

MANATEE AMAZON EXPLORER

Friday-Friday
04 days / 03 nights

Itinerary:

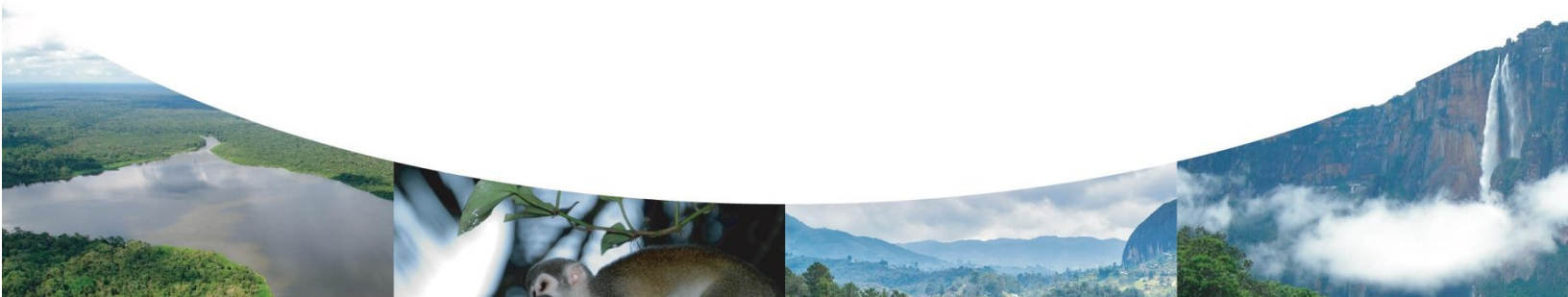
Day 01: Friday: Quito – Coca – Napo River

Our adventure begins in the city of Quito, the Capital of Ecuador. After taking a short 30- minute flight from Quito to the Amazon city of Coca, located in the Orellana Province, we will transfer to the dock and board our motorized canoe to begin our 90-minute journey down the river, taking in the first sights and sounds of the Amazon. Soon, we will reach the Manatee Amazon Explorer and receive our welcome aboard. Once we have settled into the 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, 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 rainforest by going for a nighttime forest walk (optional excursion) to observe the forest's nocturnal activity and experience the thrill of the vivid noises and aromas that come from so much biodiversity.

Day 02: 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 black waters. Pañacocha means "Piranha Lake" in the native Kichwa 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, paiches (one of the largest freshwater fishes in the world) 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 with refreshing beverages. After lunch, we will do some kayaking, and the bravest among us can enjoy a nice refreshing swim in Piranha Lake! We promise it's not as dangerous as it sounds! Back on board the 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.



Day 03: Sunday: parrot clay licks – Amazonian communities

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 in the afternoon, we will visit a Kichwa 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. Guest will have the opportunity to support the local community by purchasing handicrafts, local products, and souvenirs. Back on board the Manatee Amazon Explorer, we will be delighted with an exquisite farewell dinner.

Day 04: Monday: Return

This is where our adventure ends! Enjoy the last part of our return journey onboard and then disembark the Manatee Amazon Explorer to take the motorized canoe back to Coca (90 minutes ride approximately).

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 Manatee Amazon Explorer reserves the right to modify the itinerary without notice.

What to bring?

Wearables: Comfortable walking shoes or tennis shoes, 3 or more long and short-sleeved shirts or blouses, vests with pockets are useful for carrying camera equipment and other accessories, a windbreaker or sweater for breezy afternoons, waterproof socks (one pair per day), Shorts (at least one pair), T-shirts (at least three), bathing suit/swimwear, cotton underwear, hat or cap, several lightweight pants (more than two).

Passport (and a color copy kept in a separate bag), walking stick (optional), small umbrella, water bottle, sunscreen lotion, sunglasses, a flashlight and extra batteries, Binoculars (available on board as a rental item), Small waterproof backpack (available for purchase on board), Insect repellent, Camera, spare batteries and enough memory cards, personal first-aid kit, plastic bags for storing wet clothing, cash

