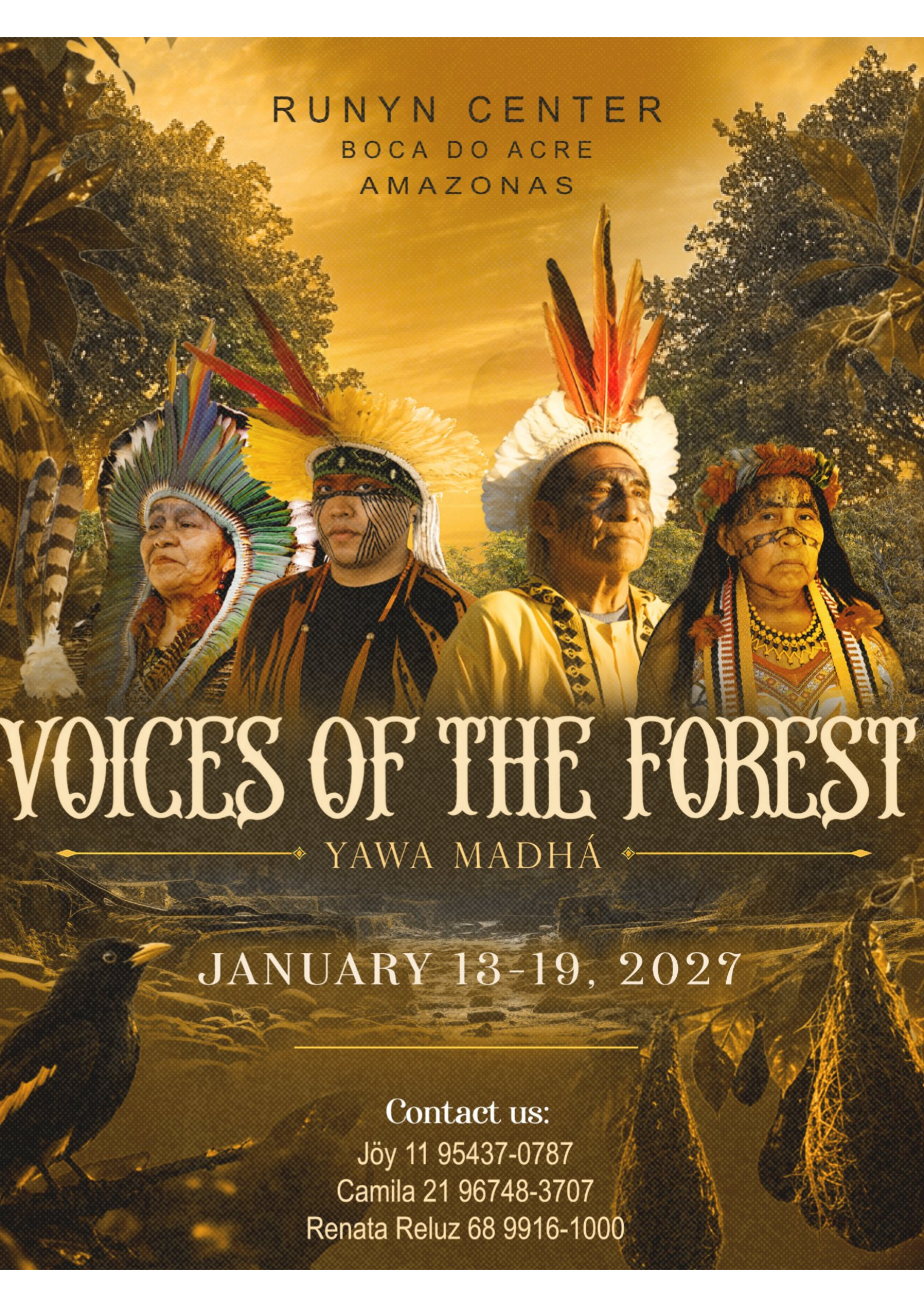




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VOICES OF THE FOREST

—◆ YAWA MADHÁ ◆—

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Reconnecting with our essence through the medicines of the forest and the ancestral knowledge of a people of recent contact: the Madha/Kulina People.

They are part of a remarkably well-preserved culture that carries profound wisdom.





Maná Madhá

Maná Madhá, also known as Santo Kulina, is a prominent spiritual leader and shaman of the Madhá people, recognized for his life's mission devoted to healing. He received a rare form of traditional training among contemporary shamans, preserving ancient healing techniques and a profound knowledge of medicinal plants and the spirituality of his people.

Maná's healing practices bring together the physical, energetic, and spiritual dimensions of healing. The Madhá belong to the Arawá language family, while maintaining a long history of exchanges and knowledge-sharing with Pano-speaking peoples, particularly in relation to songs, spiritual practices, and healing techniques.

Among some Pano peoples — the linguistic family to which the Yawanawá belong — there are spiritual specialists known as Rumeya, a term associated with the idea of “one who possesses the rome.” Their knowledge includes healing techniques that may resemble true spiritual surgeries. Some of these techniques have roots in ancient exchanges with Madhá healing knowledge, finding a strong resonance in the practices preserved by Maná.

Recognized for healing serious illnesses, Maná is considered a “complete shaman” and, within his lineage of work, may be compared to a surgeon because of the precision and depth of his healing practices.



