

CRUISING IN COMFORT AND STYLE

Exploring the Amazon
On the
MOTOR YACHT TUCANO



Cruises on The Motor Yacht Tucano are Different.....

Tucano cruises are the only true expedition cruises in the Amazon. What is the best way to fully experience the beauties of this extraordinary place? Is it fine dining, luxury accommodations, or is it something else? For both our staff and our travelers, what matters most is having the most thoughtful and authentic *experience* as possible. Every aspect of our cruises is designed to help us to truly, thoughtfully, and actively, explore this natural paradise.

In Several Ways.... Truly Extraordinary Cruises

(1) Expeditions, True — *Go Farther, Go Deeper, Go For It!*

We explore deep into a UNESCO World Heritage site - the only boat! Our guests have experiences that few ever will... in their entire lives.

(2) Our Guides ----- Our Motto is *“Look and Listen”*

Through the eyes of our deeply skilled guides we observe the bizarre and beautiful creatures of the wild wilderness.

(3) Small Groups ----- It's Just Us and the Howling Wilderness

Our groups are small, usually just eight people per guide. This is the only way to have a true nature experience.

(4) Excursions, Active and Authentic - *Make Every Day Count*

Our many excursions every day explore by launch, walks in the rainforest, silently paddling in kayaks, fishing for piranhas, swimming in refreshing water, or just strolling through a small, remote, and unspoiled village.

(5) Comfortable, Elegant ----- *Relax and Restore*

On the M/Y Tucano our adventurers enjoy wonderful cuisine and

2 stylish comfort in the far reaches of remote rainforest.

(6) Style, Brasil! ----- *There's nothing like It!*

It's fun, passionate, friendly, and relaxed. Just mix in lush vegetation, wildlife, and stunning scenery, and the result is poetry....

(7) Companions in Adventure ----- *Our Travelers Are the Best!*

From all over the world they come together to feel the romance, the beauty, and the thrill of the Amazon - just as we do.

(8) Sustainable -----

We Go With Nature

Ours is the only vessel with solar powered refrigeration, electric launch motors, solar heated showers, and solar ice makers. In many ways we, and our guests, try to preserve the place that thrills and inspires us.



Three Toed Sloth

Two Small-Ship Voyages in the Amazon

We operate two rainforest cruises, one that is six nights long and another that is four nights. Both offer an extraordinary experience in the greatest wilderness on earth.

Voyage to the Heart of the Amazon 6 Night - Expedition Cruise

This is the most comprehensive cruise operated in the Amazon. We explore far into the rainforest wilderness in search of exotic flora and fauna. With our small groups and skilled naturalist guides we venture into uninhabited rainforest where the only sounds we hear are the wind in the trees and the calling of animals. 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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The Amazon Odyssey 4 Night - Essential Amazon Cruise

This cruise has an exploratory itinerary with many active excursions. We visit some of the most essential areas to observe the flora and fauna and

culture of the Amazon rainforest. While not as comprehensive as our six night cruise, our course takes us into the southern part of a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site and our travelers are able experience the essence of the Amazon in a short period of time. We also visit homesteads or small villages to see what life is like living on the edge of this great wilderness.

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Voyage to the Heart of the Amazon

