

Brazil's Amazon Cruise with Dick and Leslie



Join Dick and Leslie West on this 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. We planned this trip during the dry season, a time when the river levels will be at their lowest, a range of 46 feet! This means more wildlife coming to the river edge for water and food. And more nature walks.



2018 - Nov 01-09

DURATION – 9 Days/ 8 Nights

DEPART/ RETURN – Manaus,
Brazil

SHIP – Tucano

From - \$3,695 (Double)

All inclusive – gratuities to ship crew,
beer, wine and soft drinks are
included

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.



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Day 1 – Thursday – Nov 01 - Arrive Manaus, Brazil.

Meet and transfer to your hotel. Remainder of day free.

Day 2 – Friday – Nov 02 – Special Tour – Welcome Dinner

You will have some free time today, as well as a special tour we will arrange. We will meet for our **special Welcome Dinner**.

Day 3 - Saturday – Nov 03 - Rio Negro to the Rio Apuaú

Early this morning we transfer to the ship, 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. (BLD)



Day 4 – Sunday - Nov 04 - Lago Luria

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 5 – Monday - Nov 5 - Lago Buriti

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 6 – Tuesday - Nov 6 - Rio Jaueperi

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 Jaueperi. 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 7 – Wednesday - Nov 7 - Rio Negro

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 8 – Thursday - Nov 8 - Encontro das Aguas, the meeting of the Amazon River and The Rio Negro

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 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 9 – Friday - Nov 9 - 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.

ON THIS SPECIAL **EXPLOR CLUB** CRUISE ALL SOFT DRINKS, BEER AND WINE ARE INCLUDED, AS WELL AS GRATUITIES TO CREW AND GUIDES. AND YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN LIQUOR TO ENJOY, IF YOU WISH.



Observation Deck



Dining Salon



"Yellow" Cabin

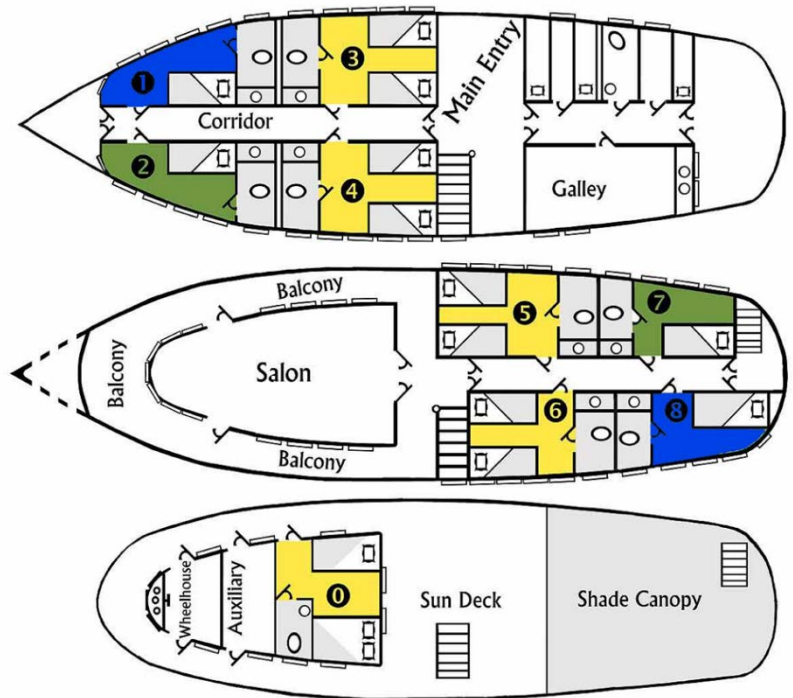


"Green" Cabin



Single Cabin

Tucano Deck Plan



2018-RATES FOR THIS SPECIAL GROUP November 01, 2018

| <i>Tucano Rates</i> | 2018 Rates |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Yellow Cabin | \$5,195 |
| Green Cabin | \$3,695 |
| Single Cabin- Blue | \$5,395 |

All Inclusive Rates include: Round trip transfers and two nights deluxe hotel in Manaus; Special Welcome Dinner Friday night; Special Tour Friday; 7-day/6-night cruise with meals; excursions with English speaking guides; bottled water, soft drinks, beer and wine; gratuities to crew and guides; Manaus City Tour after disembarkation day eight.

Contact us for availability and more details-



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