



# DEEP INTO THE AMAZON: EXPLORING THE AMAZON JUNGLE

*Manaus • 8-night Amazon River expedition cruise • Belém*

You'll hear many people say that they have always dreamed of seeing the Amazon. Its unique location in the heart of South America makes the region unparalleled when it comes to wildlife and biodiversity. When you cruise along the Amazon River with Vantage Deluxe World Travel, you're not just seeing one aspect of this natural wonder, you'll also spend time in Belém and Manaus, two of Brazil's most exciting cities. Please note that the nature of these journeys requires a certain level of physical fitness, and guests should be able to walk three miles unassisted over potentially-uneven terrain, be prepared to anchor at ports requiring the use of a tender, and possess the physical agility to embark and disembark small Zodiac crafts in unpredictable waters.

You'll embark the luxurious Ocean Explorer for a comprehensive ascent into the Amazon. Throughout your adventure, you'll ride Zodiac boats to get even closer to indigenous communities, thousands of wildlife species, black rivers, floating villages, and more, all alongside your knowledgeable Expedition Team of naturalists, ornithologists, wildlife experts, equipment masters, and more.

With 21 included features and Cultural Discoveries, this journey will enchant and inspire you. Get ready for pink dolphin sightings, interactions with indigenous locals, and an onboard cooking demonstration. Watch the river roll by on the Ocean Explorer's observation deck, learn more about the Amazon during one of many onboard lectures, or get a reinvigorating massage in the spa. Join our expedition to behold one of the world's most magnificent natural destinations filled with adventure and wonder while enjoying exclusive, 5-star amenities.

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# JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

## OCEAN EXPLORER CRUISING



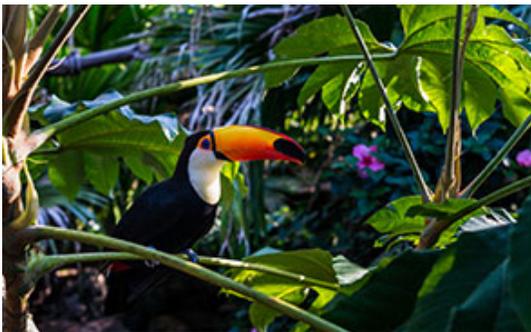
Cruise the Amazon on the Ocean Explorer, an agile and state-of-the-art expedition vessel that can navigate to places larger ships can't

## ZODIAC LANDINGS



Board agile Zodiac boats and head ashore with your expert Expedition Team leading the way

## BIRDWATCHING IN THE AMAZON



Spot some of the colorful and fascinating birds of this region, like the large-billed toucan and scarlet macaw

## RARE WILDLIFE



Witness fauna that only resides in the Amazon, including particular species of monkeys, sloths, alligators, and the pink dolphin

## AMAZONIAN VILLAGES



Visit remote villages throughout the Amazon River, such as Colombia's city of Leticia, and get to know locals

## MANAUS MARKET VISIT



Connect with local vendors and sample traditional fare at one of Brazil's largest outdoor markets

## ONBOARD LECTURES



Our expert Expedition Team will enrich your understanding of this region with fascinating onboard presentations

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations for 13 nights**, with 8 nights aboard the *Ocean Explorer*, 2 nights in Manaus at the *Quality Hotel Manaus* (or similar), and 2 nights in Belém at the *Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém* (or similar)
- **Small group escorted shore excursions** with your Vantage Expedition Team
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **21 included features and Cultural Discoveries**
- **31 meals:** 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 10 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director, Program Manager, and a 13-member Expedition Team**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager service on board** ship to assist with all your personal requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and other special requests in port
- **Complimentary Vantage Deluxe Concierge Service** prior to your journey, to plan celebrations, activities, or provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and submit a request, or send an email any time up to two weeks prior to your departure at [Concierge@vantagetravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetravel.com)
- **Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi**
- **All transfers and baggage handling overseas**
- **Vantage 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

# SPECIAL INTEREST



**EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS** Cruise the Amazon River and traverse its famously biodiverse rainforest on an expedition cruise!

- Behold some of the world's most remote and beautiful natural wonders — from bubbling geysers to ice-blue fjords — at the top of the world!
- Venture ashore on naturalist-led expeditions by versatile Zodiac landing crafts
- Attend lectures on marine biology, wildlife, history, and other educational topics

Plus, cruise aboard the 5-star Ocean Explorer, a vessel built specifically for expedition cruising, with the following features:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel — plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options
- An 8-17 person Expedition Team who will lead zodiac excursions, dry and wet landings, hikes, and onboard lectures in their area of expertise — which range from ornithology to geology
- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology



**PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS** You've traveled a long way for this journey, and photography will be key to keeping these memories alive for years to come. Here are a few tips:

- Take your time to capture an image. Think like a photographer and slow down to compose your shot. Remember: tourists take pictures, while photographers make images
- From the lesser-traveled ports of Manaus to the Peruvian capital of Lima, you'll encounter some larger-than-life scenes and

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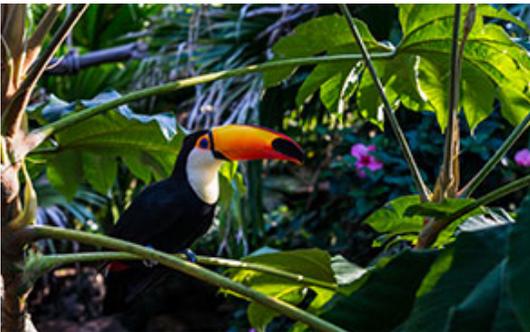
landmarks on this trip, which might create pressure to fit everything into one shot. Instead, focus on a distinctive feature rather than trying to incorporate everything into frame

- Use your surroundings. Instead of edging out other tourists from your photos, utilize them to enhance the scene. Try tilting the camera at your target (including tourists and the real scene in the background or foreground) and the image is instantly more intriguing than a generic snapshot
- Pursue quirky composition — shooting off-center makes for a more artsy, unique shot



**ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS** A long and storied history of arts and culture await during this enriching itinerary.