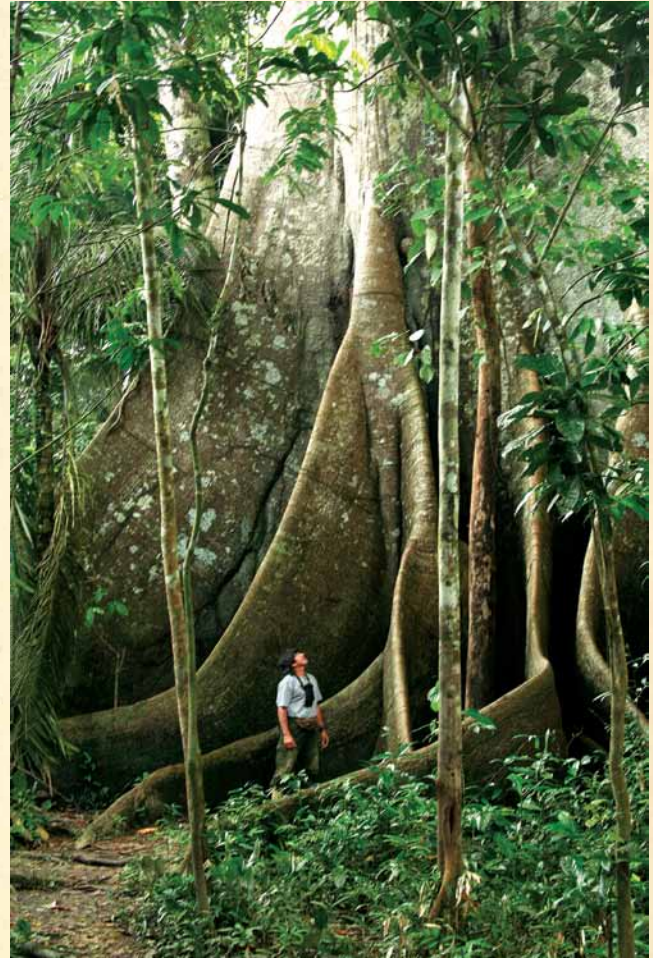
The Amazon's True Expedition Cruise - 6 Nights

This expedition cruise is for travelers who have a passion for adventure and exploration, a love of nature, and wish to go far, far into the rainforest. The Motor Yacht Tucano explores a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site and goes farther into the wilderness than any other tour in the whole Amazon. It is the most active, detailed, and exciting exploration of the Amazon rainforest.

Departure Dates, Six Night Cruises

2018 Cruise Dates: Jan 13-19, Jan 27-Feb 02, Feb 10-16, Feb 24-Mar 02, Mar 10-16, Mar 31-Apr 06, Apr 14-19, Apr 21-27, May 05-11, May 19-25, Jun 09-15, Jun 23-29, Jul 07-13, Jul 21-27, Aug 04-10, Aug 25-31, Sep 08-14, Sep 22-28, Oct 06-12, Oct 20-26, Nov 03-09, Nov 17-23, Dec 08-14, Dec 22-28

2019 Cruise Dates: Jan 12-18, Jan 26-Feb 01, Feb 09-15, Feb 23-Mar 01, Mar 09-15, Apr 13-19, Apr 27-May 03, May 11-17, May 25-31, Jun 08-14, Jun 22-28, Jul 06-12, Jul 20-26, Aug 03-09, Aug 17-23, Sep 14-20, Sep 28-Oct 04, Oct 12-18, Oct 26-Nov 01, Nov 09-15, Nov 23-29, Dec 07-13, Dec 21-27



Itinerary Sketch Voyage to the Heart of the Amazon

Day 1 Depart Manaus, Brasil and voyage north on the Rio Negro to the Rio Apuaú

Day 2 Explore wilderness rainforest on the Eastern side of the Rio Negro.

