



A deep immersion in
Amazonian Spirituality

HUNI KUIN





**AKASHA RETREAT CENTER
ITAIPAVA – RIO DE JANEIRO – BRAZIL**

December 28th 2026 – January 4th 2027

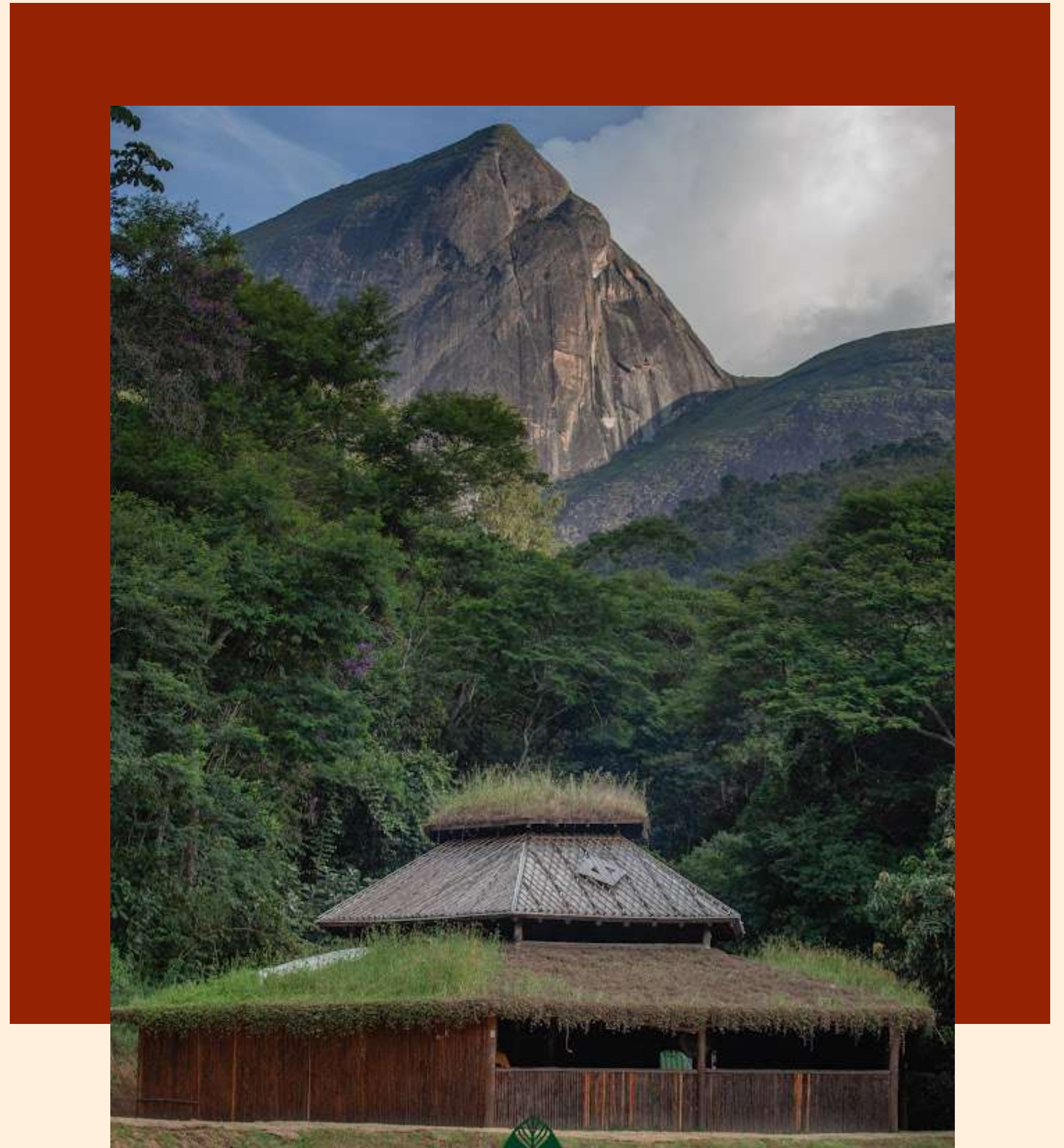
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We are happy and honored to invite you to Akasha Retreat Center for a very special edition of our Uní Retreats.

