



A deep immersion in
Amazonian Spirituality

HUNI KUIN

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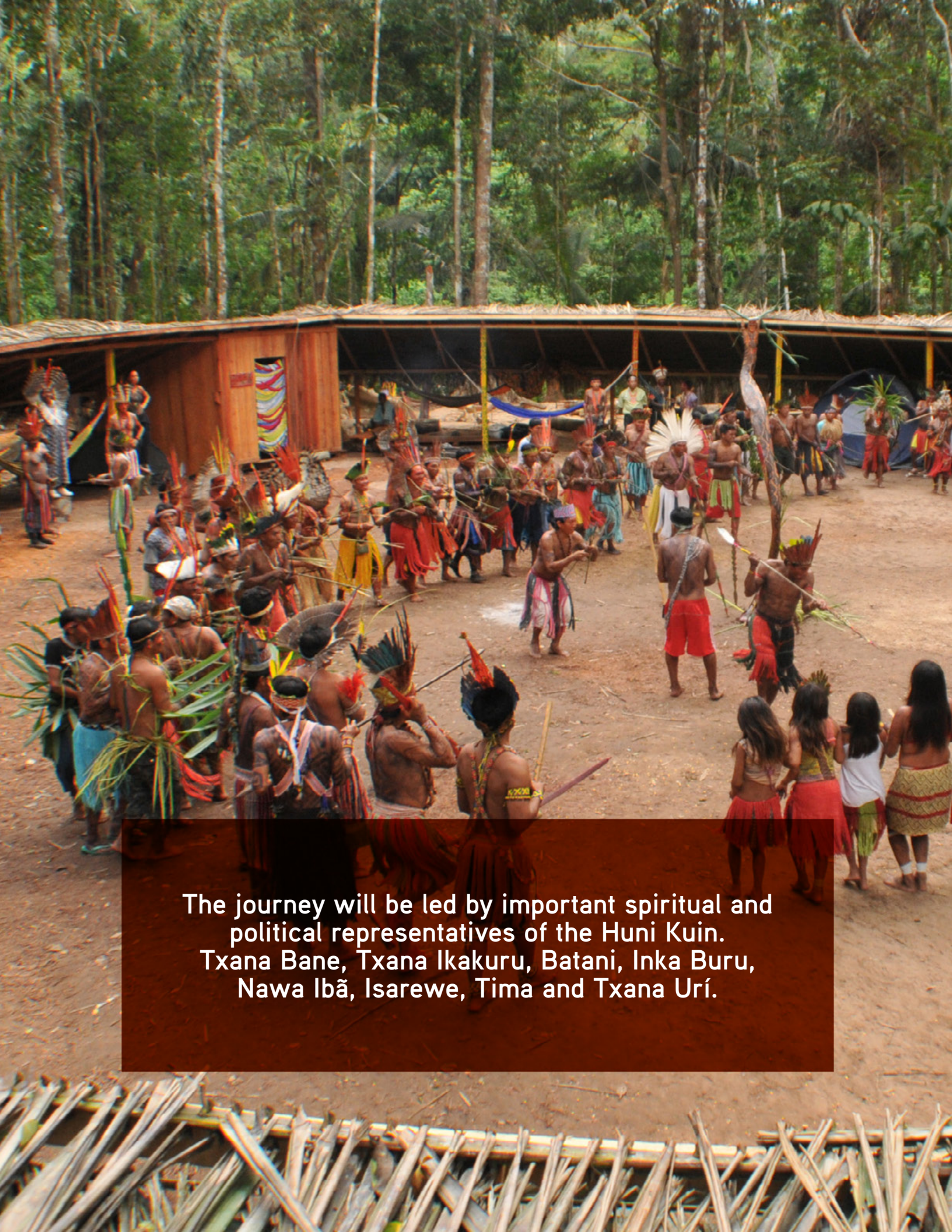
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WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF
STAYING FOR BOTH RETREATS.

AKASHA RETREAT CENTER
ITAIPAVA - RIO DE JANEIRO - BRAZIL


A group of Huni Kuin men in traditional feathered headdresses and beaded jewelry, holding wooden staffs, standing in a forest. The men are dressed in traditional attire, including large feathered headdresses and beaded necklaces. They are holding wooden staffs, some with red and yellow markings. The background is a lush green forest.

