BRAZIL - AMAZON RIVER CRUISE | M/Y TUCANO



TRIP CODE
BRCBIWA5
DEPARTURE
Selected Sundays
DURATION
6 Days
LOCATIONS
Brazil, Amazon

INTRODUCTION

On this exhilarating Brazilian Amazon adventure you'll spend five days exploring one of the most famous rainforests in the world. We have also included a night in Manaus prior to your cruise to allow you ample time to arrive and relax before you embark on your journey. Your adventure onboard a small ship expedition cruise endeavors to capture the spirit and essence of the Amazon, ideal for travellers who only have a short amount of time. You will mostly voyage on the Rio Negro, one of the most magnificent rivers in the Amazon basin, but you'll also experience the Encontra das Aguas, the dramatic point where both the Rio Negro and the Amazon meet.

The rich, dense rainforest is one of the most biodiverse places on the planet, so you just may see howler monkeys, sloths, parrots, and even the elusive jaguar.

With three or four excursions every day and night while on board, this action-packed voyage will give you the chance to walk in the forest with an experienced guide, explore the river in small vessels, and visit local communities along the edges of this wild river. Marvel at the amazing flora and fauna in this unforgettable experience, designed to show you the highlights of the Brazilian Amazon in just a few days.

* Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.

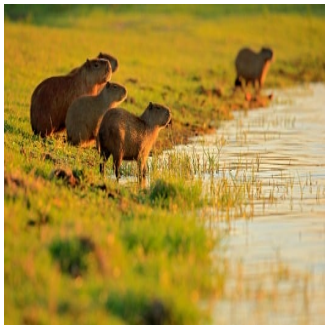
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DAY 1: Arrival in Manaus

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Please note this service is with a driver only.



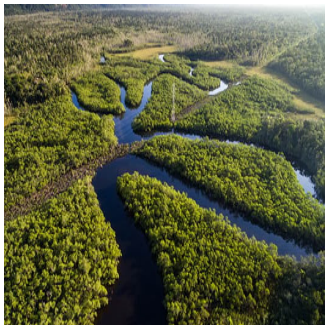
DAY 1: Arrival in Manaus

Known as the gateway to the Amazon, Manaus is a city full of contrasts and character. Surrounded by dense rainforest, it sits right where the Rio Negro meets the Solimões River. It is a place rich in history and natural wonders. Once booming during the rubber era, the city still holds echoes of that golden age in its architecture, like the impressive Teatro Amazonas. Today, Manaus blends jungle adventure with urban energy, making it a fascinating stop in northern Brazil.



DAY 2: Embarkation in Manaus

This morning, we'll board the Motor Yacht Tucano in Manaus, Brazil. Setting sail on the Rio Negro, we'll begin our journey upstream while enjoying our first discussion about the diverse environments of the Amazon. By late afternoon we enter one of the worlds largest river island systems, the Anavilhanas Archipelago. The boat will weave along a winding channel with rainforest on both sides in a riot of brilliant vegetation. Weather permitting, we will go for a launch excursion in the gnarled and dense flooded forest known as the igapó. Along the river bank we may see some Squirrel Monkeys and we may hear the other-worldly growls of Howler Monkeys echoing through the primitive rainforest. The Amazon has one of the greatest collection of birds in the world and we are sure to see some of these brightly coloured jewels perched in the treetops. We return to the M/Y Tucano for hors d'oeuvres on the observation deck and a toast to the rainforest sunset. Following dinner we will embark in our boat in search of nocturnal creatures such as the Caiman, the Amazon's crocodilians. We may also see one of the large night birds such as a Potoo with its bulging eyes and large mouth adapted to swallow the huge Mariposa Moths.



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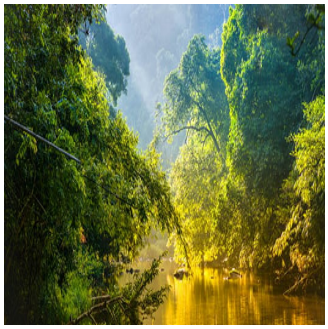
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DAY 3: Exploration of the Anavilhanas Archipelago

Shortly after sunrise this morning we explore the Anavilhanas Archipelago, a reserve that includes the world's largest system of river islands and also areas of tall dense rainforest. Here we will see the strange environment called the igapó, the black water flooded forest where dense forests grow right out of the dark water of the Rio Negro. Mid morning we return to the vessel for a hearty Brazilian breakfast. After some time to relax, weather permitting we will disembark at mid-morning and will go for a walk in the type of rainforest known as the terra firme. Here we have a good chance to see the markings, if not the animals themselves. Some of the Amazon 's great mammals like peccaries (wild pigs) or even a jaguar. Around mid-day return to the vessel for lunch and a siesta. Around mid-day, we return to the vessel for lunch and a siesta. In the afternoon we will excursion in our launches along the edges of the dense forest and listen to the sunset chorus of birds, howler monkeys, and frogs. Weather permitting, tonight we will have an excursion to spot caiman (the Amazon's crocodiles) and other nocturnal creatures. We very often see arboreal porcupines or sloths scrambling high in the limbs.



DAY 4: Exploration of the Rio Negro

Today we will voyage southeast on the Rio Negro and continue to scout in our launches and walk in the forest. We will explore, according to the weather and water depth, areas rarely visited by anyone else. Tonight the M/Y Tucano goes downstream and river depth permitting, will enter an east bank affluent of the Rio Negro and explore on deep into the rainforest on this small river. After our nocturnal exploration of the rainforest in our launches and we return to the Motor Yacht Tucano for "Caipirinha Night" and perhaps try a bit of samba on the top deck.



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DAY 5: 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 to arrive late in the day at the “Encontro das Aguas” - a stark several mile long lines 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. 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. As we pass the glittering lights on shore, we will have a small party, as we say in Brasil, a festazinha, our “Caipirinha Night” and perhaps try a bit of samba on the top deck. Tonight we will have a farewell dinner and prepare for an early departure in the morning.



DAY 6: Disembark in Manaus

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



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Private airport transfers Arrival Accommodation in Manaus 4 nights on board the M/Y Tucano Sightseeing with local English-speaking guides as detailed in the itinerary All meals on board the M/y Tucano **EXCLUSIONS** International or domestic flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides and drivers Any meals not mentioned Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	Please note route & activities are subject to weather conditions. Prices are based on per person, twin share* (unless otherwise stated) Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time * Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and government regulations.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

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