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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: Accommodations Guided excursions Meals</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 all guests board the vessel the Motor Yacht Tucano and depart upstream on the Rio Negro. Through the morning we will cruise through the largest river island system in the world, the Anavilhanas Archipelago. From the observation deck we scan the magnificent tangle of vegetation at the edge of the water. 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.



Day 2

EXPLORE TURIA LAKE

Sunday

Early this morning we explore the rainforest along the waters edge in our launches. We should hear and perhaps see howler monkeys along with a morning serenade of toucans. After breakfast we go for a walk in the forest where we will get a good start on understanding the flora and fauna of the tall rainforest. 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.



Day 3

BURITI LAKE

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.



Day 4

SCOUT THE JAUUPERI RIVER

Tuesday

After our two morning excursions Tucano will navigate along the heavily forested shore, scouting for wildlife. We may stop for a visit at a local home carved out of the forest. In the early afternoon we will be near an extraordinary river called the Rio Jaueperi. We will scout along the shoreline for some of the extraordinary creatures found only in this unique environment. Weather permitting we will do a night excursion to observe nocturnal creatures.



Day 5

A DAY ON THE WEST BANK OF THE RIO NEGRO

Wednesday

Today we depart the Rio Jaueperi and head downstream on the Rio Negro exploring a new collection of rainforest habitats. In the daytime we will continue to scout in our launches and walk in the forest, and at night we will continue our hunts for nocturnal wildlife.



Day 6

ENCONTRA DAS AGUAS

Friday

This morning we explore the Lago Januári Ecological Park where seasonally the thick brown water of the Amazon flows swiftly through the forest. This area is usually a very good place to observe wildlife. Around midday the vessel will travel to the Encontra das Aguas a stark several mile long line where two of the largest rivers in the world, the Amazon and the Negro, join in a turbulent maelstrom. Here the dark water of the Negro runs beside the opaque brown water of the Amazon. In the afternoon we scout one of the hidden streams in the area to try to see more of the Amazon's beautiful and bizarre creatures. Tonight we will have a farewell dinner and prepare for an early departure in the morning.



Day 7

DISEMBARK IN MANAUS

Saturday

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