuff, and Sananga - eye drops.

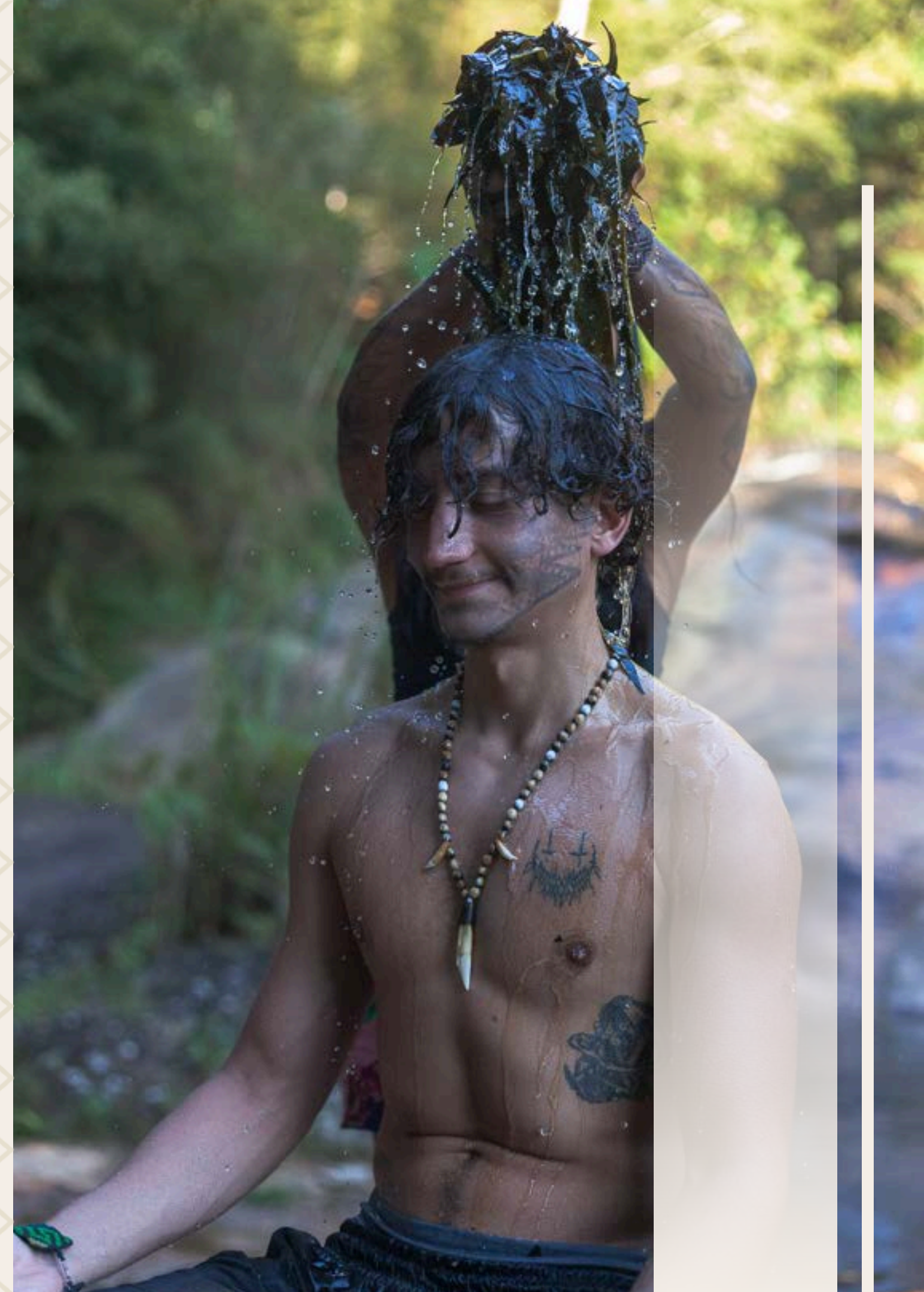
October 2nd - Friday

- Afternoon integration circle.
- Evening - Concert with Rasu and the Yawanawá family, and the Universal Peace Dance

October 3rd - Saturday

- Morning - Closing experience with Wakia
- Afternoon - 2 hour road trip to Rio de Janeiro and Galeão International Airport

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RETREAT INCLUDES:

- Interview and integration with Uni Retreats specialized psychologists;
- Land transportation from Rio de Janeiro to Akasha Retreat Center in Itaipava;
- 7 nights accommodation in shared rooms at the Akasha Retreat Center (up to 3 people per room);
- 3 daily meals at Akasha Retreat Center;
- Participation in all medicine ceremonies and sweat lodges.
- English/Portuguese Translators;
- Land transportation from Akasha Retreat Center to Rio de Janeiro.

