

AMAZON RIVER CRUISES 2025
ABOARD THE MANAKIN RIVER BOAT



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A BOUTIQUE CRUISE IN THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON



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Amazon river cruises aboard the Manakin River Boat offer a stylish and immersive way to explore the Amazon with minimal impact on the delicate rainforest environment. Inspired by the Amazon's serene beauty, its design reflects the riverine lifestyle of forest dwellers.

Perfect for couples, families, or small groups of friends, the Manakin can be chartered for an intimate and personalized experience. Choose from our base itineraries or let us design a unique journey tailored to your preferences.

The name Manakin honors a remarkable bird celebrated for its boldness and charisma. This symbolizes courage and self-expression, inspiring us to embrace individuality and confidently share our talents with the world.

Daily activities include excursions by canoe to access places the boat cannot reach, speedboats for traveling to distant locations, and on-foot visits to special sites and local communities, allowing guests to meet and interact with remarkable people along the way.

Up to 12 Guests / 4 Cabins
Double / Twin / Bunk Cabins
Charter / Private
Availability: All year round

ITINERARY 1

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS - APPROXIMATELY 150 KM NAVIGATION

Itinerary

Day 1 - Manaus – Embarkation – Rio Negro – Meeting of Waters – Indigenous Community Visit

Arrive in Manaus the day before and meet your host at 9 am for a city tour, followed by a speedboat transfer. Enjoy a welcome brunch at the awe-inspiring Meeting of Waters before boarding your riverboat on the Rio Negro. Settle into your suite, meet the crew, and savor an Amazonian-inspired dinner on the open-top deck. Conclude the day with a cultural visit to a local indigenous community.

Day 2 - Upstream Navigation – Anavilhanas National Park – Cuieiras River – Jungle Walk – Wildlife Spotting

Begin the day navigating through the stunning Anavilhanas National Park, followed by a guided jungle walk near the Cuieiras River, where you'll uncover the secrets of the Amazon's plants and wildlife. After lunch onboard, embark on a wildlife spotting excursion by canoe or speedboat, with opportunities to see pink river dolphins, macaws, sloths, and more. As the day winds down, enjoy dinner onboard and an optional night excursion to spot nocturnal creatures, fully immersing yourself in the magic of the Amazon.

Day 3 - Upstream Navigation – Acajatuba Lake – Riverine Village Visit – Biking – Canoeing

Explore the serene Acajatuba Lake, beginning with a visit to a riverine village to connect with the local community and learn about their sustainable way of life. Enjoy an adventurous biking tour through lush trails, followed by a peaceful canoeing experience to observe the lake's vibrant flora and fauna. End the day with a return to the boat and a delightful Amazonian-inspired dinner.

Day 4 - Downstream Navigation – Ariaú River – Photography Tour – Manaus – Transfer to the Airport

Conclude your journey with downstream navigation to the scenic Ariaú River. After breakfast, join a guided photography tour to capture the stunning landscapes and unique wildlife. Enjoy lunch onboard as we return to Manaus, where you'll be transferred to the airport, ending your Amazon adventure with unforgettable memories.

ITINERARY 2

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS - APPROXIMATELY 250 KM NAVIGATION

Itinerary

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Day 3: Upstream Navigation – Apuaú River – Birdwatching

Travel further upstream to the Apuaú River, a haven for bird enthusiasts.

Begin the day with an early morning birdwatching excursion, guided by our experts, to spot a variety of Amazonian species, from vibrant macaws to elusive toucans. Immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the rainforest as the sounds of nature surround you, creating an unforgettable wildlife experience.

Day 4 - Upstream Navigation – Acajatuba Lake – Riverine Village Visit – Biking – Canoeing

Explore the serene Acajatuba Lake, beginning with a visit to a riverine village to connect with the local community and learn about their sustainable way of life. Enjoy an adventurous biking tour through lush trails, followed by a peaceful canoeing experience to observe the lake's vibrant flora and fauna. End the day with a return to the boat and a delightful Amazonian-inspired dinner.

Day 5 - Downstream Navigation – Ariaú River – Photography Tour – Manaus – Transfer to the Airport

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ITINERARY 3

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS - APPROXIMATELY 380 KM NAVIGATION

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Day 4 - Upstream Navigation – Jauaperi River – Birdwatching – Wildlife Spotting

Navigate upstream to the pristine Jauaperi River, a hotspot for biodiversity. Begin the day with a birdwatching excursion, guided by our naturalists, to spot vibrant Amazonian bird species in their natural habitat. Continue with a wildlife spotting tour, where you'll have the chance to encounter a variety of animals, from monkeys to sloths and river dolphins, in this untouched wilderness. Enjoy the serenity of the river as you immerse yourself in the wonders of the Amazon.

Continue your journey upstream to the secluded Xixuaú River, a pristine and remote area of the Amazon. Start the day with an invigorating snorkeling session, exploring crystal-clear waters teeming with aquatic life.