Day 3 Lago Buriti

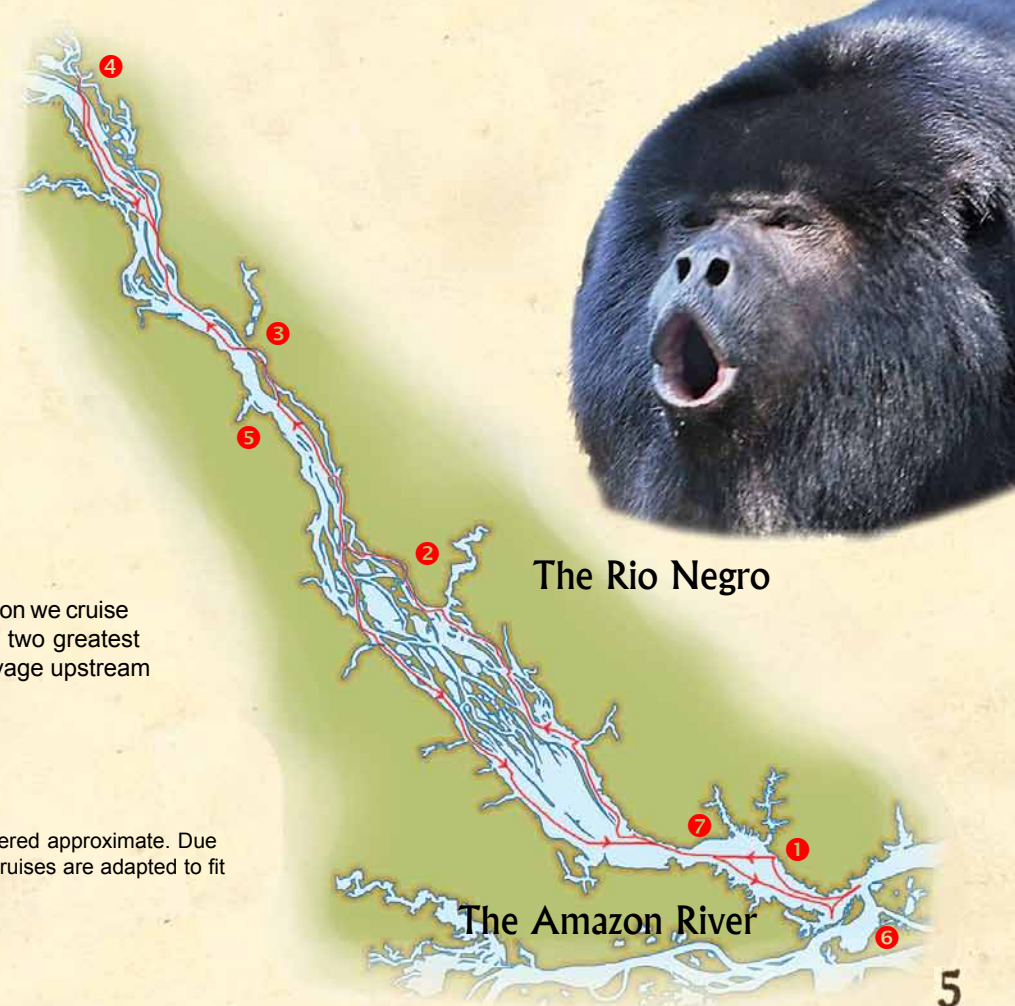
Day 4 Scout the Rio Jauaperi

Day 5 A day on the west bank of the Rio Negro

Day 6 Following our morning excursions, this afternoon we cruise to the Amazon River and the meeting of the world's two greatest rivers, the *Encontra das Aguas*. This evening we voyage upstream past the Port of Manaus.

Day 7 Early morning disembarkation.

Please note that the day to day schedule must be considered approximate. Due to changing river levels and weather considerations, the cruises are adapted to fit existing circumstances.



The Amazon Odyssey

Essential Amazon Cruise - 4 Nights

This expedition cruise is for travelers who want an interesting and unique vacation, but only have time for a four night stay. Travelers enjoy the essence of Amazon nature and culture in an authentic and active way. The small group size, the highly skilled guides, and the thoughtful activities make this a wonderful experience.

Departure Dates, Four Night Cruises

2018 Cruise Dates: Jan 08-12, Jan 22-26, Feb 05-09, Feb 19-23, Mar 05-09, Mar 19-23, Apr 09-13, Apr 30-May 04, May 14-18, Jun 04-08, Jun 18-22, Jul 02-06, Jul 16-20, Jul 30-Aug 03, Sep 03-07, Sep 17-21, Oct 01-05, Oct 15-19, Oct 29-Nov 02, Nov 12-16, Dec 03-07, Dec 17-21

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Itinerary Sketch

The Amazon Odyssey

Essential Amazon Cruise

Day 1 Manaus, Brasil, Rio Negro: Afternoon depart and voyage north on the Rio Negro.