Ratsuhá Madihá

Ratsuhá is a highly respected Madihá healer and midwife. A specialist in childbirth, she has deep knowledge of medicinal plants and works alongside her husband, Maná Madha, healing patients according to the ancestral practices of their people.

With a powerful, profound and deep voice, Ratsuhá is a guardian of the ajiés de cura, the sacred healing songs of her people. She also shares and transmits this knowledge through the spiritual practice known as Abertura da Voz (Opening of the Voice), contributing to the continuity of Madihá healing knowledge and spirituality..



Runuiná Yawanawá-Pupỹkary

Runuiná is a Yawanawá-Pupỹkary musician, composer, and young spiritual leader, son of Vesku Yawanawá and Antônio Yakute Apurinã/Pupykary.

As a guardian of the ancestral heritage of his peoples, he has developed, throughout his spiritual and musical journey, his own creative process, composing new melodies and arrangements that integrate his beautiful voice and instruments such as the guitar with traditional songs — including *saitis* and *ajiés*, traditionally performed solely with the voice.

He is an apprentice of the shaman Santo Maná Madha, deepening his spiritual training and knowledge of traditional songs and practices. He is involved in projects at Centro Runyn and teaches traditional songs, sharing knowledge acquired through many years of dedication to Indigenous musical traditions.



Vesku Yawanawá

Vesku is a Yawanawá Indigenous woman who lives in the village of the Apurinã/Pupykary people, dedicated to strengthening Indigenous culture, with a special focus on women, young people, and the use and appreciation of medicinal plants.

As a female leader of the Instituto Runyn Pupykary Yawanawá, she develops projects aimed at strengthening the cultural heritage of different Indigenous peoples. Within Apurinã territory, she created a healing center and currently develops a seed bank.

An apprentice of female healers and midwives, she is also a guardian of Yawanawá songs, stories, and ancestral knowledge, transmitted to her since childhood.

Healing Session

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The Kulina Madihá are a people of recent contact, known for preserving very ancient spiritual practices, sustained by a profound ancestral relationship with various peoples of the forest, including the Yawanawá. This knowledge is kept alive through healing lineages and expressed through spiritual and bodily techniques of great precision and value.

In the Madihá tradition, healing work is intended for people seeking physical, spiritual, and energetic balance, based on an integrated understanding of body and spirit.

During these healing sessions, powerful traditional bodywork techniques are applied, including massage, suction, traditional blowing techniques, and other forms of hands-on bodywork. These may also include the spiritual removal of illness — a process in which materializations may occur as part of removing the illness from the body of the person receiving the treatment.

Opening of the Voice

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Opening of the Voice is a Madihá spiritual practice through which knowledge is transmitted.

It is a ritual process involving specific body techniques, such as suction and the application or removal of substances from the apprentice's body, the ritual use of blown tobacco, followed by a strict period of dietary and behavioral restrictions, as well as sexual abstinence.

This work focuses on removing energies that may hinder the expression of the voice, the ability to listen, and the capacity to learn. Its primary focus is preparing the person to receive and learn traditional songs, while also enhancing their ability to express themselves and communicate more broadly.

Opening of the Voice initiates a transmission of knowledge that is inscribed and planted in the body, preparing the person to receive, sustain, and learn healing songs.

The initial diet lasts 5 days. Restrictions include foods such as papaya, pineapple, avocado, lemon, and chili pepper. It is recommended that these foods continue to be avoided beyond the initial 5 days.

During this period:

- Bathing should be done with water only, without soap or perfumed body-care products.
 - No salt.
 - No sweets.
 - No sexual activity.



CENTRO RUNYN PUPYKARY YAWANAWA



Centro Runyn Pupykary Yawanawá is located near Kamicuã village, within the territory of the Apurinã/Pupykary people, in the southern region of the state of Amazonas.

It is a space where immersive experiences, gatherings, healing practices, and activities for cultural exchange and the transmission of knowledge among different Indigenous peoples take place.

It is a place where ancestral knowledge of medicinal plants and other traditional practices is preserved, experienced, and shared.



Schedule

Day 1

Kapû and Body Painting (Nane)

Day 2

Uni/Rami Ceremony

Beginning of the Healing Sessions and Abertura
da Voz

Day 3

Song Learning Circle + Medicinal Plant Bath

Day 4

Teachings Circle + Uni/Rami Ceremony

Day 5

Forest Walk — Path of the Boa + Teachings Circle

Day 6

Mapu Bath — Clay Bath + Uni/Rami Ceremony

Day 7

Integration

Note: This is our Guiding Schedule, honoring the intelligence of the forest, which has its own timing and its own rhythm.

INVESTMENT & REGISTRATION

Full Experience*:

R\$ 14.000

→ Including river transportation, accommodation and meals at the Indigenous community, the experience program + traditional YawaMadiha voice-opening or healing session.

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✓ We organize the EXTERNAL LOGISTICS from Rio Branco, Acre, to the river embarkation point. This option is OPTIONAL. Please request the information to help organize your journey.

→ Including: airport transfer, hotels, ground transportation.

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✓ We also provide an OPTIONAL TRAVEL KIT, with the basic items needed for your stay in the Indigenous Community. Please request the information to organize your journey.

→ Including: fabric hammock, mosquito net, soft blanket, beach chair.

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To register, please request the registration form.

Not included in this price: Airfare, external logistics to the boat, and the basic travel kit.*

