

### Brazil Amazonas Wildlife River Cruising

Serene & Immersive Exploration in the Amazon Rainforest

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# Feel the difference

with Mountain Travel Sobek

### **Unrivaled Expertise**

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

### **Unique Trip Design**

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

### **Small Groups**

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.











### Leading the Way

### **World-Class Local Guides**

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.











# Why take this trip with us?

### **REASON 1**

MT Sobek has sent guests on adventure cruises since 1969, working with local operators of small yachts and ships to create water-based dream adventures.

### **REASON 2**

Explore farther into wilderness rainforest than any other tour vessel, with skilled naturalist guides and 3-5 excursions into the forest every day.

### **REASON 3**

Enjoy the flexibility of frequent departures year-round, all with a max of just 16 guests and dividing into even smaller groups for daily excursions. Small is the new luxury!

### At A Glance

### **ACTIVITIES**

Flexible itinerary with jungle walks, kayaking, a visit to an unspoiled village, swimming in crystal-clear water, and observing wildlife.



#### **LODGING**

Six nights aboard a comfortable, traditionally designed expedition vessel, the Motor Yacht *Tucano*.



### **CLIMATE**

This equatorial rainforest cruise is a year-round destination with a temperate climate, there isn't a bad season to visit.



#### **KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK**

This cruise is not privately chartered for MT Sobek travelers. In order to offer the widest selection of travel dates and flexibility for our guests, MT Sobek works directly with the ship owner to book MT Sobek travelers on scheduled departures throughout the year, and we are pleased to offer our inhouse expertise and services to assist you every step of the way.



### Brazil Amazonas Wildlife River Cruising

### **Serene & Immersive Exploration in the Amazon Rainforest**

Cruise up the Rio Negro on the Motor Yacht Tucano through the Central Amazon Ecological Corridor, the world's largest rainforest preserve. Observe pink river dolphins, a kaleidoscope of colorful birds, and monkeys cavorting in the magnificent trees draped with vines and orchids. Float over submerged forests and take a dip at one of the sandy beaches, hike through jungle where the only tracks are your own, and explore the river's edge at dusk and dawn. Delight in varied ecosystems from your river-facing cabin on this popular Amazon adventure.

### 7 Days

Start: Manaus, Brazil

End: Manaus, Brazil

Departing: January, February, March, April, May,

June, July, August, September, October, November,

December

Activities: Adventure Cruising, Safari & Wildlife

**Lodging:** Comfortable Small Ship

**Group Size:** 1-16 Guests

**ACTIVITY:** 









Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.



"Our Voyage to the Heart of the Amazon was incredible and everything one could hope for. From the intimate and authentic vessel Tucano, to the amazing guides and warm, friendly crew."

- Mark B.

# The Itinerary



### Board the Motor Yacht Tucano and Voyage North on the Rio Negro

Board the M/Y Tucano in Manaus early this morning and depart upstream on the Rio Negro. Cruise through the world's largest river island system, the Anavilhanas Archipelago. Watch the magnificent tangle of vegetation as the boat enters a wilderness area beyond the frontier of settlement, with both shores covered by dense rainforest. Keep your eyes peeled for pink river dolphins, primates and a large collection of exotic birds, while taking in magnificent forest vistas and the spectacular trees themselves. In the late afternoon, hop on a launch (a smaller boat made for exploring) to look for wildlife from the water's edge.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Aboard M/Y Tucano

**MEALS:** Lunch | Dinner



### **Explore the Amazon Rainforest**

Early this morning divide into small groups and explore the rainforest by your choice of launch or kayak, each group with a naturalist guide. Hear a morning serenade of toucans and howler monkeys, then, after breakfast back on board, go for a walk in the forest and get a good start on understanding Amazon ecology. Around midday, return for lunch as the vessel gets underway. In the late afternoon, explore the forest aboard the launches and listen to the sunset chorus of birds and frogs. Weather permitting, you may do a night excursion in the launches to marvel at nocturnal creatures of the Amazon.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Aboard M/Y Tucano

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3-4 excursions by launch, kayak, and on foot