SERVICES AVAILABLE AT AN ADDITIONAL COST:

- Individual sessions with the indigenous leaders;
- Individual sessions with talented bodyworkers & physiotherapists;
- Post-retreat follow up consultation with specialized psychologists;

REGISTRATION – Click the link to register

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COMMON AREAS INCLUDE:

Kupixawa (Ceremonial Center) - Waterfalls - Natural pools -
Herbal sauna - dining hall - Bungalows

In the mountains of Itaipava, less than 2 hours away from Rio de Janeiro's international airport, Akasha Retreat Center is the perfect environment for deep healing immersions with indigenous leaders and plant medicines. The spaces especially built for our spiritual retreats integrate beautifully with its lush vegetation, rivers, natural pools and waterfalls.

All facilities on the land follow principles of bioconstruction, for sustainability and integration with nature, and sacred geometry, to potentialize energetic flow. Our bungalows offer the comfort of an Eco-Resort, and the space also includes an herbal steam sauna with natural organic herbs from Akasha's own garden.





Kupixawa (Ceremonial Center)

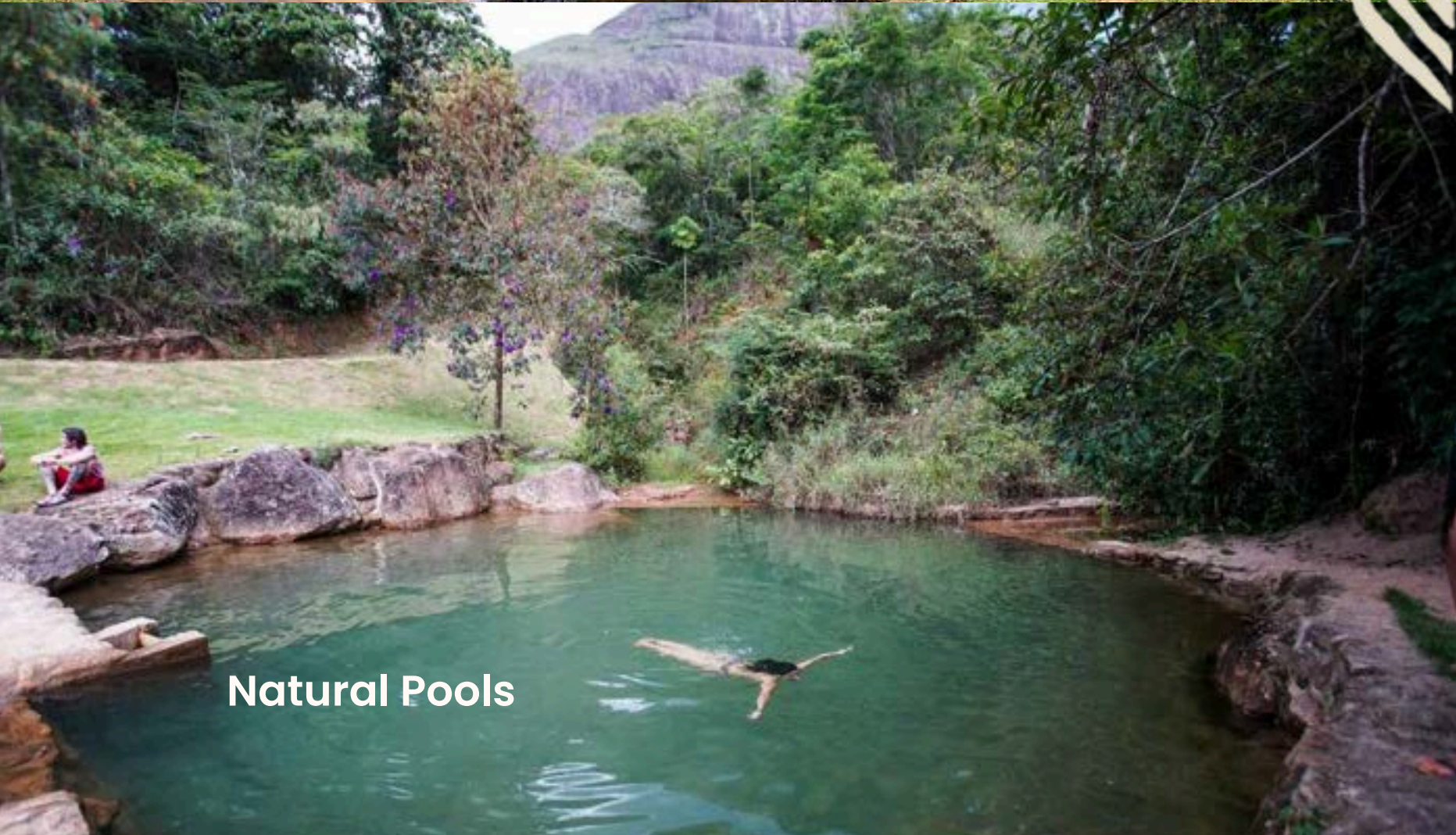




Waterfall



Kupixawa (Ceremonial Center)



Natural Pools



Bungalows

ABOUT US

The Uni Retreats team is composed of founding members of the Huni Kuin Guardians, a pioneer group in Brazil with over 20 years of experience in organizing indigenous-led ayahuasca ceremonies outside the Amazon, and a history of important projects in the villages and around the world.

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