

Wild Amazon

Nature Tour and Cruise



This cruise pushes beyond the limits of typical tours and beyond the boundaries of human settlement, to explore remote rainforest. Over four nights the expedition cruise Wild Amazon takes travelers into the dense forests and small tributaries within the UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site, The Central Amazon Conservation Complex.



DATES –

2020 - Jan 05-10, Jan 19-24, Feb 02-07, Feb 16-21, Mar 01-06, Mar 15-20, Apr 12-17, May 10-15, May 24-29, Jun 07-12, Jun 21-26, Jul 05-10, Jul 19-24, Aug 02-07, Aug 16-21, Sep 13-18, Sep 27-Oct 02, Oct 11-16, Oct 25-30, Nov 08-13, Nov 22-27, Dec 13-18

2021 - Jan 03-08, Jan 17-22, Jan 31-Feb 05, Feb 14-19, Feb 28- Mar 05, Mar 14-19, Apr 11-16, Apr 25-30, May 09-14, May 23-28, Jun 06-11, Jun 20-25, Jul 04-09, Jul 18-23, Aug 01-06, Aug 15-20, Sep 12-17, Sep 26-Oct 01, Oct 10-15, Oct 24-29, Nov 07-12, Nov 21-26, Dec 12-17

DURATION – 6 Days/ 5 Nights

DEPART/ RETURN – Manaus, Brazil

SHIP – Tucano

From - \$2,045 (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.

Please note that our cruises are exploratory, and we adapt the vessel course to maintain an interesting cruise. We may alter the itinerary due to low river levels or weather. But this does not diminish the cruise, instead it allows us to improvise and seek interesting places to explore.

Description: This expedition cruise endeavors to capture the spirit and essence of the Amazon in a relatively short amount of time. We mostly voyage on one of the most magnificent rivers in the Amazon basin, *The Rio Negro*. Over three and a half days we walk in the forest, explore in our launches, and visit local communities along the edges of this wild and largely uninhabited river.

There are three or four excursions off the vessel every day. Early mornings we divide into small groups and glide along quiet channels in our launches or kayaks among giant rainforest trees draped with vines and orchids. The silence is broken only by the rustling of leaves by Squirrel Monkeys feeding or by the occasional piercing shriek of a Screaming Piha bird. During the day we walk in the forest and sometimes visit a small community. Some nights we search for nocturnal creatures in our launches out in the star-filled darkness.

The **Wild Amazon** takes us to a variety of environments including dark flooded forests and high forest with towering trees and dense undergrowth. On lazy afternoons we may fish for the famous Amazon resident, the Piranha, some of whom we may see again on an appetizer plate. During our voyage we are treated to the everchanging vistas of travel on the mighty Amazon River itself. Most travelers are astonished by the scale and grandeur of this majestic waterway that drains a continent.

ITINERARY

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

Day 2 – Saturday - All guests board the vessel the Motor Yacht *Tucano* and depart upstream on the Rio Negro. Through the afternoon, 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 evening, 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



Observation Deck

afternoon we will again explore the forest in our launches and listen to the sunset chorus of birds and frogs. (BLD)



Day 4 – Monday - 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 down stream, 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 we return to the Motor Yacht Tucano for “Caipirinha Night” and perhaps try a bit of samba on the top deck. (BLD)



Day 5 – Tuesday – In the morning we will By 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 over a thousand miles from the sea. Tonight we will have a farewell dinner and prepare for an early departure in the morning. (BLD)

Day 6 – Wednesday - 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 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 Room



"Yellow"

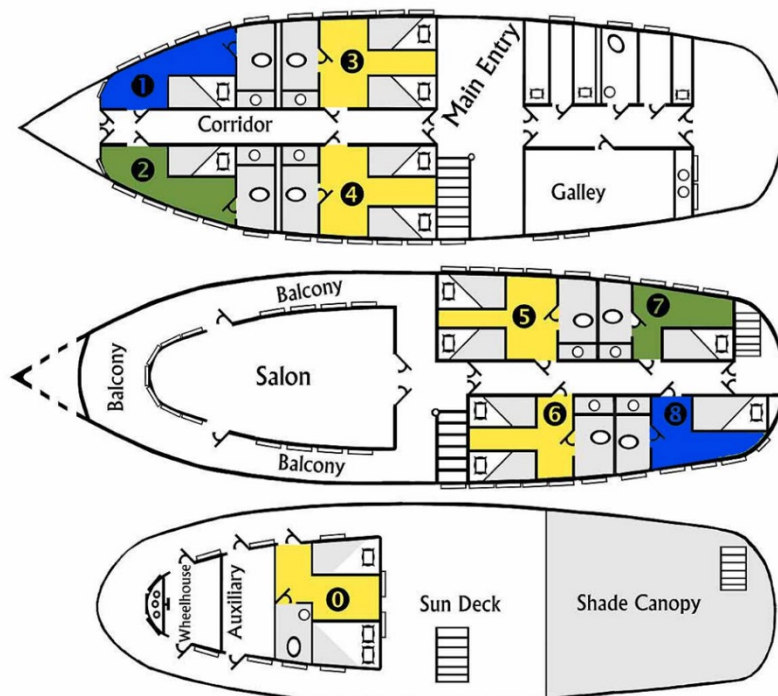


"Green" Cabin



Single - Blue -

Tucano Deck Plan



2020-2021 RATES 6-DAYS/5-NIGHTS

Rates include: Round trip transfers and one night deluxe hotel in Manaus; 5-day/4-night cruise with meals, excursions with English speaking guides, bottled water; Manaus City Tour after disembarkation the last day.

<i>Tucano Rates</i>	2020	2021
Yellow Cabin	\$2,895	\$2,895
Green Cabin	\$2,045	\$2,045
Single Cabin	\$2,995	\$2,995

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