

## The Rainforests of Brazil: Manaus on the Amazon River



One of the world's wonders, the Amazon has fascinated travelers and dreamers since its discovery in 1542 by Francisco de Orellana. It is 3,900 miles long, carries 365 times as much water as the Mississippi and is over seven miles wide at Manaus, a point located 1,000 miles from the Atlantic. The basin, drained by the river and its more than 1,000 tributaries, is the last great wooded wilderness of its kind. It contains over half the world's species of birds and thousands of species of mammals and plants. Transportation in this enormous region is mainly on rivers, streams, canals and oxbow lakes, which crisscross the surface. River people and tribes of Indians deep in the jungle constitute this region's sparse population. However, the push of industrialization and the ecological damage it inherently causes continue to threaten this delicate ecosystem.

### Amazon Boat Safaris

### 4, 5 & 7-Day Safaris



M/V Amazon Clipper, M/V Sely Clipper

M/V Amazon Clipper Premium

Come explore the Amazon by taking a boat safari into the Anavilhanas Archipelago, to the unique ecosystems of the Rio Negro. This great tributary of the Amazon River flows north of Manaus and is characterized by its dark, acidic water, where few insects can breed. This leaves the environment almost mosquito-free! It also accounts for flora that differs from the rest of the jungle areas around Manaus. The safari boats feature air-conditioned cabins with private bathrooms, plenty of hot water, good food, cold drinks and expert naturalist guides.

### Itineraries

3 DAYS: Monday-Wednesday

4 DAYS: Wednesday-Saturday

6 DAYS: Monday-Saturday

**Day 1, Mon:** 2:30 PM embark at the Tropical Hotel Pier for a 3-Day or 6-Day safari. Navigate the Xiborena and Careiro regions to Curari and explore smaller creeks via canoe to see life on the flood plains: jute, market garden produce, rubber trees, flood plain forest and giant water lilies on the lakes. Return to the forest after



dinner to observe night life, including caimans. Navigate up the Amazon (the upper part of it is called Rio Solimoes by the natives) to Lake Janauca. Dinner and overnight on board. (D)

**Day 2, Tue:** Take an early morning canoe and bird-watching trip. There are good chances of seeing Hoatzins and large flocks of egrets and cormorants. Breakfast on board, then visit the inhabitants of the lake. Walk in the forest with commentaries by the specialist guide. Lunch on board, and then fish for piranhas or other species. After dinner, you take a trip to see nocturnal animals, including night hawks, snakes, toro-rats, sloths and frogs. Travel downstream on the Amazon. (B, L, D)

**Day 3, Wed:** Early in the morning, go bird-watching in the January Ecological Park or nearby waterways. After breakfast, travel out past Manaus port to the Tropical Hotel pier, where you will have views of the floating docks, market and houses on stilts. Arrive at 11:30 AM. **The three-day safari ends here with a farewell to some new friends.** The six-day safari continues and the **four-day safari commences** with a 2:30 PM departure from the pier at the Tropical Hotel. Now, you will navigate the Ararau River and visit shore before dinner. After dark, you will return by canoe on the river, where you can observe nocturnal animals. Then, the Clipper begins navigation of Acu Creek. (B, L, D)

**Day 4, Thu:** Early in the morning, go bird-watching in nearby waterways. In the afternoon travel upstream to the Pagodao River (tributary of the Rio Negro) for a short canoe trip. Set out before sunset, and return after dark. You will have the chance to observe the nocturnal animals and changes in the forest as night falls. (B, L, D)

**Day 5, Fri:** Travel by boat to Praia Grande (a white sand beach), swim if conditions permit and observe the vegetation. Then take a canoe trip to Lake Acajatuba and adjacent areas to see their typical flora (rubber trees, Brazil nut trees and useful palm trees of various types). Lunch on board, then stop at the Paricatuba community to see old abandoned rubber-boom buildings now overgrown with strangler figs. Dinner and navigation. (B, L, D)

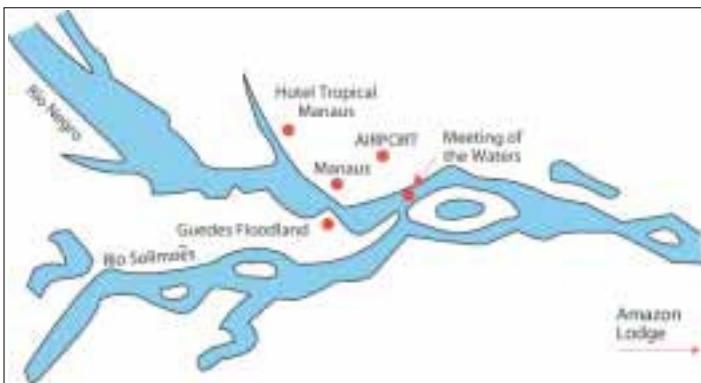
**Day 6, Sat:** Go bird-watching before breakfast, then travel by boat to the Meeting of the Waters. Here the muddy water of the Amazon River and the black water of the Rio Negro run together in bi-colored swirls and eddies for miles before mixing. Return to the Tropical Hotel pier with fine views of the Manaus waterfront en route, and arrive at 11:30 AM. (B)



