CRUISE OF 14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS - REF. MAO_RIOPP

Rio de Janeiro and a cruise along the Amazon and the Rio Negro - An Exclusive Cruise through Pristine and Hidden Nature (port-to-port cruise)

BRAZIL

Where the forest knows no borders, where thousands of plant and animal species coexist to form a one-of-a-kind ecosystem, where the soft morning light reveals lush and colorful landscapes, and where nightfall brings with it mystical sounds open to interpretation, far from civilization, in the midst of untamed life and human silence, embark on an exclusive cruise through the heart of the Amazon rainforest.

Sailing along the Rio Negro will provide a unique opportunity to observe the region's rich wildlife: brilliantly colored macaws, mischievous monkeys, caimans camouflaged among drifting logs, and even pink river dolphins playing in the dark waters, moving moments suspended in time.

The Amazon River reveals the everyday life of the inhabited part of the jungle, with vibrant scenes unfolding along the banks: stilted villages, floating markets, and freshwater archipelagos glide past. Encounters with local communities will be thoughtfully arranged, ensuring mutual respect and offering deeply emotional and meaningful exchanges.

With nearly 40,000 plant species and hundreds of thousands of animal species, the Amazon is home to an unparalleled wealth of flora and fauna. This intimate cruise through the rainforest will leave you with unforgettable memories etched deep within.





HIGHLIGHTS

- A unique and exclusive experience in the heart of the world's largest tropical rainforest
- An exploration cruise along the Rio Negro and Amazon rivers, unveiling an exceptional diversity of landscapes
- A series of engaging lectures led by a naturalist guide, expert in tropical ecosystems
- THE MUST-SEE SITES:
- The striking contrast between the dark waters of the Rio Negro and the golden currents of the Amazon—an enthralling natural phenomenon
- In the heart of nature, unexpected encounters on a mysterious land still largely unexplored
- A cruise rich in wildlife observation: dolphins, caimans, sloths, monkeys, macaws, and even giant otters
- Introduction to indigenous pharmacopoeia — the little-known healing virtues of Amazonian medicinal plants
- Deeply emotional and meaningful moments shared with local communities, centered on cultural values and human connection
- The Anavilhanas Archipelago — the second largest freshwater archipelago in the world
- Riverbanks teeming with life: an intimate look at daily life along the Amazon
- Jaú National Park, one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined local cuisine
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Tour leader or cruise director on board
- Onboard activities and/or lectures
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Rio de Janeiro

Check-in at the 4-star hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2

Rio de Janeiro - Corcovado - Santa Teresa

Full day of sightseeing in Rio: Corcovado and the Santa Teresa neighborhood. Lunch at a restaurant. Dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3

Rio de Janeiro - Historic Center

Full day of sightseeing: Rio's historic center. Lunch at a restaurant. Dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4

Rio de Janeiro - MANAUS - RIO NEGRO

Flight to Manaus via São Paulo. Transfer and embarkation. Lunch on board. Guided tour of Manaus. Visit to the Rubber Museum. Cruising on the Rio Negro. We'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship.

DAY 5

RIO NEGRO

Exploration on the Rio Negro and forest walk to discover the local flora. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship.

DAY 6

MADADA CAVES - RIO NEGRO

Hike through primary rainforest to the Madada Caves. Introduction to plant biodiversity and indigenous medicinal practices. Exploration aboard a private motorized boat to observe local wildlife. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship.

DAY 7

JAU NATIONAL PARK - RIO NEGRO

Cruising toward Jaú National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the richest regions on the planet in terms of biodiversity. Forest walk to discover the local wildlife. Exploration of the Carabineni River. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship.

DAY 8

JAÚ RIVER - LOCAL COMMUNITY

Exploration of the wildlife and flora aboard a private boat. Visit to the village and meeting with the Cachoeira community. Exploration aboard traditional canoes. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship. Nocturnal excursion in search of caimans.

DAY 9

ITAOBAL - AIRAO VELHO

Hike along the Itaobal Trail, discovering a waterfall and a crystal-clear lake. Visit to Airáo Velho, a relic of the golden age of fruitful plantations. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship.

DAY 10

NOVO AIRAO

Visit to the village of Novo Airão. Discovery of the Anavilhanas Archipelago, the second-largest freshwater archipelago in the world. Cruising along the river aboard local boats. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship.

DAY 11

ACAJATUBA - ARIAÚ RIVER

Visit to the village of Acajatuba and its small stilt houses. Cruising toward the Ariau Canal aboard local boats. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship.