We are honored to invite you to a retreat at Akasha Center
for a deep immersion in the ancestral culture of the
Huni Kuin people of the Brazilian Amazon.

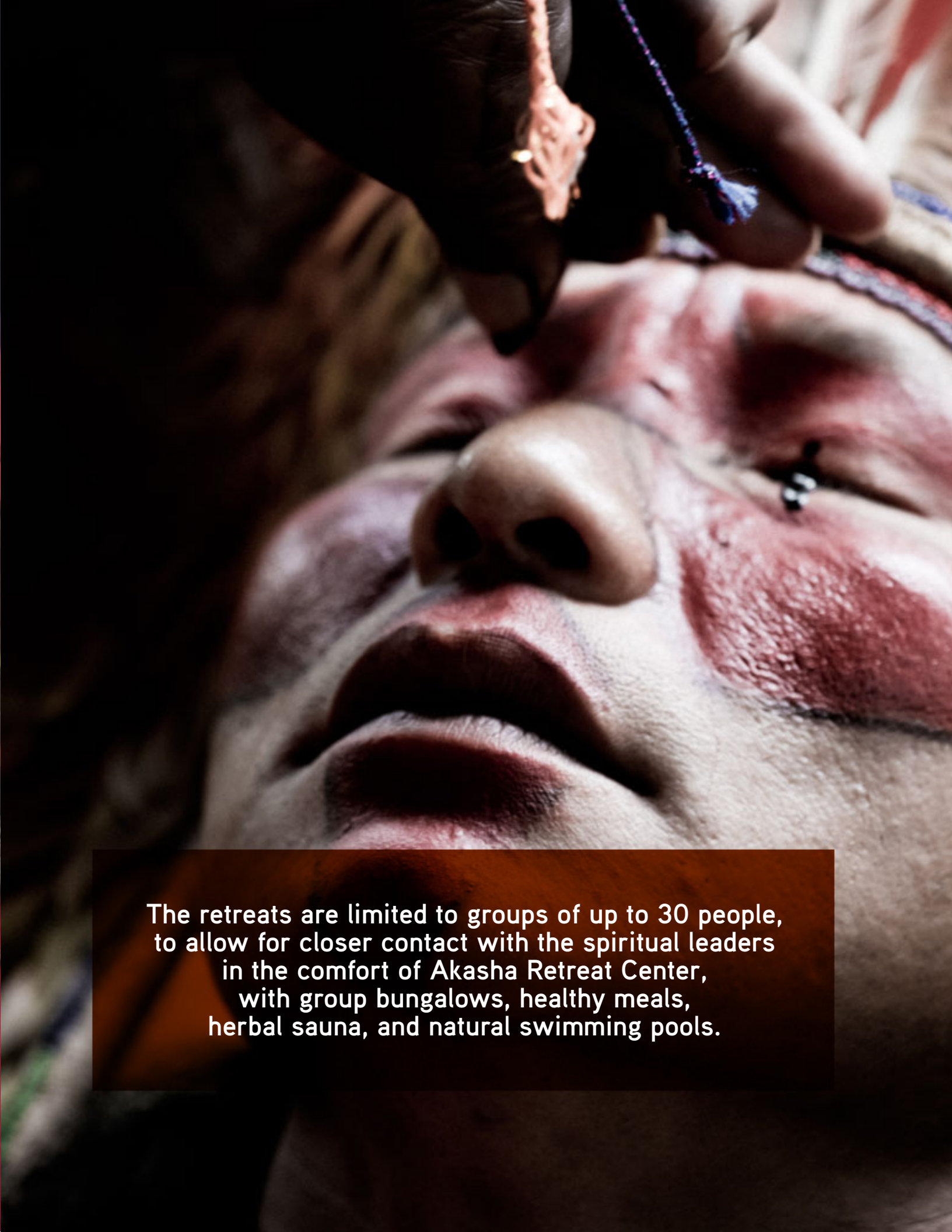


The journey will be led by important spiritual and political representatives of the Huni Kuin. Txana Bane, Txana Ikakuru, Batani, Inka Buru, Nawa Ibã, Isarewe, Tima and Txana Urí.



