

BRAZIL - AMAZON ECOLODGE & CRUISE



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DURATION

5 Days

LOCATIONS

Brazil, Amazon



INTRODUCTION

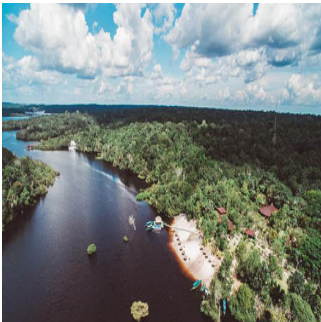
Two nights at the beautiful Amazon EcoPark Lodge and two nights aboard the comfortable M/V Desafio offers an ideal introduction to the Amazon as you explore the trails around the lodge, cruise along the lower Amazon and discover Kings Lake.

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DAY 1: Amazon EcoPark Jungle Lodge

On arrival into Manaus Airport you will be met and transferred to the Amazon EcoPark Lodge. About an hour from Manaus, including a 40 minute boat ride, the lodge is situated on the banks of the Rio Taruma, a tributary of the Rio Negro. The lodge features 70 bungalows decorated with Amazonian handicrafts and built under the rainforest tree canopy. Each apartment has its own entrance, balcony, screened windows, bathroom with electric shower, air-conditioning and mini bar. Facilities at the lodge include a bar, restaurant, 4 natural water pools, private beach, jungle trails and a pavilion featuring hammocks and lounge chairs. After settling into your comfortable room, we visit the Monkey Jungle Reserve with its many different species of monkeys. The Monkey Jungle Reserve is a centre for the rehabilitation of primates that were rescued from illegal traders or from areas of Brazil that have been flooded or destroyed by fire. Many of the monkeys are orphans. On arrival at the centre, the animals receive any necessary veterinary treatment and time to acclimatise to their new home, before being released into the wild. Species of monkeys at the Monkey Reserve include spider, woolly, squirrel and capuchin monkeys. After the visit we return to the lodge and later in the evening a delicious dinner will be followed by a night trip by canoe to spot crocodiles and other nocturnal creatures using flashlights.

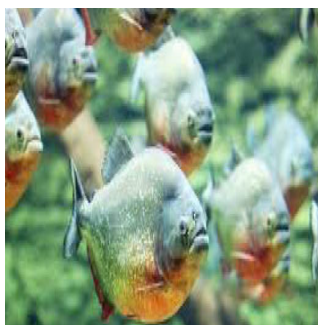


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DAY 2: Amazon EcoPark Jungle Lodge

We wake to the fresh morning mist and the intriguing sounds of the jungle coming alive. Following breakfast at the lodge, we set off on a Nature Hike. The thick, impenetrable jungle is home to more than two million species of flora and fauna. There are approximately 10 kilometres of jungle trails in and around EcoPark area, taking you through virgin rainforest, natural savannahs and creeks and alongside crystal clear streams. The guide teaches us how to find potable water, how to build a shelter from natural resources found in the jungle, which plants are edible as well as basic orientation and first aid. After the Nature Hike we return to the lodge for lunch and time to relax. In the afternoon we visit the homes of caboclos or local Amazonian residents. Here we learn about their customs and traditions, the history of the Amazon, the preparation of cassava meal and the rubber cycle including how extracted rubber sap is smoked. There is also the opportunity to try your hand at piranha fishing.



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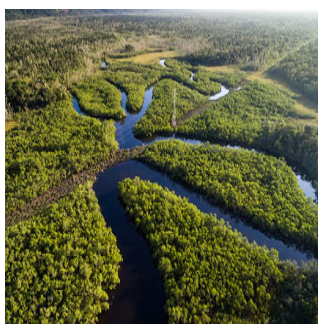
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DAY 3: Embarkation on M/V Desafio

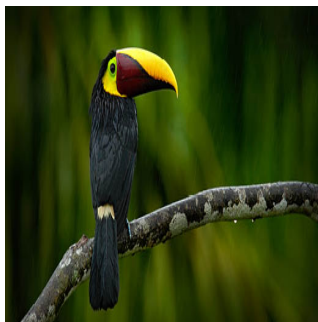
After a final breakfast at the lodge, you will be transferred to Manaus pier where you will board the M/V Desafio for the start of your 3-day cruise to explore the lower Amazon, navigating through the Amazonas River, discovering the power of nature in the river waters and a vast array of bird and plant species and visiting Kings Lake. Lunch will be served on board as the ship navigates along the Rio Negro, through the waters of the Amazonas River, heading towards Kings Lake, located in Varzea Careiro. Here the economy is based on artisanal fishing and agriculture. On arrival at Kings Lake, dinner will be served. After dinner, we depart by motorised canoe to explore the region at night, searching for caiman species including black caiman and other nocturnal animals using flashlights.



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DAY 4: Discovering the Lake

After breakfast we set off to visit the Kings Lake local community with its unique culture. There are many species of birds in the region, and there is the opportunity to fish for piranha. The notorious piranha is perhaps the most feared freshwater fish in the world. It is a common misconception that they are vicious man-eaters and the majority of species are not carnivorous. Lunch is served on board the M/V Desafio as the ship sails to another side of the lake, giving you the chance to relax on board and take in the beautiful scenery. After dinner there is an excursion by canoe to explore the lake in search of nocturnal animals.



DAY 5: Manaus - Disembark M/V Desafio

Early this morning we take a boat ride to admire the sunrise and listen to the birds awakening. As we enjoy our final tropical breakfast on board, the ship navigates her way back to the city of Manaus, arriving at 11:00am.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Superior Lodge and ship cruise

Inclusions

Accommodation with breakfast everyday.
Airport transfers.
Meals: 02 lunches, 02 dinners and 02 breakfasts when staying at Amazon Ecolodge and full board on the M/V Desafio.
Daily excursions

Difficulty Rating

2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge

FROM US\$795 - Subject to season and availability, contact us for more details.

Notes

Activities might be re-arranged on arrival by our local operations department.
Contact us for more details

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Price Dependent upon Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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