### **Forest Walks & Wildlife Watching**

Explore the waking forest in the early morning light, keeping your eyes open for sloths, as well as the monkeys that are frequently seen along the shore. Return for breakfast, followed by either a walk in the forest or an excursion in the launches. M/Y Tucano will travel during the middle of the day and stop in the late afternoon for an excursion, when most animals come out to feed. As the vessel travels a bit farther, marvel at the night sky crowded with stars.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Aboard M/Y Tucano

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3 excursions by launch and on foot







### Scout the Rio Jaueperi

After morning excursions, scout for wildlife while the M/Y *Tucano* navigates along the heavily forested shore, where it's possible to stop for a visit at a settler's home carved out of the forest. In the early afternoon, cruise near an extraordinary river called Rio Jaueperi, where you'll see a kind of forest known as the "varzea." Scout along the shoreline for some of the extraordinary creatures found only in this unique environment. This is often a good place to fish for the legendary scourge of the Amazon, piranhas, which might just become hors d'oeuvres. Observe nocturnal creatures during a night excursion (weather permitting). The night shift of Amazon wildlife often includes Giant Potoo birds, with eyes glowing like coals in the headlamps; caiman cavorting in the shallows of the darkness; and bulldog fishing bats.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Aboard M/Y Tucano

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3-4 excursions by launch and on foot



### **Explore the West Bank of the Rio Negro**

Weather permitting, voyage to the west side of the Rio Negro and set out to explore areas of the rainforest rarely visited by anyone else, scouting in the launches and walking in the forest. Tonight the M/Y *Tucano* goes downstream and enters an east bank affluent of the Rio Negro for a nocturnal exploration aboard the launches, deep into the rainforest. Afterwards, glide through the starry darkness towards the confluence of the Rio Negro and the Amazon River.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Aboard M/Y Tucano

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3-4 excursions by launch and on foot



### Cruise the Amazon River and the Confluence of the Amazon and the Rio Negro

Begin the day with a dawn excursion searching for wakening wildlife. Return for breakfast on board, then go one last time into the forest, perhaps stopping at a place to swim. In the mid-afternoon, begin to journey downstream. Arrive late in the day at the Encontro das Aguas, a stark, several-mile-long line where two of the world's largest rivers—the Amazon and the Negro—join in a turbulent maelstrom. At sunset the M/Y Tucano once again turns her bow upstream on the Rio Negro and journeys to an overnight anchorage. As you pass in front of Manaus, marvel at the scale of one of the world's largest and most vibrant port cities, over a thousand miles from the sea. In the evening, sip the national drink of Brazil, the Caipirinha, and perhaps try a bit of samba on the top deck, then join the group for a farewell dinner and prepare for an early departure in the morning.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Aboard M/Y Tucano

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3 excursions by launch and on foot; possible swimming opportunity



#### Disembark from the M/Y Tucano

After a hearty breakfast, disembark from the M/Y Tucano in Manaus for homebound or onward flights.

**MEALS:** Breakfast







# Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

### M/Y Tucano - Brazil

Though not a luxury craft, M/Y Tucano is a very comfortable expedition vessel. It has large, comfortable cabins lined with handsome, solid-wood paneling, and plentiful windows throughout the boat so you can always be on the lookout for the birds, mammals, and foliage of the rainforest. The Tucano is an ideal place to rest, read a good novel, and soak in splendid vistas.

# **Departure Dates**

This trip is available to run in: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

### Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

November 16-22, 2024

December 7-13, 2024

December 21-27, 2024

January 15-21, 2025

February 12-18, 2025

March 5-11, 2025

April 9-15, 2025

April 19-25, 2025

May 7-13, 2025

May 28-June 3, 2025

June 11-17, 2025

July 2-8, 2025

August 6-12, 2025

October 1-7, 2025

October 15-21, 2025

November 5-11, 2025

November 26-December 2, 2025

December 10-16, 2025

December 24-30, 2025

## What's Included

### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expertise and services of experienced adventure guides International airfare, airport taxes, and excess
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and porterage

### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities for Adventure Guides and the M/Y Tucano crew
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses
- Accommodations in Manaus pre and post-cruise



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