



MANATEE
AMAZON EXPLORER

**M/V MANATEE AMAZON EXPLORER
4 DAYS /3 NIGHTS ITINERARY
FRIDAY - MONDAY**



EXPLORING THE AMAZON

This is a journey that takes us into the endless heart of biodiversity, the Amazon Basin. Given the remote and pristine nature of this jungle, the very best way to explore it is by navigating down the Napo River on exclusively - designed vessel set to explore the Amazon in style.

The M/V Manatee Amazon Explorer allows our guests to experience unparalleled adventures in total comfort. Journey with us down freshwater rivers, both whitewater and black water, and encounter different Amazonian ecosystems, including the possibility to observe fascinating animals such as pink river dolphins, manatees, caimans and piranhas, as well as hundreds of native bird and primate species.

These amazing adventures are possible on board our exclusive vessel featuring: 10 Standard Cabins, which offer air conditioning, balconies and ceiling-to-floor windows, and private bathrooms with hot water, and our 4 Deluxe Cabins which come complete with all of the above, plus private balconies and private whirlpool bathtubs with a scenic view! Make yourself at home with our complete range of onboard amenities! We have a



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comfortable bar and lounge, conference room a cozy reading room, a rainforest spa, a explorer's boutique, an *al fresco* lounge and dining room providing exceptional culinary offerings to our guests, and even an outdoor hot tub on the observation deck! We want to ensure that you enjoy the perfect rainforest journey in full comfort, navigating deep into the heart of one of the new seven wonders of the natural world – the Amazon.

We are committed to caring for natural resources and the conservation of local cultures by applying responsible and sustainable tourism practices and community involvement in all of our operations. We have also initiated Capi's Amazon River Station (CARS). This is a program that manages 3 non-profit sustainable rescue projects for endangered animals in the Ecuadorian Amazon Rainforest: The Charapas turtle, the Pink River Dolphin, and the Manatee.

ACTIVITIES AND ADVENTURES:

- Swimming
- Kayaking
- Birdwatching
- Jungle Hikes
- Canoe Excursions
- Cooking Lessons – Traditional Dishes
- Climbing the Observation Tower high in the Amazon canopy
- Native Family Visit
- Night Hikes
- Briefings given by Expert Naturalist Guides
- Demonstration of Regional Handicrafts
- BBQ Pit
- Traditional Amazonian Delicacies
- Camping (5 & 8 days Itineraries)



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DAY 1 - FRIDAY: QUITO - COCA - NAPO RIVER



Our adventure begins in the city of Quito, Capital of Ecuador. After taking a short 30-minute flight from Quito to the Amazon city of Coca, located in the Province of San Francisco de Orellana, we will transfer to the dock and board our motorized canoe to begin our journey down the river for approximately an hour and a half, taking in the first sights and sounds of the Amazon. Soon, we will reach the M/V Manatee Amazon Explorer and receive our welcome aboard.

Once we have settled into the M/V Manatee Amazon Explorer, we will be joined by expert local naturalist guides who will provide us with a brief and informative introduction to the Ecuadorian Amazon, after which guests will have their first opportunity to discover the exciting features of our cruise ship: spacious social areas, comfortable suites, and the observation deck that allows us to admire the changing rainforest landscape as we glide down the Napo River.

After dinner, we will plunge straight into the Amazon by going for a nighttime forest walk to observe the forest's nocturnal activity and experience the thrill of the vivid noises and aromas that come from so much biodiversity.



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DAY 2 - SATURDAY: PAÑACocha BIOLOGICAL CORRIDOR



We continue to travel downstream to the Pañayacu River delta, where we will take a canoe trip to experience the sights of this fascinating water reserve. Pañacocha Lake is an ecosystem flooded by blackwaters. Pañacocha means "Piranha Lake" in the native Quechua language. The surrounding protected Rainforest is home to 9 species of primates, 500 species of birds and more than 100 fish species. This is the perfect habitat for Piranhas, the Water Monkey Fish (Arawana) and the White Caiman.

In this little piece of paradise, we will participate in nature walks led by our local naturalist guides, and relax at a nearby campsite where we will enjoy a delicious Amazon-style BBQ and refreshing beverages.

After lunch, we will do some kayaking, and the bravest among us will enjoy a nice refreshing swim in the Piranha Lake! We promise it's not as dangerous as it sounds!

Back on board the M/V Manatee Amazon Explorer, our guests will have the opportunity to attend a lecture given by our concierge and watch an educational documentary about the region.



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DAY 3 - SUNDAY: PARROT CLAY LICKS - AMAZONIAN COMMUNITIES & OBSERVATION TOWER



This morning, we will set out on canoes to observe one of the most incredible sights on this side of the Western Amazon – the Parrot Clay Licks. This unique place is rich in minerals and attracts hundreds of colorful parrots, parakeets and amazon birds, every day.

Later, we will visit a Quechua Cultural Center, where we will learn about Amazon communities and their ancestral culture, traditions, and cuisine. Members of the local community will teach us about indigenous lifestyles along the Napo River and we will have the opportunity to support the local community by purchasing handicrafts, local products, and souvenirs.

Before sunset, we will visit an observation tower in the rainforest canopy, which offers an astonishing 360-degree view of the Amazon basin and is the perfect photo opportunity! Birdwatchers and bird-lovers alike will especially enjoy this outing.



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DAY 4 - MONDAY: RETURN



This is where our adventure ends! Enjoy the last part of our return journey onboard and then disembark the M/V Manatee Amazon Explorer to take the motorized canoe back to Coca (one-and-a-half-hour ride).

*For our guests with a more adventurous inclination, we are pleased to offer a camping program, which is an alternative manner to explore this enchanting destination. Contact us for more details! (Optional activity for the 5 & 8 days Itinerary)

NOTE: The foregoing itinerary is our standard operating model. We intend to offer everything as planned, and will make every effort to do so, however depending on inclement weather, technical or operational difficulties beyond our control, the M/V Manatee Amazon Explorer reserves the right to modify the itinerary without notice.