

BRAZIL - VOYAGE TO THE HEART OF THE AMAZON



TRIP CODE

BRTSTU7

DEPARTURE

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departure dates

DURATION

7 Days

LOCATIONS

Brazil, Amazon



INTRODUCTION

This is a true expedition cruise with seven full days and seven nights of deep forest exploration. With this amount of time to explore, a good boat, a skilled crew, and adventurous passengers, you will venture far into the Amazon rainforest wilderness in search of wildlife. See the detailed information below.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival and Embark in Manaus

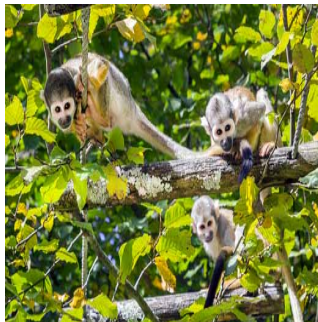
Early this morning all guests board the vessel the Motor Yacht Tucano and depart upstream on the Rio Negro. Through the morning we will cruise through the world's largest river island system, the Anavilhanas Archipelago. From the observation deck we scan the magnificent tangle of vegetation at the water's edge. By mid-afternoon the vessel has gone beyond the frontier of settlement and entered a wilderness area. Both shores are covered by dense rainforest. Though we cannot predict what we will see, we have a good chance of observing pink river dolphins and a large collection of exotic birds. Most certainly we will be treated to magnificent forest vistas and the spectacular trees themselves. In the late afternoon we embark in the launches and hunt for wildlife. We may also go for a swim in some of the world's most clean and refreshing water.



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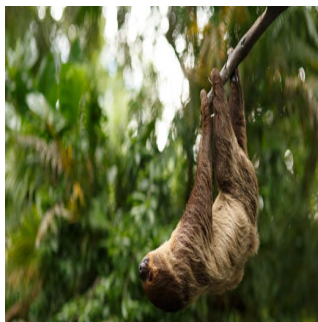
DAY 2: Exploration of the Anavilhanas Archipelago

Early this morning we explore the rainforest along the waters edge in our boat. We should hear and perhaps see howler monkeys and we should hear a morning serenade of toucans. After breakfast we go for a walk in the forest where we will get a good start on understanding Amazon ecology. Around midday we return for lunch and the vessel will get underway, perhaps stopping at a place to swim. In the late afternoon we will again explore the forest in our launches and listen to the sunset chorus of birds and frogs.



DAY 3: Rainforest Walk

Our day kicks off with an early venture into the lively forest. As we meander through this awakening habitat, we remain vigilant for the presence of sloths, creatures we frequently encounter on our journeys. After this immersive experience, we head back for a hearty breakfast, which is followed by the choice of either a forest walk or an exploration by boat. During the midday, the M/Y Tucano will continue its journey, and in the afternoon, we make a stop for an excursion. Later in the evening, our vessel may continue its voyage, allowing us to gaze in wonder at the night sky adorned with a multitude of stars.



DAY 4: Wildlife Exploration & Night Excursion

Following our morning expeditions, the M/Y Tucano will cruise along the densely forested shoreline, keeping a vigilant eye out for wildlife. There might be an opportunity to visit a settler's dwelling nestled within the heart of the forest. During the early afternoon, we'll be in proximity to the remarkable Rio Jaueperi, an exceptional river in its own right. Along its shores, we'll carefully explore in search of the remarkable creatures that call this distinctive environment home. If the weather cooperates, we'll embark on a nocturnal excursion later in the evening to observe the fascinating world of nocturnal creatures.



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DAY 5: Exploration - Rio Negro Tributaries

Our day begins with a journey to the western banks of the Rio Negro, where we will persist in our exploration using both our boat launches and forest walks. Depending on the weather and water levels, we'll venture into areas seldom frequented by others. As night falls, the M/Y Tucano will travel downstream and, contingent on river depth, will navigate an affluent on the east bank of the Rio Negro, delving deep into the heart of the rainforest via this narrow waterway. Following our nocturnal exploration of the rainforest in our boats, we'll return to the Tucano for "Caipirinha Night," and if the spirit moves us, we might even attempt a bit of samba on the upper deck.



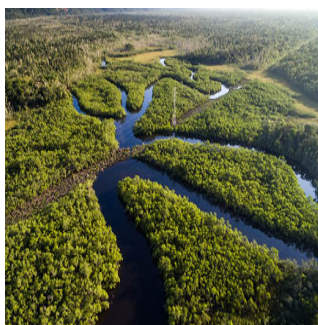
DAY 6: Exploration - Meeting of the Waters

We begin the day with a dawn excursion hunting for wakening wildlife followed by a full Brazilian breakfast. We will then go one last time into the forest. In the mid-afternoon, we will begin to journey downstream. We should arrive late in the day at the "Encontro das Aguas" (Meeting of the Waters) - a stark, several-mile-long line where two of the world's largest rivers, the Amazon and the Rio Negro, join in a turbulent maelstrom. Here the dark water of the Negro runs beside the opaque brown water of the Amazon. At sunset, the M/Y Tucano will once again turn her bows upstream on the Rio Negro and journey to our overnight anchorage north of the City of Manaus. As we pass in front of Manaus, we will marvel at the scale of one of the world's largest and most vibrant port cities, over a thousand miles from the sea. Tonight we will have a farewell dinner and prepare for an early departure in the morning.



DAY 7: Disembark in Manaus

Early this morning, after a hearty breakfast, all guests disembark from the M/Y Tucano.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All meals - Accommodation in double cabins - Excursions as described in the itinerary - Bilingual naturalist guide
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Not Included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soft Drinks or alcoholic beverages - International or Domestic Airfares - Airport Taxes - Transfers - Cost of medical emergencies including evacuation - Gratuities - Souvenirs or additional services - Travel Insurance - Cost of relevant visas - Anything else not listed as included
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal

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processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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