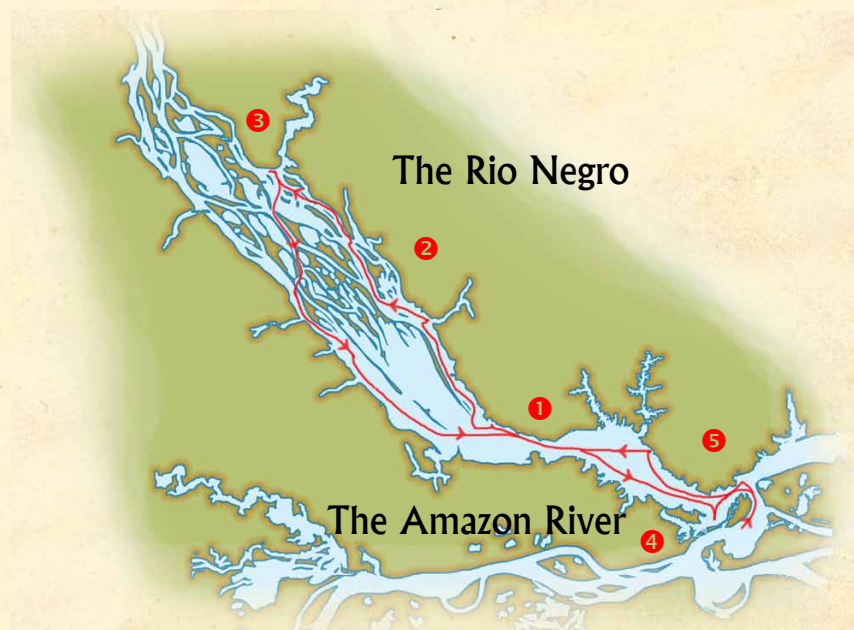
Day 2 Anavilhanas Archipelago: Excursions into the rainforest during the day and at night.

Day 3 Rio Negro: Excursions in the rainforest during the day, night excursion.

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Day 5 Early morning disembarkation.

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. But this does not diminish the cruise, instead it allows us to improvise and seek interesting places to visit.



The MOTOR YACHT TUCANO - Ideal Spaces to Relax and Observe the Rainforest

The Motor Yacht Tucano is comfortable, sophisticated, 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 actually a modern and fully certified 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, by kayak, or in our boat's launches.

The M/Y Tucano is designed specifically to explore the Amazon in the most thoughtful and sustainable way. The ship offers plenty of space to spread out and contemplate the wonders of nature.



Comfortable and Private Staterooms

All of the staterooms on *M/Y Tucano* are outside staterooms and have lots of windows. All are air-conditioned and have full private bathrooms. Some staterooms can accommodate three persons. While some stateroom categories are smaller than others, they are still bright, airy, and comfortable.

Since the corridors on the *M/Y Tucano* are on the inside instead of running around the outside of the vessel, the staterooms offer privacy and we can leave our curtains open to the awe inspiring vistas of the Amazon.



Yellow Category Stateroom

A Generous Salon

From this large space, at the front of the vessel and filled with windows, we are treated to fantastic vistas of the wilderness around us.



Large Observation Deck

The top deck is a wonderful place to spot wildlife or soak in the vastness of the Amazon. There is space to catch some sun and watch the Macaw parrots screeching across the afternoon sky.



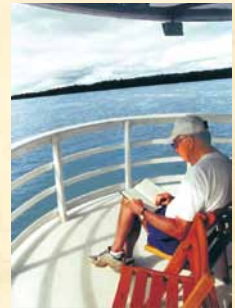
Dinner is Served!

On the M/Y Tucano we serve a great variety of delicious Brazilian dishes. There are fresh vegetables and fruits along with Amazon fruit juices. We are always treated to a wonderful dessert!




Promenade Balcony

This broad balcony faces forward and is a serene spot to relax as the vessel navigates along the deeply forested shore. It can be a good place to observe monkeys jumping from one vine to another and pink dolphins leaping into the air.



Stateroom Categories

Our cruises are quite active and we spend much of our time off the vessel exploring the forest, but when we are on board, the *M/Y Tucano* offers travelers a sense of comfort and elegance that complements the intensive exploratory experience. With over seventy large windows, the vessel is bright and airy.