After one more astonishing New Year edition of Uní Retreats 2025-2026, Ninawa and his group from Novo Futuro Village will lead our 2026-2027 New Year retreat, which is now part of our yearly calendar due to its great success.





Ninawa Pai da Mata

Ninawa is the chief and guardian of Novo Futuro Village, one of the Huni Kuin villages that is located the deepest in the jungle. He comes from an unbroken lineage of powerful spiritual leaders and is one the main references of the Huni Kuin people due to the recognition in many countries of the world of his healing medicine work. A superb musician, Ninawa composed very powerful medicine songs which he uses in his works as codes for assessing spiritual connections. As leader of his village Ninawa has been preparing the children to take on the role of representatives of his people, a few of his sons and daughters already lead ceremonies with him.

Retreats led by the Huni Kuin provide a higher experience in Huni Kuin culture and spirituality due to the available time to integrate in beautiful nature and the progression of the medicines and energy in such incredible immersion format.

Wakia Un Manee

Uní Retreats is also a true manifestation of the indigenous prophecies of reconnection between indigenous nations of North and South America, as Akasha Retreat Center is proud to have Wakia un Manee, Lakota Sundance Chief, as permanent leader who during our retreats lead the Inipi (sweat lodge) ceremony and Lakota teachings.



Os retiros

In each retreat there will be three Ayahuasca ceremonies, traditional activities such as body painting, singing circles and storytelling, hapé (tobacco snuff), sananga circles, teachings on Huni Kuin spirituality, Inipi (sweatlodge), teachings and songs in the Lakota tradition.

All of this and more in the beautiful nature of the Itaipava mountains, in upstate Rio de Janeiro where the Akasha Retreat Center is located.

Each retreat is limited to groups of up to 40 people in the comfort of Akasha Retreat Center, with group bungalows, healthy meals, herbal sauna, and natural swimming pools.



THE HUNIKUIN

find more info on the Huni Kuin nation on our website.



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NEW YEAR'S RETREAT AND NEW YEAR'S EVE NIGHT



In the New Year Uní Retreat the purpose is to allow personal transformation and growth to gain new levels by taking advantage of the occasion of a cycle change.

Participants benefit from purification ceremonies, preparation diets and baths to energize and welcome the New Year.

The highlight is the New Year's Eve spent in the force of the Medicine with prayers culminating in a special midnight celebration with fireworks followed by a great feast and a DJ set of ethnic and spiritual music until dawn.

**Ninawa's New Year Uní Retreat is already a
classic of the world's Medicine Family!!!**

NEW YEAR RETREAT PROGRAM

December 28th – Monday

- 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.

December 29th – Tuesday

- 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

December 30th – Wednesday

- Cultural/spiritual activities in the afternoon

December 31st– Thursday

- Cultural/spiritual activities in the morning
- Evening Traditional Huni Kuin Nixipae Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Nixipae (ayahuasca), Hapé (tobacco snuff) and Sananga (eye drops).
- New Year Celebration
- Celebration dinner and DJ set



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NEW YEAR RETREAT PROGRAM

January 1st – Friday

- Cultural/spiritual activities in the afternoon

January 2nd – Saturday

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

January 3rd – Sunday

- Afternoon integration circle.
- Evening Drum Circle and Songs of the Lakota Tradition

January 4th – Monday

- Afternoon 2 hour road trip to Rio de Janeiro and Galeão International Airport



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JANUARY 2ND WEEK RETREAT PROGRAM

January 6th – Wednesday

- 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.

January 7th – Thursday

- 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

January 8th – Friday

- Cultural/spiritual activities in the afternoon

January 9th – Saturday

- 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).



PROGRAMA DO RETIRO DA 2ª SEMANA

January 10th – Sunday

- Cultural/spiritual activities in the afternoon

January 11th – Monday

- 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).

January 12th – Tuesday

- Afternoon integration circle.
- Evening Drum Circle and Songs of the Lakota Tradition

January 13th – Wednesday

- Afternoon 2 hour road trip to Rio de Janeiro and Galeão International Airport

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IN ADDITION TO THE CEREMONIES THE RETREAT WILL ALSO INCLUDE:

Spiritual teachings, traditional activities, hapé (tobacco snuff, storytelling circles, face and body paintings, herbal sauna, daily breakfast, lunch and dinner.

