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Verdant wonderland with fantastic wildlife viewing coupled with trekking, horseback riding and boat trips

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More than 250 spectacular waterfalls surrounded by Atlantic rain forest



ILHA DE MARAJÓ (p620)
Vast, rain forest-covered island with good seafood, old ruins and abundant wildlife amid spectacular scenery

LEGEND

- Freeway
- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Tertiary Road

0 500 km
0 300 miles

ELEVATION

2000m
1000m
400m
200m
0

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Enormous expanse of high dunes and pristine lagoons overlooking the Atlantic surf

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Big surf, happening nightlife, succulent oysters, deserted beaches, quaint fishing villages and more

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