DAY 12

MEETING OF THE WATERS OF THE RIO NEGRO AND THE AMAZON

Cruise and observation of the Meeting of the Waters between the Rio Negro and the Amazon. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship.

DAY 13

JANAUACÁ LAKE

Exploration of Janauacá Lake aboard a private boat. Cruising along the Manaquiri River. Dinner and overnight onboard your ship.

DAY 14

MANAUS

Disembarkation.

Our price includes

Half-board accommodation in a 4-star hotel in Rio from Day 1 to Day 4 - lunches on Days 2, 3 and 4 - Domestic flight(1) from Rio to Manaus - Airport taxes (€10 - 2025 rate) – your cruise with all meals from dinner on the first day to breakfast on the final day - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - accommodations in a double-occupancy cabin with shower in private bathroom - excursions mentioned in the program - services of a naturalist guide - welcome cocktail - gala evening - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

*This exploration cruise is not recommended for persons with reduced mobility. Embarkation and disembarkation from motorized boats are frequent, and some walks may take place on uneven, sloping, or rocky terrain. Important notice: Navigation is subject to weather conditions, which may impact the planned itinerary. In certain cases, intermediate stops may be canceled. Should this occur, CroisiEurope will make every effort to offer an alternative that meets passengers' expectations. For safety reasons, the company and the ship's captain reserve the right to alter the cruise itinerary at any time. - This cruise is entirely dedicated to the exploration of protected areas within the Amazon rainforest. Life on board is centered around wildlife observation and discovery along the rivers and waterways, where nature puts on a continuous show. Safety instructions will be given upon arrival and must be strictly followed — especially the rule forbidding passengers from leaving the boat outside of organized excursions, as the cruise takes place in the heart of the wild Amazon, where wildlife is abundant. - While every effort will be made to ensure wildlife and bird sightings, no guarantee can be given. *Excessive alcohol consumption is harmful to your health. Please drink responsibly.*

Our price does not include

transfers to/from departure/arrival points - drinks from our special lists or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - personal expenses.

Useful information

HEALTH

Note: The following information is based on official guidelines from the French government website www.diplomatie.gouv.fr, updated on 20/05/25. It is provided for reference only and may change. It does not anticipate the sovereign application of entry regulations by the visited countries or by airlines.

No mandatory vaccinations are required, except for travelers arriving from countries where yellow fever is endemic. These travelers must show proof of vaccination (up-to-date vaccination card or certificate) upon arrival at the airport or border crossing. It is also recommended to be up to date with standard vaccinations (diphtheria-tetanus-polio, hepatitis A and B). Depending on local travel conditions, vaccinations against typhoid and viral hepatitis A and B may also be advisable. Antimalarial treatment is recommended (consult your physician). Tropical-grade mosquito repellents are strongly advised. A consultation with a general practitioner before departure is highly recommended.

CLIMATE

Manaus has a tropical climate characterized by a natural cycle of rising and falling river waters. Humidity is high year-round, and tropical showers can occur, often in the form of brief daytime downpours. The highest temperatures are typically recorded during the low-water season. In September, for example, temperatures range from 25°C in the morning to 33°C in the afternoon. The air can feel relatively dry at this time, although sudden tropical rains are still possible.

PAYMENT METHODS

The official currency in Brazil is the real (BRL), symbolized as R$. Additional onboard expenses are settled at the end of the cruise and can be paid in cash in Brazilian reals, euros, or US dollars. Credit card payments are not possible, due to unreliable network connectivity on the river.

EQUIPMENT (non-exhaustive list)

Lightweight, waterproof, and non-slip hiking shoes (for forest walks). For the boat and beach: flip-flops, sandals, tennis shoes, or boat shoes.

Comfortable and light clothing for the day: lightweight trousers, bermuda shorts, skirts, t-shirts, and cotton shirts or clothes suitable for hot, humid weather. Long sleeves and trousers (recommended for protection).

Waterproof windbreaker or poncho, and a light sweater.

Swimsuit.

Cap or wide-brimmed hat.

Waterproof backpack or dry bag and waterproof cases for electronic devices.

Personal first-aid kit.

Binoculars and a flashlight or headlamp with spare batteries.

Trekking poles (recommended).

MEALS

This trip is offered on a full-board basis. Breakfasts are served buffet-style. Lunches and dinners are either served at the table or buffet-style, depending on the day's program.

TIME DIFFERENCE

There is a 6-hour time difference behind Europe (Manaus is GMT-4).

FORMALITIES

Depending on nationality. Each nationality is requested to consult their embassy or consulate.