RETREAT INCLUDES:

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



Click the link to register:

 **REGISTRATION**







AKASHA RETREAT CENTER

Itaipava 🌿 Rio de Janeiro 🌿 Brazil

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.

COMMON AREAS INCLUDE:

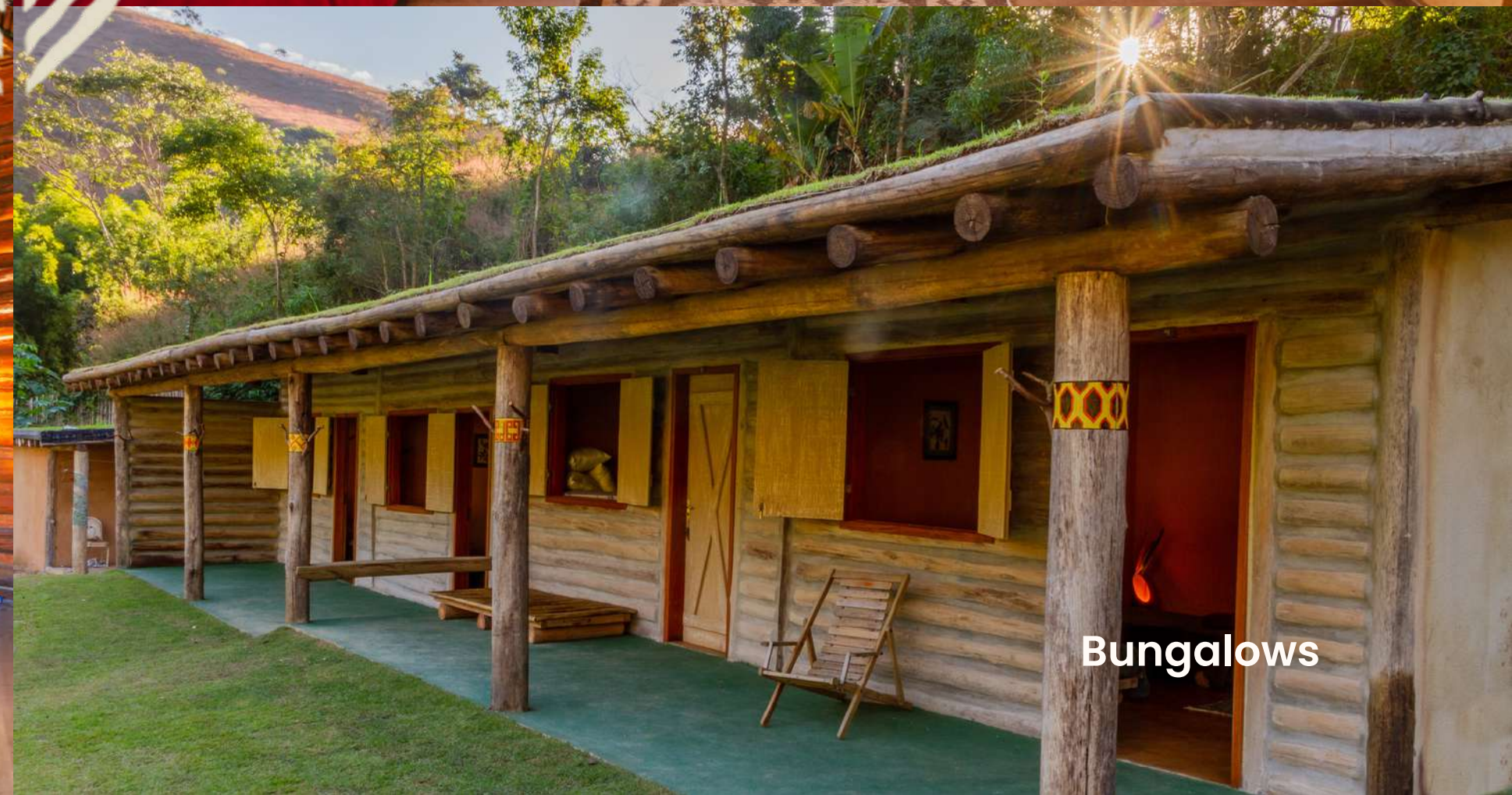
- Kupixawa (Ceremonial Center) - Geodesic dome - Waterfalls - Natural pools - Herbal sauna - dining hall - Bungalows







