

# Brazil's Amazon Nature Tour and Cruise



*This is a true expedition cruise that voyages deep into the Amazon rainforest. With a generous amount of time to explore, we venture far into the Amazon rainforest wilderness and observe flora and fauna hidden to most visitors.*



**2018** - May 04, May 18, Jun 08, Jun 22, Jul 06, Jul 20, Aug 03, Aug 24, Sep 07, Sep 21, Oct 05, Oct 19, Nov 02, Nov 16, Dec 07, Dec 21

**2019** - Jan 11, Jan 25, Feb 08, Feb 22, Mar 08, Apr 12, Apr 26, May 10, May 24, Jun 07, Jun 21, Jul 05, Jul 19, Aug 02, Aug 16, Sep 13, Sep 27, Oct 11, Oct 25, Nov 08, Nov 22, Dec 06, Dec 20

**DURATION** – 8 Days/ 7 Nights

**DEPART/ RETURN** – Manaus, Brazil

**SHIP** – Tucano

**From** - \$3,445 (Double)

Our guides are skilled naturalists and we observe creatures almost never seen by other visitors. We visit villages along the small tributaries to learn of the culture of pioneer families. Because of the exploratory nature, the small groups, and the skilled guides, this expedition cruise has become known as the most ambitious and authentic cruise in the entire Amazon.

### Cruise Itinerary Sketch - 6 Nights

- Day ① Depart Manaus, Brasil and voyage north on the Rio Negro to the Rio Apuaú
- Day ② Explore the giant lake inside a river island, Lago Luria
- Day ③ Lago Buriti
- Day ④ Scout the Rio Jauaperi
- Day ⑤ Explore the west bank of the Rio Negro
- Day ⑥ Cruise the Amazon River and the Encontro das Aguas, the meeting of the Amazon River and The Rio Negro.
- Day ⑦ Return to Manaus, disembark early morning.

### Itinerary

**Day 1 – Friday** - Arrive Manaus, Brazil. Meet and transfer to your hotel. Remainder of day free.



**Day 2 – Saturday** - 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. (LD)

**Day 3 – Sunday** - Early this morning we explore the rainforest along the waters edge in our launches or kayaks, each group with a naturalist guide. 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. (BLD)



**Day 4 – Monday** - This morning there will be an early exploration of the waking forest. We will keep our eyes open for monkeys... on most trips we see them often. We return for breakfast followed by either a walk in the forest or an excursion in the launches. M/Y *Tucano* will travel during the middle of the day and we stop in the afternoon for an excursion. Tonight, the vessel may travel a bit more as we marvel at the night sky crowded with stars. (BLD)

**Day 5 – Tuesday** - After our two morning excursions the M/Y *Tucano* will navigate along the heavily forested shore, scouting for wildlife. We may stop for a visit at a settler's home carved out of the forest. In the early afternoon, we will be near an extraordinary river called the Rio Jauaperi. Here we will see a kind of forest known as the varzea. We will scout along the shoreline for some of the extraordinary creatures found only in this unique environment. Weather permitting, we will have a night excursion to observe nocturnal creatures. (BLD)



**Day 6 – Wednesday** - Today we will voyage to the west side of 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 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” on and perhaps try a bit of samba on the top deck. (BLD)



**Day 7 – Thursday** - 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 “Encontra das Aguas” 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, that is over one thousand miles from the sea. Tonight, we will have a farewell dinner and prepare for an early departure in the morning. (BLD)

**Day 8 – Friday** - Early this morning, after a hearty breakfast, all guests disembark from the M/Y Tucano. Enjoy a tour of Manaus before transfer to the airport for your flight home, or to explore the Pantanal, the world’s largest freshwater wetland. (B)

### About the River Motor Yacht TUCANO

The Motor Yacht Tucano is not a luxury vessel, but is comfortable, safe, and very well suited to exploring the Amazon wilderness. The vessel was built in the elegant style of a classic river steamship, but it is a modern and fully certified and inspected commercial cruise vessel. While we are able to travel in comfort, we are not insulated from the forest. We remain focused on the flora and fauna of this magnificent wilderness. The voyage is quite active and we spend most of every day exploring the forest on foot or in our boat’s launches.

**There are three categories of cabins**, all of which are outside cabins with large windows, private baths, and air-conditioning.

**Yellow Category Cabins:** The five cabins in this category are large and have beds side by side. They are numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, and cabin “0”. The beds in cabins 3, 4, 5, and 6 can be joined together to form a queen-sized bed. Cabin “0” has a queen size bed beside a single bed, but a quite small bathroom. It can hold three travelers. In triple occupancy, each passenger pays the Green Category rate.

**Green Category Cabins:** The two Green cabins have above and below berths (bunk beds). While the Green cabins are smaller than the Yellow Category cabins, they are comfortable and have large windows, private bathrooms, and air-conditioning. The cabin numbers are 2 and 7.

**Blue Category Cabins:** These two cabins are designated single cabins, numbers 1 and 8. They have a single bed, a private bath, and air conditioning. On request the Blue Category cabins can be converted to Green Category with the insertion of a bunk bed.



Dining Salon



“Yellow” Cabin



“Green” Cabin



Single Cabin



**2018-2019 RATES**

<i>Tucano Rates</i>	2018 Rates	2019 Rates
Yellow Cabin	<b>\$4,975</b>	<b>\$4,975</b>
Green Cabin	<b>\$3,445</b>	<b>\$3,445</b>
Single Cabin	<b>\$5,085</b>	<b>\$5,085</b>

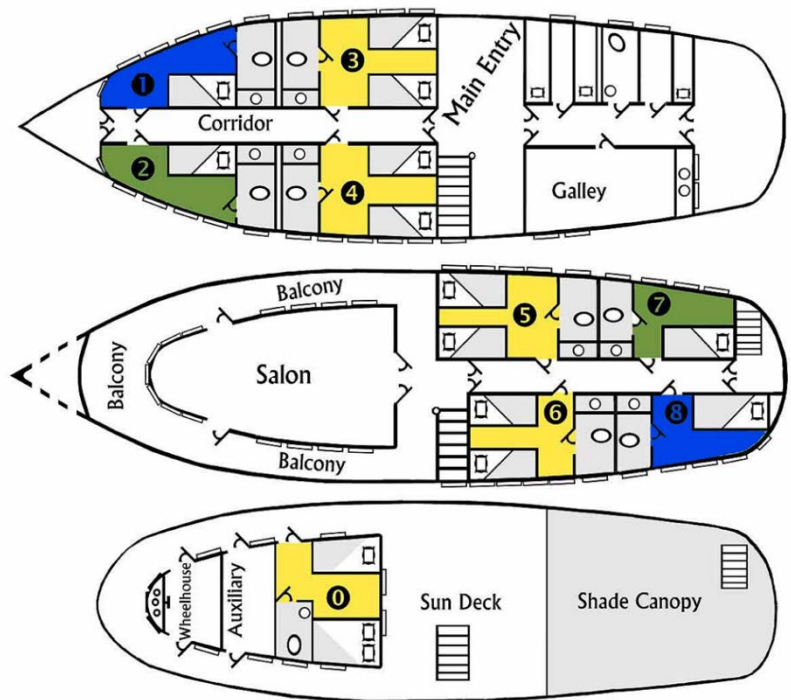
**Rates include:** Round trip transfers and one night deluxe hotel in Manaus; 7-day/6-night cruise with meals, excursions with English speaking guides, bottled water; Manaus City Tour after disembarkation day eight.



Observation Deck



**Tucano Deck Plan**



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