A photograph of two indigenous people, likely from the Huni Kuin tribe, with intricate face paint. They are holding a large, glowing torch made of sticks and straw. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the fire of the torch. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an outdoor or semi-outdoor setting at night or in low light.

The focus of the retreat is to offer a deep immersion in Huni Kuin culture and spirituality. In each retreat there will be three Nixi Pae (ayahuasca) ceremonies, traditional activities such as body painting, song circles and storytelling, morning purification sessions, rapé (tobacco snuff) sananga circles, teachings on Huni Kuin spirituality and sweat lodges in the Lakota tradition conducted by the Lakota medicine man Wakia Un Manee and Brazilian medicine woman Adriana Ocelot. All in the beautiful nature of the Itaipava mountains, in upstate Rio de Janeiro where the Akasha Retreat Center is located.



The retreats are limited to groups of up to 30 people, to allow for closer contact with the spiritual leaders in the comfort of Akasha Retreat Center, with group bungalows, healthy meals, herbal sauna, and natural swimming pools.

THE HUNI KUIN



The Huni Kuin people, or “true people,” as they call themselves, live mostly in the Brazilian Amazon Basin, but their lands extend to the foot of the Andes in eastern Peru. The Huni Kuin are the largest indigenous population in the Brazilian state of Acre, currently living on twelve Indigenous territories along seven different rivers:

Purus, Envira, Murú, Humaitá, Tarauacá, Breu and Jordão.

They had relatively late contact with the Western world, and despite decades of persecution during the rubber extraction years, they managed to maintain their traditional ways. The native language is “hatxa kuin” (true language), but today they live in a bilingual reality in which most of the Huni Kuin communicate in Portuguese as well. They continue to practice their sacred rituals and “pajelanças” (healing sessions) with their plant medicines, perform traditional baptisms of their children and celebrate the “katxanawa” (fertility rituals). The traditional medicines of the Huni Kuin are of immense importance to their worldview, and the collective use of ayahuasca (“Nixi Pae”) has a prominent place in their spiritual practice. Today Huni Kuin spirituality echoes throughout the world. This movement began just over a decade ago, with the arrival of three young Huni Kuin leaders in Rio de Janeiro, to conduct ceremonies outside their villages for the first time.

Nowadays, many Huni Kuin spiritual leaders travel regularly through the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia.

There have been numerous exhibitions on this rich culture in some of the world’s major museums, as well as award-winning films and books. These messengers of the forest have an important and positive message that suggests a new era, a time of reconciliation between mankind and Mother Nature.



TXANA BANE

Txana Bane is the son of the Huni Kuin leader Siã Sales. Siã is a well-known militant in the fight for indigenous rights, founding member of the “Union of the Peoples of the Forest”. In 2005, he sent his son, Fabiano Txana Bane, to live in Rio de Janeiro, and with the authorization of the elder medicine man, Pajé Agostinho Manduca Mateus Ika Muru, to conduct Nixi Pae (Ayahuasca) ceremonies. Txanabane founded the Huni Kuin Guardians group in Rio de Janeiro, where he lived for eight years. He was also a pioneer in conducting Huni Kuin ceremonies outside of Brazil, in Scandinavian countries. Txana currently lives between Germany and Lago Lindo Village, in the Huni Kuin territory of the Jordão river, where he dedicates his life towards ecological activism and strengthening Huni Kuin culture, focused on preserving the rainforest and the traditional indigenous ways.



ISAREWE

Isarewe Huni Kuin is a spiritual leader in the Reino da Estrela village, Upper Jordão river. He began his studies with his father Arthur Sales Txuã, important Txana (singer). He is very knowledgeable about Huni Kuin culture, and learned many traditional rituals and festivals from his people. Isarewe is largely experienced in the study of Nixi Pae tradition, as well as other forest medicines, conducting ceremonies in Brazil, Europe, Asia and Africa.



TXANA IKAKURU

Txana Ikakuru is the spiritual leader of Boa Vista Village, on the Huni Kuin Indigenous Land of the Upper Jordão River.