Kupixawá (Ceremonail Center)

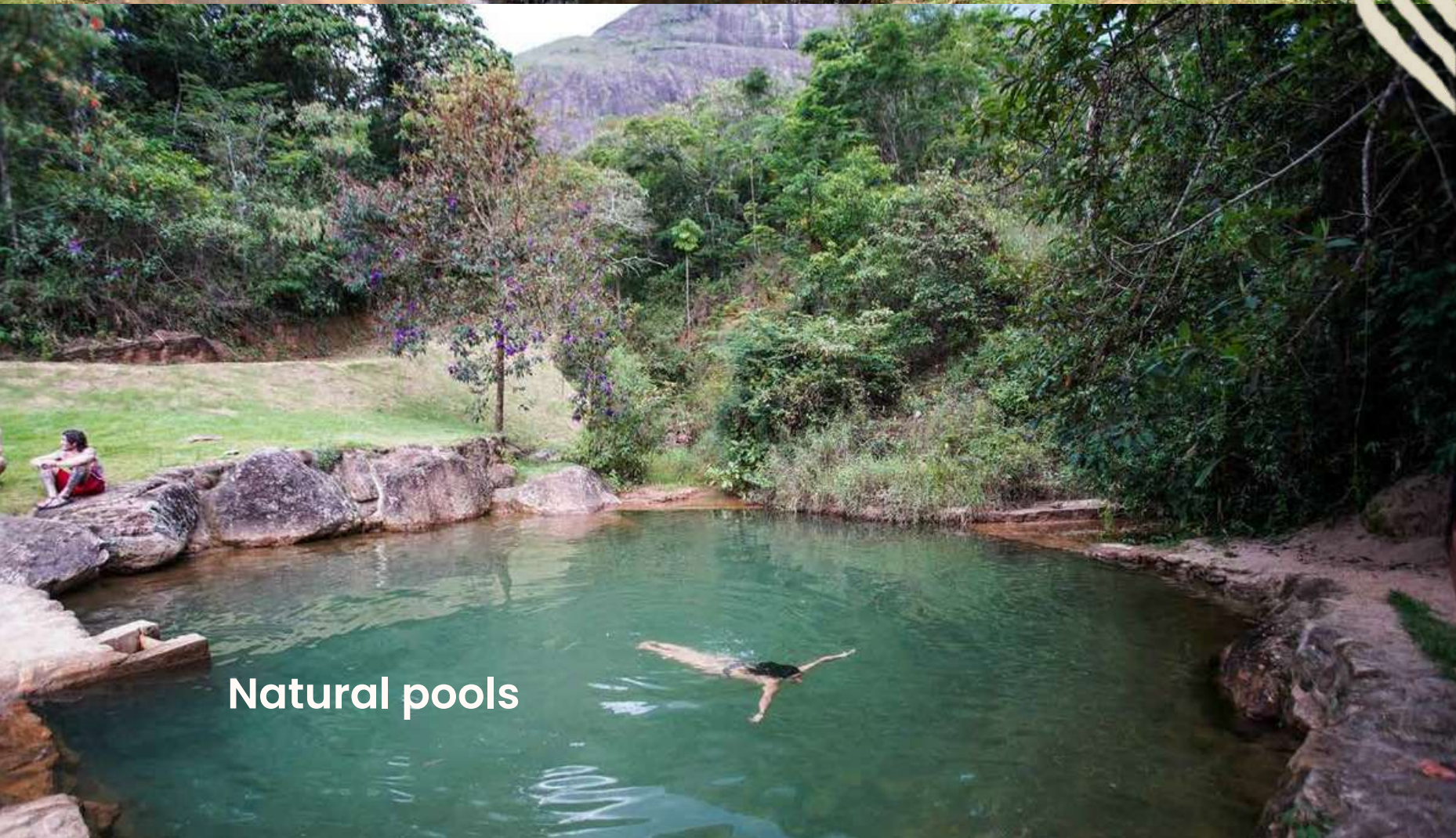




Waterfalls



Kupixawá (Ceremonial Center)



Natural pools



Bangalôs

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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