The staterooms and the salon are air-conditioned and have elegant raised wood panelling in the style of the classic steamships that once cruised these majestic rivers. In the deck plans below, this symbol:  = windows. There are lots of them!




Yellow Category Stateroom





Blue Category Cabin

Three Categories

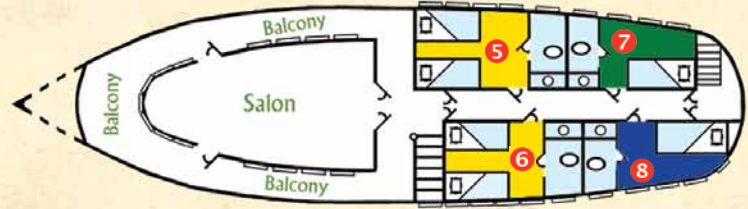
There are three categories of staterooms, and all are outside with large windows, private baths with showers, and air-conditioning.

 **Yellow Category:** The five double staterooms in this category are large and have beds side by side. They are numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, and 0. Stateroom "0" has a queen size bed and a single bed.

 **Green Category:** The double staterooms, #2 and #8, have above and below berths with single size mattresses. They are smaller than the Yellow staterooms.

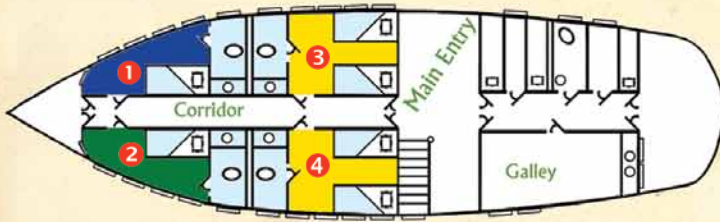
 **Blue Category:** These single staterooms, numbers 1 and 8, have a single twin bed. On request, these can be converted to Green staterooms for two persons.

Deck Plans - MOTOR YACHT TUCANO



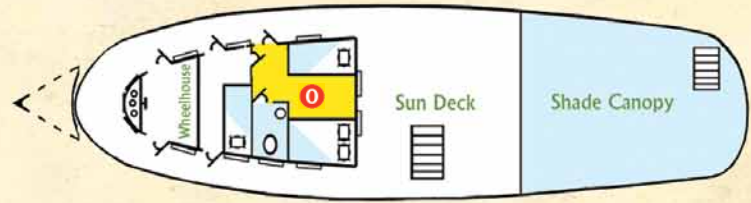
Middle Deck

Staterooms 5 and 6 are Yellow category doubles and have two beds side by side. Stateroom 7 is a Green category double that has a bunk with a mattress above and below. Stateroom 8 is a Blue single. On request this can be converted to a double.



Main Deck

Stateroom 1 is a Blue category single. On request this can be converted to a double. Stateroom 2 is a Green category double that has a bunk with a mattress above and below. Staterooms 3 and 4 are Yellow category doubles and have two single beds side by side.



Observation Deck

On this deck there is only one stateroom, number 0, which is a Yellow category. This stateroom has a queen bed and a single bed and it can accommodate three travelers. It is a large stateroom, but has a smaller bathroom.

Sustainability

The Motor Yacht Tucano endeavors to operate the most sustainable cruises in the Amazon. The vessel was designed with three systems to increase our sustainability: solar power, waste management, and pollution control.

Solar Power: There are two separate solar equipment assemblies on board the M/Y Tucano. One of them, to heat water, consists of solar-water panels for our sinks and showers. The other consists of solar-electric panels which generate electricity for our launch motors and many other uses on board.

Waste Management: All of our waste and recyclable material is separated and returned to Manaus, Brasil. Where possible, we avoid disposable packaging.

Pollution Control: The basic ship functions such as lighting, cooking, and launch propulsion are functional without generated electricity. As part of our sustainability plan, there are many detailed operations procedures in place to reduce our carbon footprint.

National Geographic Adventure magazine recommended our Amazon cruises as among the “*Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth*”. Their criteria are education, sustainability, quality of service, and spirit of adventure. Thanks Nat Geo!

