



## MANATEE AMAZON EXPLORER



### EXPLORING THE AMAZON

The Manatee Amazon Explorer combines the adventure and comfort that only Ecuadorian Amazon river cruises can deliver. This 27 meter-long (90 feet) river boat was specially built to let explorers and adventurous travelers encounter one of the most fascinating places on earth.

Once on board, our guests will room, a comfortable bar and lounge, and a sun terrace. Our double cabins feature ample windows, air conditioning, hot baths and private bathrooms in order to ensure a pleasant journey on the Napo River. Join our excursions into the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest to encounter a unique and untamed biodiversity, while our experienced crew or service at all times.

## ITINERARY 4 DAYS



### FRIDAY: QUITO – COCA – NAPO RIVER



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**01**

Departure from Quito. A short 30-minute flight takes us to the frontier town of Coca (Francisco de Orellana) – and transfer to the dock, where we will embark on a motorized canoe and navigate down river about 1 hour, to board the M/V MANATEE AMAZON EXPLORER.

Since safety on board is of utmost importance, our navigation will not begin until a safety evacuation drill has been completed. Throughout the journey we have a chance to admire the rainforest landscape and sand banks of the great Napo River.

Immediately after boarding the M/V MANATEE, we continue navigating downstream. This will be the first of many opportunities passengers will have to enjoy the exciting features of our cruise ship: the spacious social areas, comfortable suites, and an observation deck that offers spectacular views.

Once you have comfortably settled into the M/V MANATEE, we will be joined by local tour/nature guides who will give us a complete and condensed introduction to the Ecuadorian Amazon. Following this Amazonian induction, we will enjoy dinner under the mesmerizing sunset. An evening walk is organized after sunset; giving us the opportunity to discover the forest's nocturnal activity while listening to the incessant sounds of nature.

### SATURDAY: VISITING PAÑACOCOA'S BIOLOGICAL CORRIDOR



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**02**

We will continue our navigation downstream to the Pañayacu River delta; you take a canoe trip up the river to experience the sights of this fascinating reserve.

Upon reaching the Pañacocha Lake (Piranha Lake, in native language Quechua) we will be marveled by the unique creatures that inhabit the area: squirrel monkeys, and of course the infamous Piranhas. Pañacocha's Lake ecosystem make it the perfect habitat for the Piranha, as well as water monkey fish, known locally as Arawana and the White Caiman.

After a refreshing swim (for the courageous!), we will enjoy a delicious Amazon-style BBQ meal and refreshing beverages at a nearby camping site. In the afternoon, we will head out on exploration trails, and return onboard for dinner.

Undoubtedly, after an entire day in the heart of the Ecuadorian Amazon, there will be plenty of questions. Luckily for our passengers, we will have the chance to speak to local guides, who will be happy to answer all of our questions. The local guides will also be given the time to discuss other subjects related to the Ecuadorian Amazon during our evening briefing.

## SUNDAY: PARROTS' CLAY LICKS – SANI WARMI & YASUNI NATIONAL PARK

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03



After breakfast on board, weather permitting, we will have a chance to marvel at an astonishing natural phenomenon as we set out to visit one of the most amazing spectacles located on this side of the western Amazonia, known as Parrot Clay Licks. These unique pools of mud are rich in minerals and attract hundreds of parrots, parakeets and amazon birds every day.

Later we will visit the Sani Warmi Kichwa Interpretation Center, where a group of Kichwa women will speak and share about their customs, cuisine and daily life. These women created the center in order to showcase their culture. The visit to the Sani Warmi community is a unique opportunity to learn about Amazonian lifestyle along the Napo River. You will also have the opportunity to buy handmade crafts, local products and souvenirs.

Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch on board, as we navigate to Puerto Pedro. Weather permitting and as an optional excursion, we could make a short stop at the Yakukawsay Kichwa Interpretation Centre.

Before sunset, we will visit the Añangu Tower, which offers great photograph opportunities after climbing a ceibo tree and enjoy an astonishing view of the Amazon from its wooden tower. This is a great chance for birdwatching activities.

Our trip into Ecuadorian Amazon, ends here, as we will begin our trip back to Itaya. Our last night in the Ecuadorian Amazon, will enjoy a farewell cocktail with all our staff.

## MONDAY: RETURN

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04



Before sunrise, we will navigate towards Itaya, it is from here that we will disembark the M/V MANATEE, in order to be transferred by a motorized canoe to Coca (1-hour ride). From Coca, you will fly to Quito by airplane.

**NOTE** The detailed itinerary above is a standard model of our operation. We intend to offer everything as planned, but it is important to note depending on technical or operational difficulties beyond our control, the M/V MANATEE AMAZON EXPLORER reserves the right to modify the itinerary without notice.

## PRE TMLA FAM OFFER

Special TMLA departure aboard the MANATEE AMAZON EXPLORER.

Date: September 8 - 11, 2017

Discount: 50% OFF from rack prices \$ 786.50 USD per person on double occupancy, or \$1180 on single occupancy. Plus air tkts \$200 and community fees \$70 USD per person.

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