

TUCANO AMAZON CRUISE

The Amazon Odyssey - As Featured in National Geographic Traveller Magazine

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

Voyage to the Heart of the Amazon is different from all other cruises offered in the Amazon, it is an “expedition cruise”. Our small groups explore far into the forest where we are able to see creatures that are hidden to other visitors. We explore some of the most untouched rainforest in all of the Amazon. Our expedition cruise is the only vessel that explores far into the world’s largest Amazon reserve: The Central Amazon Conservation Complex. This reserve is a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site and encompasses tens of thousands of square miles of uninhabited wilderness. Within these trackless forests live still the creatures that have made the Amazon the object of myth and legend. Because of the exploratory nature, the small size of the groups, and especially our skilled guides, our expedition cruises enable travelers to experience the rainforest in the most detailed and authentic way possible.

Note: This is a tour extension, combine this cruise with one of our full package tours.

<p>FROM \$ 3795 per person</p>	<p>THIS CRUISE INCLUDES: Cruise cabin accommodations All meals aboard the ship (including bottled water) All transfers to and from Manaus Daily guided excursions English-speaking naturalist guides</p>	<p>HIGHLIGHTS Apuaú River Turia Lake Buriti Lake Jauaperi River Negro River Novo Airão village Encontra das Aguas</p>
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Day 1

DEPART FROM MANAUS AND VOYAGE NORTH ON THE RIO NEGRO

Saturday

This morning, board the Motor Yacht Tucano and glide upstream on the Rio Negro. Cruise towards the most extensive river island system in the world, the Anavilhanas Archipelago. From the observation deck, marvel at the lush vegetation at the edge of the water. In the afternoon, the vessel will have gone beyond the frontier of settlement and entered a wilderness area. Both shores are covered by dense rainforest. Take the opportunity to spot pink river dolphins swimming in the water and a large collection of exotic birds. In the evening, search for more wildlife or opt for a refreshing swim in the river.

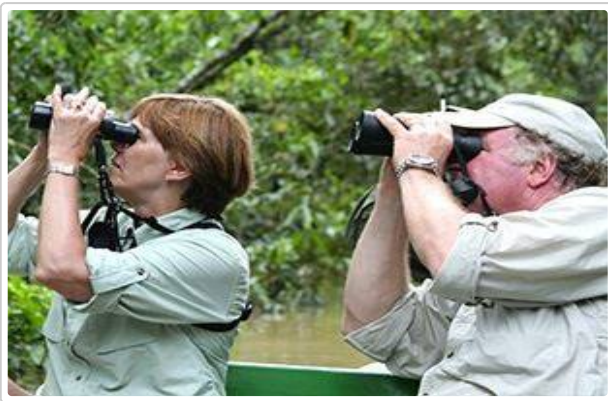


Day 2

EXPLORE TURIA LAKE

Sunday

Set out for an exploration of the rainforest along the water's edge. Listen for howler monkeys along with a morning serenade of toucans. After a hearty breakfast, walk the forest trails and get a good understanding of the flora and fauna that make up the tall rainforest. Around mid-day, return for lunch as the vessel continues its voyage. Later, explore the forest once more and listen to the sweet sounds of native birds and frogs as the sun begins to set.



Day 3

BURITI LAKE

Monday

Wake up early for another exploration of the rainforest. This time, keep an eye out for monkeys. Then return to the vessel for breakfast. The M/Y Tucano will travel during the middle of the day, allowing one excursion in the afternoon. In the evening, unwind as the Tucano chugs along and marvel at the night sky dotted with stars.



Day 4

SCOUT THE JAUUPERI RIVER

Tuesday

The morning is busy with two exciting excursions! After which the Tucano will navigate along the heavily forested shore, scouting for wildlife. A visit a local home carved out of the forest is possible (all things permitting). By the early afternoon, the Rio Jauaperi will be near. While here, marvel at the varzea forest and the extraordinary creatures that live in this unique environment. If the weather permits, embark on a night excursion to observe the nocturnal animals.



Day 5

A DAY ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RIO NEGRO

Wednesday

Today, depart the Rio Jauaperi and travel to the west side of the Rio Negro. Depending on the weather, traverse a new collection of rainforest habitats. At night, cruise downstream (river depth permitting) and enter an east bank of the Rio Negro. While here, enjoy a nocturnal exploration of the rainforest and then return to the vessel for Caipirinha Night. An opportunity for samba dancing is available on the rooftop deck!



Day 6

ENCONTRA DAS AGUAS

Friday

Begin the day with a dawn excursion searching for wakening wildlife followed by a filling Brazilian breakfast. Then, enter the rainforest one last time. In the mid-afternoon, journey downstream towards "Encontra das Aguas" a several mile long line where two of the world's largest rivers join together. Marvel at the contrast between the pale Amazon River and the dark Rio Negro. Later, the Tucano will turn her bow upstream once again, towards Manaus, one of the world's largest and most vibrant port cities. Upon arrival, enjoy a farewell dinner and prepare for an early morning departure.



Day 7

DISEMBARK IN MANAUS

Saturday

In the morning, after a delicious breakfast, disembark the M/Y Tucano.