

MANAUS, BRAZIL

ARRIVE: FRIDAY 26 DECEMBER 1200
DEPART: SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER 2300
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MAN01 MANAUS CITY TOUR – GROUP A (1400-1730 Friday, 26 December) Minimum 30/Maximum 300 (PRICE: \$64.00)



Leave from the floating port, designed to move with the river tide of the Rio Negro, and begin your orientation to Manaus. Pass the Customs House, prefabricated in Liverpool and shipped to Manaus a hundred years ago, the clock tower, the Cathedral and the *Palacio Rio Negro* – the private residence of a German rubber baron and later the Governor's office. Visit the *Palacio Rio Negro* and its museum that depicts the Amazonian way of life. A visit to the Indian Museum is an interesting way to understand the traditions, habits and behavior of the indigenous populations. The highlight of your tour will be a visit to the city's most famous landmark, the lavish

pink and white *Teatro Amazonas* Opera House. Built in 1896, this marvel of architecture features a dome of 36,000 vitrified ceramic tiles imported from Europe, set in a mosaic of the colors of the Brazilian flag. The amazing painting that graces the inside of the dome is a recreation of the view you would have if you stood under the Eiffel Tower and looked up. The dazzling auditorium boasts perfect acoustics, and performances here range from single guitar concerts to entire ballet companies and philharmonic orchestras. As stunning as the building is, perhaps its most extraordinary element is the fact that it is located in the heart of the Amazon jungle, in the city of Manaus—a testament to the dazzling affluence that accompanied the rubber boom of 1896.

MAN02 MANAUS CITY TOUR WITH PERFORMANCE AT OPERA HOUSE (1400-1800 Friday, 26 December) Minimum 150/Maximum 400 (PRICE: \$109.00)

Leave from the floating port of Manaus, designed to move with the river tide of the Rio Negro, and begin your city orientation. Pass the Customs House, prefabricated in Liverpool and shipped to Manaus a hundred years ago, the clock tower, the Cathedral and the *Palacio Rio Negro* – the private residence of a German rubber baron and later the Governor's office. The highlight of your tour will be a visit to – and private concert in – the city's most famous landmark, the lavish pink and white *Teatro Amazonas* Opera House. Built in 1896, this marvel of architecture features a dome of 36,000 vitrified ceramic tiles imported from Europe, set in a mosaic of the colors of the Brazilian flag. The amazing painting that graces the inside of the dome is a recreation of the view you would have if you stood under the Eiffel Tower and looked up. The dazzling auditorium boasts perfect acoustics, and performances here range from single guitar concerts to entire ballet companies and



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At the end of the Opera House Tour the group will enjoy a brief concert performance by two bands showcasing distinct Brazilian sounds: the Amazonas Band and *Raizes Caboclos*. The Amazonas Band is a twenty piece big band sponsored by the Ministry of Culture whose mission is to play and encourage the appreciation of Brazilian popular music in all its many forms through the last 200 years. Musical styles include the *chorino*, swing, and standards of the day. *Raizes Caboclos* is a folklore group that best represents the musician of the native Amazonense. Formed in the 1980s the group performs a variety of folklore music with simple instruments of local manufacture, while dressed in traditional garb.

MAN03 COMMUNITY SERVICE: VISIT TO CHILDREN'S CENTER – GROUP A (1400-1700 Friday, 26 December) Minimum 13/Maximum 100 (PRICE: \$32.00)

Visit the *Abrigo Infante Monte Salem*, a center for orphans up to 17 years old, located close to Manaus in Taruma. This social project also offers schooling for those children whose families cannot afford bus fare to go downtown. Interaction between visitors and the children will be facilitated. A snack will be served for the visitors and children. Donations are welcomed.



MAN04 SCIENTIFIC TOUR – GROUP A (1400-1730 Friday, 26 December) Minimum 30/Maximum 120 (PRICE: \$62.00)

Visit the scientific park INPA (National Institute of Amazon Research). Upon arrival, enjoy a guided walk through the jungle. Learn about the trees, insects and the Institute's research project to preserve the Amazonian manatee. This species, *Trichechus Inunguis* – referred to locally as bull fish – is the only species living in river water. Finally, visit the Museum of Natural Science to see the fantastic collections of butterflies, insects and the rare species of Amazon fishes.

MAN05 MEETING OF THE WATERS (1400-1800 Friday, 26 December) Minimum 30/Maximum 150 (PRICE: \$69.00)



Leave the pier by local riverboat. Sail down the Rio Negro passing by native houses built on stilts, local boats, wharfs, floating gas stations and an ice factory before reaching the meeting of Rio Negro with Rio Solimões, the birth place of the mighty Amazon River. Watch the phenomenon of two rivers meeting, without their waters (light brown Rio Solimões and black Rio Negro) mixing. For miles and miles they flow side by side. Continue to Lake January, an ecological park, situated between the two rivers. Board smaller boats with outboard motors for a ride through the small tributaries and flooded creeks and get a close view of the Amazonian rain forest. Return to the port by riverboat.

MAN06 JUNGLE TREK WITH SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES & OVERNIGHT IN THE JUNGLE (1400 Friday, 26 December – 0800 Saturday, 27 December) Minimum 21/Maximum 60 (PRICE: \$177.00)

Board a regional boat at the pier for a 45-minute journey along to the Rio Negro and the Guedes Lake. Upon arrival, meet your experienced guide – who has been qualified at the military's CIGS (Center for Intensive Guerrilla War in Rain Forest). During a 15-minute introduction to the rain forest, learn about his experience in jungle survival as well as what you will be walking through along the trail.