Later, embark on a guided hiking adventure through the jungle, uncovering the region's hidden treasures, including unique flora and fauna. As the day comes to an end, prepare for an unforgettable overnight experience in the jungle, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the Amazon, for a truly immersive connection with nature.

ITINERARY 3 - CONTINUING

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS - APPROXIMATELY 380 KM NAVIGATION

Itinerary

Day 5: Upstream Navigation – Xixuaú River – Snorkeling – Hiking – Overnight in the Jungle

Travel upstream to the untouched Xixuaú River, a remote haven of biodiversity. Start the day with an exciting snorkeling session in its crystal-clear waters, where you can observe fascinating aquatic life up close. Follow this with a guided hike through the jungle, uncovering its secrets, from towering trees to hidden wildlife. As the day transitions to evening, prepare for a once-in-a-lifetime experience: an overnight stay in the jungle, where you'll sleep amidst the sounds and rhythms of the Amazon, fully immersed in nature's embrace.

Day 6 - Downstream Navigation – Canoeing – Wildlife Spotting

Begin your day with downstream navigation from the secluded Xixuaú River toward Acajatuba Lake, surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes of the Amazon. Along the way, enjoy a tranquil canoeing excursion, exploring hidden waterways and observing the region's diverse flora and fauna up close. This is a prime opportunity for wildlife spotting, with chances to see river dolphins, exotic birds, and other iconic Amazon species, creating lasting memories of your journey through this extraordinary ecosystem.

Day 7 - Upstream Navigation – Acajatuba Lake – Riverine Village Visit – Biking – Canoeing

Explore the serene Acajatuba Lake, beginning with a visit to a riverine village to connect with the local community and learn about their sustainable way of life. Enjoy an adventurous biking tour through lush trails, followed by a peaceful canoeing experience to observe the lake's vibrant flora and fauna. End the day with a return to the boat and a delightful Amazonian-inspired dinner.

Day 8 - Downstream Navigation – Ariaú River – Photography Tour – Manaus – Transfer to the Airport

Conclude your journey with downstream navigation to the scenic Ariaú River. After breakfast, join a guided photography tour to capture the stunning landscapes and unique wildlife. Enjoy lunch onboard as we return to Manaus, where you'll be transferred to the airport, ending your Amazon adventure with unforgettable memories.



FLY CAMPING

YOUR STAR BEDS IN THE WILDERNESS

Fly Camping is an unforgettable overnight experience immersed in nature, set on a secluded beach in the heart of the Rio Negro, with our Manakin River Boat serving as your support base. This magical adventure allows you to sleep under the starry sky, surrounded by the sounds of wildlife, while resting comfortably beneath a mosquito net. Our attentive staff ensures every detail is taken care of for your comfort and safety.

This optional experience is available exclusively on our 5-day and 8-day itineraries. Your evening begins with an arrival at the camp before sunset, accompanied by our guide. Your accommodation will already be prepared, allowing you to relax with drinks by the campfire, followed by a delicious dinner under the stars. Afterward, you can retreat to your cozy bed for a peaceful night surrounded by the wonders of the Amazon.

The following morning, you'll wake to a hearty breakfast served aboard the Manakin, before resuming your journey. This extraordinary experience is available only during the Amazon's dry season and is subject to weather and river conditions.