As a conductor of Nixi Pae ceremonies, he is respected for his dedication, seriousness and the tender care with which he transmits and perpetuates his culture. Founder of the Yube Nawa Ainbu school, in his village, made for studies of forest medicines and spiritual diets. He learned the traditional chants and prayers with his grandfathers, the very ancient guardians of knowledge Ikakuru and Txana Romão Sales Tuin. Txana Ikakuru is a messenger of this new time and frequently travels to share his people's culture and spirituality in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas.



BATANI

Batani is the daughter of Chief Elias of Aldeia Boa Vista and Mestra Rufina, one of the greatest teachers in Huni Kuin weaving. Her family is very respected by the leaders and has been developing important projects for their people, including cultural and spiritual festivals. Batani is part of the Yube Nawa Ainbu Group, a female group that studies traditional Huni Kuin chants and has strengthened the representation of Huni Kuin women inside and outside the villages. Batani's voice brings beautiful feminine force and energy to Nixi Pae ceremonies along with her companion Ikakuru.



INKA BURU

Master of traditional Huni Kuin knowledge, Inka Buru teaches in her community the arts of the kenes (sacred geometric patterns from the Nixi Pae visions), weaving, pottery and medicinal herbs. Apprenticed to her father, one of the great ancient Huni Kuin medicine men, Inka Buru guards great knowledge of sacred plants, traditional Nixi Pae chants and Huni Kuin cosmology.



NAWA IBÃ

Nawa Ibã is a young “Txana”, thus titled the great singers among the Huni Kuin people. Representative of the new generation and knowledgeable of the traditions, Nawa Ibã is currently one of the young men responsible for the medicine in his village. Alongside Txana Bane, he has been sharing with the world the ancient wisdom of his people, seeking a true integration between the Huni Kuin people and modern society by means of construction of a new time.



TXANA URÍ

Txana Urí is also a young “Txana” nephew and apprentice of Ikakuru. Txana Urí has been closely following the steps of Ikakuru, helping him with the organization of cultural and spiritual festivals in their village Boa Vista as well as with the preparation of the new generation of Huni Kuin spiritual representatives.



TIMA

Tima Huni kuin is a great artist, since 2004 she is dedicated to the study of huni kuin art in weaving, crafts and painting, following the tradition with pakari ika songs and prayers. Coming from a family of strong txanas (traditional singers) her father Valmar Siã Huni kuin has great knowledge of traditional medicines and huni meka and katxa nawa chants.



ADRIANA OCELOT

Adriana Ocelot is a medicine woman, sweat lodge leader, sun dancer in Tamoanchan – Mexico and Crow Dog’s Paradise – USA, leader of Vision Quest, moon dancer at Ollintlahuimeztli in Teotihuacan - México. Guardian of a Red Moon Temple for women’s retreats, healer in traditional native technique and in the use of medicinal plants.



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.



NOVEMBER RETREAT PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 23RD - SATURDAY

- Morning pick-up at Rio de Janeiro Airport and two hour drive to the mountains of Itaipava - Akasha Retreat Center.
- Evening purification Inipi/Temazcal in the Lakota Tradition.

NOVEMBER 24TH - SUNDAY

- Morning introductions and integration circle.
- Evening Traditional Huni Kuin Nixi Pae Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Nixi Pae (ayahuasca), Rapé (tobacco snuff) and Sananga (eye drops).

NOVEMBER 25TH - MONDAY

- Early Morning Amazonic Purification Medicine.

NOVEMBER 26TH - TUESDAY

- Evening Traditional Huni Kuin Nixi Pae Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Uni (ayahuasca), Rapé (tobacco snuff) and Sananga (eye drops).

NOVEMBER 27TH - WEDNESDAY

- Early Morning Amazonic Purification Medicine.

NOVEMBER 28TH - THURSDAY

- Evening Traditional Huni Kuin Nixi Pae Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Uni (ayahuasca), Rapé (tobacco snuff) and Sananga (eye drops).

NOVEMBER 29TH - FRIDAY

- Early Morning Amazonic Purification Medicine.
- Afternoon integration circle.
- Evening purification Inipi/Temazcal - Lakota Tradition.

NOVEMBER 30TH - SATURDAY

- Afternoon two hour road trip to the international Airport of Galeão for those returning home;
- Evening purification Inipi/Temazcal for those staying for the next retreat.

IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN CEREMONIES
THE PROGRAMS WILL ALSO INCLUDE:

Spiritual teachings • Traditional activities
Storytelling circles • Face and body paintings
Rapé (tobacco snuff) circles • Herbal sauna
Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner.



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DECEMBER RETREAT PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 30TH - SATURDAY

- Morning pick-up at Rio de Janeiro Airport and two hour drive to the mountains of Itaipava - Akasha Retreat Center.
- Evening purification Inipi/Tamazcal in the Lakota Tradition.

DECEMBER 1ST - SUNDAY

- Morning introductions and integration circle.
- Evening Traditional Huni Kuin Nixi Pae Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Nixi Pae (ayahuasca), Rapé (tobacco snuff) and Sananga (eye drops).

DECEMBER 2ND - MONDAY

- Early Morning Amazonic Purification Medicine.

DECEMBER 3RD - TUESDAY

- Evening Traditional Huni Kuin Nixi Pae Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Nixi Pae (ayahuasca), Rapé (tobacco snuff) and Sananga (eye drops).

DECEMBER 4TH - WEDNESDAY

- Early Morning Amazonic Purification Medicine.

DECEMBER 5TH - THURSDAY

- Evening Traditional Huni Kuin Nixi Pae Ceremony, chants, dances and prayers. Medicines of Nixi Pae (ayahuasca), Rapé (tobacco snuff) and Sananga (eye drops).

DECEMBER 6TH - FRIDAY

- Early Morning Amazonic Purification.
 - Afternoon integration circle.
- Evening purification Inipi/Tamazcal - Lakota Tradition.

DECEMBER 7TH - SATURDAY

- Afternoon two hour road trip to the international Airport of Galeão for those returning home;

IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN CEREMONIES
THE PROGRAMS WILL ALSO INCLUDE:

Spiritual teachings • Traditional activities
Storytelling circles • Face and body paintings
Rapé (tobacco snuff) circles
Herbal sauna • movie nights
Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner.

INVESTMENT

PAYMENT BY SEPT 30TH 2019:

NOVEMBER RETREAT USD 1800
DECEMBER RETREAT USD 1800
BOTH RETREATS USD 2800

PAYMENT BY NOV 15TH 2019:

NOVEMBER RETREAT USD 2000
DECEMBER RETREAT USD 2000
BOTH RETREATS USD 3000

PAYMENT AFTER NOV 15TH 2019:

NOVEMBER RETREAT USD 2200
DECEMBER RETREAT USD 2200
BOTH RETREATS USD 3200

THIS INCLUDES:

- Interview and integration with Uni Retreats specialized psychologists;
- Land transportation from Rio de Janeiro to Aldeia Akasha in Itaipava
- 7 nights accommodation in collective rooms at the Akasha Retreat Center.
(Maximum of four persons per room)
 - 3 daily meals during the entire stay at Aldeia Akasha;
 - Participation in all medicine ceremonies and sweat lodges.
 - Bilingual Translators (English/Portuguese);
 - 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 physiotherapists;
- Post-retreat follow up consultation with specialized psychologists;

REGISTRATION

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LOCATION



AKASHA RETREAT CENTER ITAIPAVA - RIO DE JANEIRO

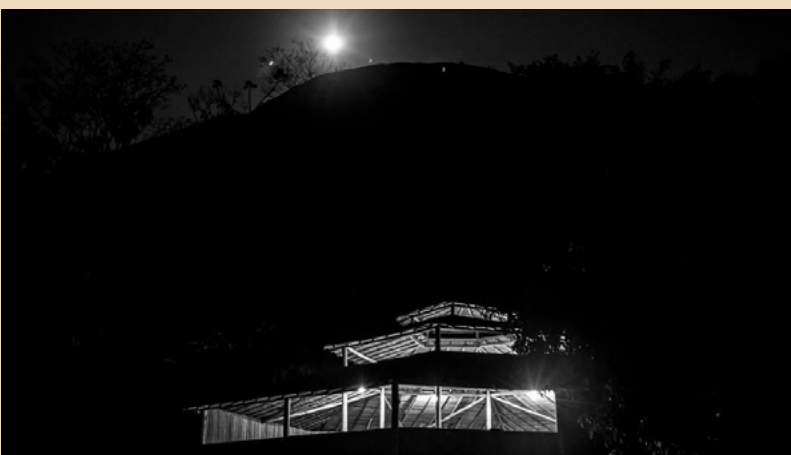
In the mountains of Itaipava, less than 2 hours away from Rio de Janeiro's international airport, Akasha Retreat Center is the perfect environment for deep healing immersions with indigenous leaders and plant medicines.

