

# Expedition Into the Heart of the Amazon

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GUIDED GROUP



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore a quieter, lesser seen area of the amazon
- See amazing wildlife, such as pink dolphins, iguanas and sloths
- Expert guides on board who accompany every excursion
- Travel on the newly renovated M/Y Tucano

**AT A GLANCE**

- 6 days Amazon river discovery
- Join at Manaus

**ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS**

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## Introduction

A fabulous and unique opportunity to experience areas of the Amazon that not many people visit. This is a true expedition cruise that goes deep into the forest, along the Rio Negro. There are excursions every day either in canoes, kayaks or on foot which are always co-ordinated by the expert guides on board, ensuring that wildlife such as sloths, river dolphins and howler monkeys are easily spotted and that everyone will come away with a deeper understanding of the whole rainforest environment. This one week Amazon cruise holiday is all co-ordinated from the fantastic and recently renovated Motor Yacht Tucano, with a maximum of 18 passengers, large viewing decks and all en-suite rooms, it is not only a wonderful place to spend a week but is also extremely eco-friendly and the tours themselves are some of the most sustainable cruises in the Amazon.

### Is this holiday for you?

Please note that the day-to-day schedule is approximate. The exact order of the days and specific features may be altered due to navigational and other scheduling considerations. Good health is necessary however guests can have an enjoyable trip by simply staying on board the M/Y Tucano and participating in launch excursions. Participants in our walks in the forest must be able to comfortably walk for two or more hours at a time.

# Itinerary

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## Holiday Information

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### What's Included

- Airport transfer on day 1
- All accommodation as described
- Launches and land excursions as described with our expert team
- Meals as detailed in the Meal Plan

### What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Airport transfer on day 8
- Tips for staff
- Some meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- Airport departure taxes if applicable
- Miscellaneous expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc

### Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the hotel in Manaus

Airport transfers are provided for all clients on arrival.

On departure a single transfer is provided to the airport in the morning.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

### Meal Plan

All meals included apart from Dinner on day 1, which if needed, can easily be arranged at the hotel on arrival.

## Food & Water

All meals are taken on board - the ship has a very elaborate meal service and the cooks make the very best out of the wonderful fruits, fishes and flavors unique to the Amazon. All meals are served from the buffet and are wholesome, filling and delicious.

The tap water on board is chlorinated, however we suggest that you drink the water from the provided 20 litre bottles placed in the public areas of the vessel.

## Accommodation

During the trip you will spend 1 night in a hotel in Manaus and 6 nights on board the wonderful Motor Yacht Tucano (M/Y Tucano). The M/Y Tucano has been very recently renovated (in summer 2018) and boasts large viewing decks, en-suite accommodation and fantastic food.

While the Tucano retains the appearance of a traditional riverboat, she was built using sophisticated equipment, materials and advanced construction techniques. From the electrical and water systems to the advanced propulsion and navigation systems, Tucano offers all of the convenience, security and comfort of a modern yacht. There are individual air-conditioning thermostats in every cabin as well as volume controls for the boat-wide sound system. The M/Y Tucano strives to conduct sustainable tourism and to minimize the environmental impact of cruises with a focus on waste management, energy conservation and pollution control.

Cabin Details (see also deck plan in the gallery)

**Yellow Category:** The five staterooms in this category are large and have beds side by side. They are numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, and 0. The beds in staterooms 3, 4, 5, and 6 can be joined together to form a queen sized bed. Stateroom 0 has a queen size and also a single bed, but has a quite small bathroom. It can hold three travellers. In triple occupancy, each passenger pays the Green Category rate.

**Green Category:** The two Green staterooms have above and below berths (bunk beds). While the Green are smaller than the Yellow staterooms, they are comfortable and have large windows, private bathrooms, and air-conditioning. These staterooms are 2 and 7.

**Blue Category:** These two staterooms are singles, numbers 1 and 8. They have a single bed, a private bath, and air-conditioning. On request the Blue Category staterooms can be converted to Green. These staterooms are 1 and 8.

## Group Leader & Support Staff

A carefully chosen team will lead our voyage. They are chosen not only for their local knowledge and wealth of experience but also for their great love of the Amazon. With briefings and discussions, your naturalists will cover all aspects of the voyage including ornithology, rainforest biology, geography, history and the environment. Officers and crew, all highly experienced in varying types of navigation, man the ship.

## Spending Money

It is not practical to set a recommended amount for personal spending money on a holiday like this. All meals while on board and the daily excursions, are included in the trip price. The main extra spend on board will be on drinks and this will vary greatly from person to person. On board ship, bar bills can be put on a tab and paid at the end of the cruise.

## Guidance on Tipping

We suggest that each traveler tip in the area of \$150 total, which is divided between the guides and the staff.

## Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status and so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

# General Information

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## Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

## Health & Vaccinations

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

## Currency

On board, all currencies are accepted.

The unit of currency in Brazil is the Real.

## Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that prior to travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at [travelaware.campaign.gov.uk](#) and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: [www.travel.state.gov](#) for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates direct from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

## Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

## Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

Please note that a paper copy of your travel insurance is required if you are travelling to Huaraz and the Huayhuash region.

# Equipment Information

## Equipment List

The following checklist should help you with your packing. As a general rule, you should always try to keep the weight of your equipment to a minimum.

### You should bring the following items:

- Hiking boots
- Socks
- Trekking trousers
- Waterproof overtrousers
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Waterproof jacket
- Sunhat
- Sunglasses
- Daypack 30 litres should be sufficient
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Water bottles 1 litre (x2) (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Washbag and toiletries
- Antibacterial hand wash
- Basic First Aid Kit including: antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment.

## The following items are optional:

- Travel shoes / Trainers
- Spare laces
- Shorts
- Shirts (e.g. T-shirts)
- Swimwear
- Trekking poles
- Insect repellent
- Camera
- Travel clothes
- Repair kit - (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

## Cotswold Outdoor



Many of the Equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive 12.5% discount voucher from Cotswold Outdoor and other retailers.  
[>> Find out more](#)

## Land Only Information

The dates shown are for the LAND ONLY itinerary, joining in Manaus, Brazil. Airport transfers are included on arrival. On departure a single timed airport transfer is provided.

## Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Manaus with LATAM via Sao Paulo & Brasilia. Outbound flights will depart the UK usually in the evening, arriving into Manaus in the early afternoon of Day 1. Return flights will usually depart Manaus in the afternoon of the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK in the afternoon of the following day.

# Why Choose KE

## Why KE

Visit an area of the Amazon that not many people get to see, learn about all aspects of the rainforest environment from the expert guides on board and travel in a small group.

**Please Note** This document was downloaded on 03/07/2024 and the trip is subject to change