### Package Rates Per Person

	Package Rates Per Person			Tropical Hotel Extra Nights		
	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl
<b>4-Day Tour (3-DAY BOAT SAFARI DEPARTS MON)</b>						
Amazon or Sely Clipper	\$ 735	1270	n/a	\$ 89	178	n/a
Amazon Clipper Premium	\$ 915	1599	n/a			
<b>5-Day Tour (4-DAY BOAT SAFARI DEPARTS WED)</b>						
Amazon or Sely Clipper	\$ 875	1529	n/a	\$ 89	178	n/a
Amazon Clipper Premium	\$1129	1980	n/a			
<b>7-Day Tour (6-DAY BOAT SAFARI DEPARTS MON)</b>						
Amazon or Sely Clipper	\$1200	2115	n/a	\$ 89	178	n/a
Amazon Clipper Premium	\$1619	2865	n/a			

**Rates Include:** One night at the Tropical Hotel Manaus including tax and buffet breakfast, round-trip airport transfers, half-day Manaus City Tour and your choice of Amazon Safari with all meals, excursions and lectures. Bottled drinks and tips to shipboard personnel are not included.



## Pantanal Wildlife Sanctuary

Deep in the heart of Brazil lies one of the world's great wildlife reserves, the Pantanal, which can now be seen by a handful of tourists wanting to view nature at her best. Sustained by the floodwaters of the Parana River, this wild and rugged savannah teems with bird and animal wildlife.

Visitors can view the wildlife by 4-wheel drive, in canoe or on horseback, while staying in delightful accommodations.

The fauna seen in the Pantanal varies by the seasonal rain and flooding. The wildlife follows the water cycle, so the animals you see will depend upon the season, the animal's cycle and luck!

Many of the birds are endemic, but many others are migratory. The dry season typically starts in June and continues through September or even into October. This enormous savanna is in a constant state of flux: each visit rewards the visitor with an ecological adventure beyond description!



## Tropical Hotel Manaus

On the outskirts of Manaus sits the Tropical Hotel, a magnificent property that blends comfort and elegance with the river and surrounding jungle in a manner that leaves both undisturbed. You will have a half-day tour of Manaus, including the famous Amazonas Theater and the colorful port and waterfront area.

3-Day Package Extra Nights	Rates Per Person			Tropical Hotel		
	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl
Standard Room	\$ 289	489	n/a	\$ 89	178	n/a
Superior Room	\$ 325	560	275	\$107	214	89

**Rates Include:** Two nights at the Tropical Hotel Manaus including tax and buffet breakfast, round-trip airport transfers and a half-day Manaus City Tour including the Amazonas Theater.

## Amazon Eco-Park



Located in the heart of the Amazon jungle, but not far from Manaus, the Amazon Eco-Park unites adventure and comfort. It has 60 rooms distributed among 20 bungalows throughout the forest, together with a thatched-roof, open-air restaurant, a private beach, natural swimming pools, and over 10 km. of jungle trails and unusual native fauna and flora. It is the only lodge authorized by the Brazilian Environmental Agency to maintain wild animals.

The lodge is arranged in 20 separate bungalows, or units, and each unit has three rooms with independent entrances and bathrooms, hot showers, air-conditioning, and screened windows. They are rustic yet charming in their decor, and provide all of your basic comfort and safety in the jungle.



Excursions include: jungle hikes; a visit to Monkey Forest; alligator observation safari in the evening; a visit to a local native's house with the opportunity to learn about how rubber is processed; canoe trips; prianha fishing; a tour to the Meeting of the Waters

(where the Negro and Solimoes Rivers meet to form the Amazon River); and instruction about jungle survival and medicinal plants.

Rates Per Person	3-Day Package			4-Day Package		
	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl
	\$ 515	620	515	\$ 639	795	639

**Rates Include:** Round-trip airport transfers, and your choice of 3 or 4-Day packages with all meals, excursions and lectures. Bottled drinks and tips to shipboard personnel are not included.

## Refugio Ecologico Caiman

Fly into Campo Grande, in Mato Grosso do Sul State. You can choose to stay at a deluxe ecological lodge or at a comfortable outpost deeper in the Pantanal wilderness. The lodge dates from colonial times and offers amenities such as a pool and air-conditioning. The Pousada Caiman outpost lodges offer the more adventurous a closer proximity to the Pantanal's heartbeat.

At Pousada Baiazinha and Pousada Cordilheira, guests share the company of a maximum of eleven other lodgers in a total of six rooms with private bathrooms. These lodges are more rustic than Pousada Caiman, but all have air-conditioning, ample, beautifully appointed living rooms and swimming pools. Pousada Cordilheira (13 km from Caiman) and Baiazinha (9 km away) also have observation towers.



Package Rates Per Person	DEC 01-MAY 31			JUN 30-NOV 30		
	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl	Dbl	Sgl	Tpl
<b>4-Day Package</b>	\$ 799	970	620	\$ 870	1149	700
JAN 03-JUN 02, 2008: Departures Thursdays & Sundays						
JUN 03-OCT 07: Departures Thursdays only						
OCT 08-JAN 02, 2008: Departures daily						
<b>5-Day Package</b>	\$ 949	1159	729	\$1029	1379	839
JAN 03-JUN 02: Departures Wednesdays & Sundays						
JUN 03-OCT 07: Departures Sundays only						
OCT 08-JAN 02, 2008: Departures daily						

**Included:** Round-trip overland transfers (three hours) from Campo Grande Airport to either Pousada Caiman, Baiazinha or Cordilheira, accommodations with all meals and choice of guided nature excursions.