On the trail, enjoy a close-up view of the jungle surroundings. The guide will stop several times during the trek and will illustrate how locals construct animal traps and shelters, and how they find vines which contain drinkable water. Enjoy a rustic barbeque dinner in the jungle. Later, enjoy the sounds of the Amazon while sleeping in hammocks with mosquito netting. Wake-up early the next day (at 0600). Re-board the regional boat and return to the pier.

Please note: You will be on foot for about 90 minutes during this trip so you will need to wear comfortable hiking shoes or boots (with socks)! Long lightweight pants, a long-sleeve shirt and insect repellent are also recommended. There is a substantial amount of walking on uneven jungle trails; this trip would not be suitable for guests who are not physically fit.

MAN07 NIGHT TIME JUNGLE EXPLORATION & ALLIGATOR SPOTTING (2000-2300 Friday evening, 26 December) Minimum 30/Maximum 150 (PRICE: \$74.00)

Take a riverboat cruise under a starry Amazon sky into the dense jungle backwaters. At the jetty in the Lake January Ecological Park, transfer to motorized canoes. Glide silently into the flooded forest and its countless overgrown tributaries. Armed with only a flashlight, your guide will attempt to locate caimans (alligators). Attracted by the light, their eyes shine like rubies. Watch as the guide attempts to catch one of the smaller reptiles with his bare hands and lift it out of the water for you to see. Unharmed, the caiman will then be returned to the water. The thrill of catching a caiman, plus the mystical surroundings of the forest at night makes this quite a unique and exciting experience. Returning to the riverboat, enjoy a Brazilian beer or a caipirinha (a potent Brazilian drink). The cruise back to the pier is approximately 35 minutes. Please note: Flat, rubber-soled shoes and comfortable, lightweight clothing are recommended. Caution is advised when getting in and out of the canoes.

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MAN08 30-MINUTE AERIAL SIGHTSEEING (TBA Saturday morning, 27 December) Minimum 3/Maximum 4 per plane (PRICE: \$393.00)

Enjoy this fantastic eco-system from above, with a bird's eye view of the Mighty Amazon and Meeting of the Waters. Fly over the Negro River area, towards the flooded forest areas. Depending on the time of the year it is possible to see dozen of lakes full of *Vitória Royal* (giant water lilies). Observe the *igarapés* (creeks). See the Meeting of the waters, junction of the Negro and Solimões Rivers, which run parallel for several kilometers without mixing. Fly over the Industrial District and continue on the route to Manaus downtown. View the Amazonas Theater, and the Floating Port. A single-engine hydroplane, a Cessna 206 seaplane with a capacity of up to 4 passengers (of medium size), will be used for this flight. Please note: Due to weight and balance limitations of the aircrafts, as well as passenger safety and comfort, weight information will be discretely collected prior to port arrival to determine seating configuration.

MAN09 AMAZON ECOPARK (0800-1630 Saturday, 27 December) Minimum 30/Maximum 120 (PRICE: \$113.00)

During the 90-minute transfer to the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Park, receive historical and geographical information about the Amazon. Upon arrival, hear about the park infrastructure during a brief orientation before walking through the park. During the guided walk, learn about the local fauna and flora. Continue to Monkey Jungle where researchers are rehabilitating monkeys previously captured. Today these monkeys roam free in the park. Enjoy a buffet-style lunch with an option to enjoy the natural pools and the private beach where it's possible to swim. After lunch, you have an opportunity for fishing. Piranha anyone?



MAN10 SCIENTIFIC TOUR – GROUP B (0800-1130 Saturday, 27 December) Minimum 30/Maximum 120 (PRICE: \$62.00)

For a description of this trip, please refer to MAN04 Scientific Tour – Group A.

MAN11 SURVIVOR! JUNGLE TREK WITH SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES (0800-1200 Saturday, 27 December) Minimum 51/Maximum 200 (PRICE: \$80.00)

Board a regional boat at the pier for a 45-minute journey along to the Rio Negro and the Guedes Lake. Upon arrival, meet your experienced guide – who has been qualified at the military's CIGS (Center for Intensive Guerrilla War in Rain Forest). During a 15-minute introduction to the rainforest, learn about his experience in jungle survival as well as what you will be observing along the trail. On the trail, enjoy a close-up view of the jungle surroundings. The guide will stop several times during the trek and will illustrate how locals construct animal traps and shelters, and how they find vines which contain drinkable water. Re-board the boat and return to the ship's pier. Please note: You will be on foot for about 90 minutes during this trip so you will need to wear comfortable hiking shoes or boots (with socks)! Long lightweight pants, a long-sleeve shirt and insect repellent are also recommended. There is a substantial amount of walking on uneven jungle trails; this trip would not be suitable for guests who are not physically fit.

MAN12 MEETING OF THE WATERS (with LUNCH) (0800-1200 Saturday, 27 December) Minimum 30/Maximum 100 (PRICE: \$92.00)

Leave the pier by local riverboat. Sail down the Rio Negro passing by native houses built on stilts, local boats, wharfs, floating gas stations and an ice factory before reaching the meeting of Rio Negro with Rio Solimões. This is the birth place of the mighty Amazon River. Watch the phenomenon of two rivers meeting, as their two distinctly colored waters run parallel without blending (light brown Rio Solimões and black Rio Negro). The rivers flow like this for miles. The Lake January Ecological Park is situated between the two rivers and provides excellent recreational opportunities. A buffet lunch is served on a floating restaurant, a short walk from some giant water lilies. Return to the port by riverboat.

MAN13 COMMUNITY SERVICE: VISIT TO CHILDREN'S CENTER – GROUP B (1400-1700 Saturday, 27 December) Minimum 13/ Maximum 100 (PRICE: \$32.00)

For a description of this trip, please refer to MAN03 Community Service: Visit to Children's Center – Group A.