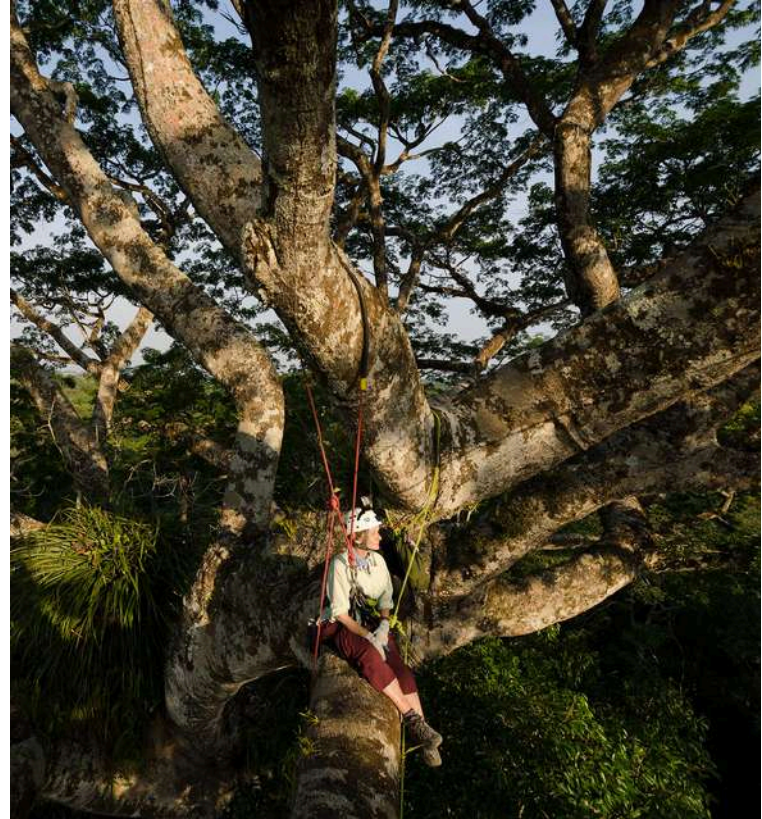
ADDITIONAL SERVICES

RECREATIONAL TREE CLIMBING

Embark on a one-of-a-kind adventure as you ascend into the forest canopy, gaining a breathtaking bird's-eye view of the natural world. Guided by experienced facilitators, this recreational tree-climbing experience takes place in a majestic ancient Angelim tree, offering approximately three hours of exploration among the treetops.

Equipped with specialized arborist ropes and comfortable harnesses, you'll receive a brief training session before beginning your climb. Once aloft, the possibilities are endless—ascend as high as you wish, traverse along sturdy branches, or simply soak in the awe-inspiring beauty of being immersed in the heart of the forest canopy.

If you would like to include this additional service in your itinerary, please let us know at the time of booking.



RETURN TO MANAUS BY HYDROPLANE

Our itineraries provide two return options to Manaus on the final day of the expedition:

1. Default Option

A relaxing journey aboard the Manakin, offering a chance to reflect on your Amazon experience while taking in the breathtaking scenery.

2. Hydroplane Option

An exhilarating scenic flight aboard a Cessna Caravan C208 amphibian, offering a bird's-eye view of the stunning Rio Negro. The hydroplane flights are operated by Rico Linhas Aéreas. This option is available at an additional cost to your private charter. **Contact us for a quote.**

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE DETAILS

Getting to Your Amazon Getaway

For your cruise itinerary, you will be using Manaus as your Amazon gateway. Many national and international airlines land daily at Manaus' Eduardo Gomes airport.

Trip Starting in Manaus

Our cruises depart from Manaus, and we recommend arriving the day before the start of the itinerary. On Day 1, all travelers are required to attend a mandatory safety briefing and information session aboard the river cruise, which is essential for the success of the expedition.

Trip Ending in Manaus

When traveling to remote areas, it is advisable to avoid tight connections on the last day of your trip to protect your investment in case of delays during navigation due to weather conditions. While Amazon Emotions will make every effort to arrive in Manaus as scheduled, the company cannot be held responsible for any resulting complications. To mitigate this risk, we strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance.

Travel Requirements

All travelers should check the entry requirements, including vaccinations and visa terms, of the country visited during their trip (Brazil), based on their nationality.

Dietary Information

Guests are treated to a dining experience that showcases local ingredients, expertly crafted into traditional and modern dishes by skilled onboard chefs. From freshly caught fish and tropical fruits to unique regional spices, each meal is thoughtfully prepared to provide an authentic taste of the Amazon. We offer vegan, vegetarian, and kosher menu options. Please contact us for more information.

Sustainability

The Manakin River Boat is committed to sustainability through eco-friendly practices, including 110V solar energy for electricity and eco-friendly amenities. Local ingredients are used for meals to reduce the carbon footprint and support local communities. These efforts ensure that guests enjoy an immersive Amazon experience while respecting and preserving the environment.

International Flights to Manaus

AVIANCA: Flights from Bogotá, Colombia

COPA: Flights from Panama City, Panama

TAP: Flights from Lisbon, Portugal

*Please note that most hotels in Manaus have a check-in time starting at 2 PM and check-out time until noon.



PACKING LIST

FOR YOUR TRIP

Suggested Clothing

During the rainforest summer the average temperature in the Amazon region is about 40°C, although sometimes it may feel lower because of the wind chill factor. For this reason, it is best to wear one layer of light, breathable clothing. The suggested clothing for Rio Negro is: synthetic and cotton t-shirts (short and long sleeve), rain cover, lightweight, waterproof and breathable, wash-and-wear long zip-off pants, bathing suit, waterproof hiking boots or sturdy shoes, socks, torch/ flashlight (headlamp) with extra batteries, day backpack (40lt or less), one-liter water bottle, sun screen: SPF 70 minimum, insect repellent, personal first aid kit (simple and light - analgesic, disinfectant, antibiotic).

You will also need a hat, waterproof and sturdy shoes or boots (in case you prefer not to use the rubber boots provided on the boat), and sunglasses with high UV protection. We also suggest bringing comfortable rubber-soled shoes, sandals, or flip-flops for walking around the outdoor decks.

Photography

To see the wildlife, you should have a good pair of lightweight binoculars (the suggested magnification is 7× or 8×). If you are passionate about photography, do not forget a good zoom lens to shoot wildlife while avoiding close approaches. Also, pack a good supply of memory cards and spare batteries.