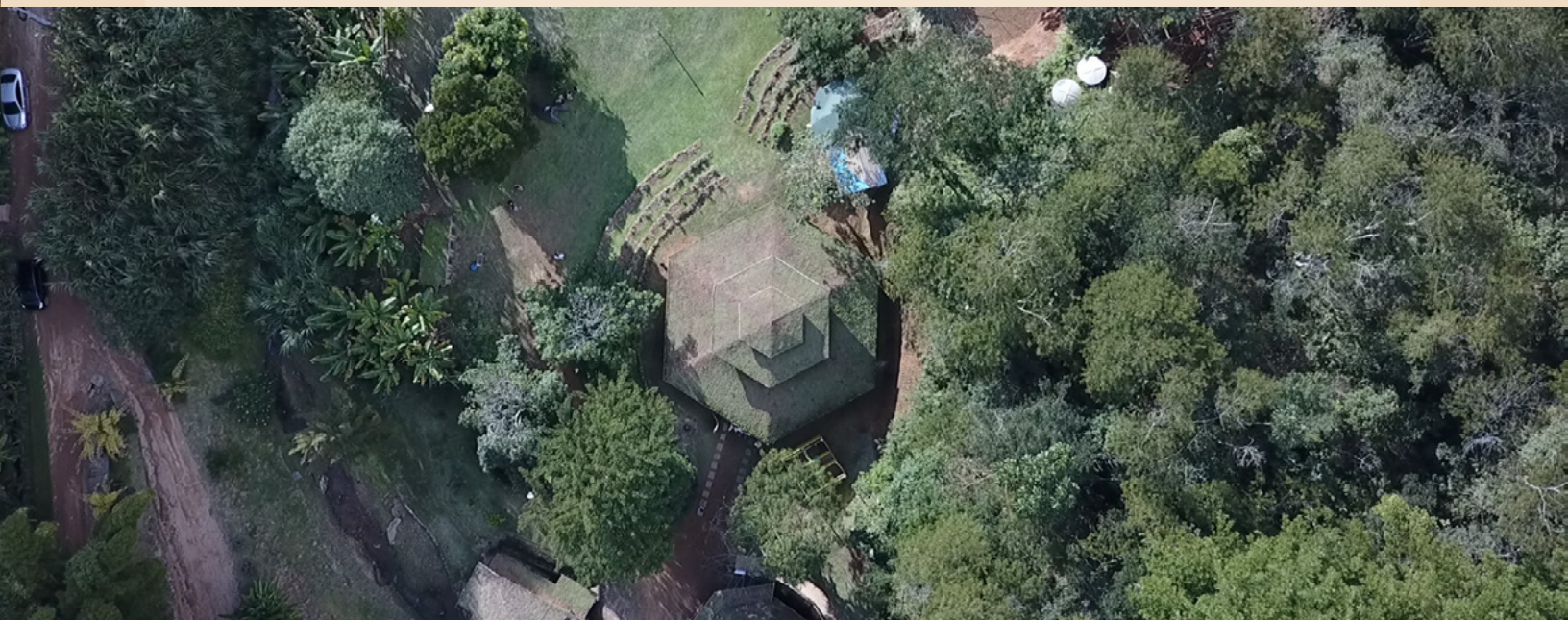
Its lush vegetation, rivers, natural pools and waterfalls perfectly integrate with spaces specially built for our spiritual retreats.

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

COMMON AREAS INCLUDE:

Kupixawá (Ceremonial Center) - Geodesic dome - Waterfalls - Natural pools
- Herbal sauna - Restaurant - Bungalows







ABOUT US

The organizing crew of Uni Retreats is comprised of founding members of the Huni Kuin Guardians who are a leading group in Brazil in the organization of indigenous-led ayahuasca ceremonies outside the Amazon, with 14 years experience and a history of important projects in the villages and around the world.

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