- Experience the architectural history of Manaus while visiting the Teatro Amazonas and the Palácio Rio Negro
- Visit the famous Mercado Municipal Adolpho Lisboa, the oldest market in Manaus



**BIRDWATCHING HIGHLIGHTS** The Amazon boasts countless ecological zones that harbor numerous bird species. Have your binoculars (included with your cabin!) and your cameras ready to catch the action! Head onto the deck as we approach and depart several ports, when you're most likely to spot graceful, winged creatures perched in coastal vegetation.

- Watch in the trees for hunters such as hawks and eagles. Keep your eyes to the shore for waders, like the herons
- As you hike in the Atlantic forest, flashes of color in the canopy

might reveal toucans or parakeets!



**SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS** On this expedition cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Zodiac cruising, polar kayaking opportunities, and photography workshops
- A lively social media night, a wealth of informative onboard lectures, and musical performances most nights
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer

- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, jacuzzis, and a gym



**CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS** Prior to your cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know before your trip and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your

suite, a gathering in the lounge, and more

- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free pre-cruise service by making your requests prior to your journey. Call 1-888-982-6824 or email to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

# BELÉM TO MANAUS

DAY 1:	Depart home and fly overnight to Belém
DAY 2:	Arrive in Belém <i>Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém or similar</i>
DAY 3:	A day at leisure to enjoy more of Belém on your own <i>Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém or similar</i>
DAY 4:	Explore Belém and embark the Ocean Explorer <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAYS 5-11:	Explore the Amazon jungle <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAY 12:	Disembark the Ocean Explorer and browse the Municipal Market in Manaus <i>Quality Hotel Manaus or similar</i>
DAY 13:	Discover Manaus, gateway to the Amazon <i>Quality Hotel Manaus or similar</i>
DAY 14:	Return home



**DAY 1:** Depart home and fly overnight to Belém

Your journey begins with an overnight flight from your home city to Belém, Brazil.

**DAY 2:** Arrive in Belém

Welcome to Brazil! If you purchased your airfare or transfers from Vantage, upon arrival in Belém, a Vantage representative will meet you and arrange transfer to your centrally located hotel.

You'll have the remainder of the day to spend at your leisure.

*Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém or similar*

**DAY 3:** A day at leisure to enjoy more of Belém on your own

You'll have a day at leisure to explore Belém on your own today. Often overlooked by visitors who favor the Amazonian wonders found inland, this city is a cultural gem worthy of your time.

Head to the Ver-O-Peso market to chat with local sellers and shop for unique wares and souvenirs. Visit the Theatro da Paz, a 19th-century Neoclassical theater that provides a peek into Brazil's belle époque past. Or, make your way to the Complexo Feliz Lusitania, a cluster of significant historical buildings located in Belém's old town district. The day is yours to enjoy at your pace.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Join us today for a boat tour and guided jungle walk through the Amazon. [Learn More](#)  
Included meals: Breakfast  
*Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém or similar*

**DAY 4:** Explore Belém and embark the Ocean Explorer

Following breakfast at your hotel this morning, you'll head to the pier and embark the Ocean Explorer. Along the way, you'll enjoy a tour of Belém's best sites and lunch at a local restaurant.

Following your excursion, you will continue on to the pier and board the elegant, 5-star Ocean Explorer.

**Included Features:**

- Best of Belém tour  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer >*

**DAYS 5-11:** Explore the Amazon jungle

Enjoy a wonderful week as your expedition cruise begins. The Amazon is home to thousands of wildlife species, black rivers, floating villages, and more, and you'll encounter them all alongside your knowledgeable Expedition Team comprised of naturalists, ornithologists, wildlife experts, equipment masters, and more.

While sailing the river, be sure to head to the sundeck and observation lounge to hear the Expedition Team pointing out indigenous wildlife and offering insight on the passing terrain.

Your captain will coordinate closely with the Expedition Team to choose from a bevy of fascinating sites along this particular stretch of

the Amazon River, and plot itineraries for Zodiac rides, treks, and visits with locals. Led by our highly experienced Expedition Team, you'll encounter the world's most biodiverse ecosystem in the most intimate and enthralling way when you step aboard a Zodiac boat and make your way to the banks of the Amazon River. Our daily shoreside landings allow you to get right into the heart of the lush Amazon rainforest, giving you a front row seat to the wildlife, nature, and cultures of the Indigenous communities that call this region home.

Back on board, your Expedition Team will guide informative and engaging lectures about the Amazon and the places you'll visit throughout your small ship journey.

Please note: Our daily itinerary will be dependent on weather conditions, and we will make every effort to provide safe shoreside excursions if conditions allow.  
Included Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners  
*Ocean Explorer >*

**DAY 12:** Disembark the Ocean Explorer and browse the Municipal Market in Manaus

Following breakfast on board, you'll disembark the Ocean Explorer and make your way to your hotel in Manaus. On the way, you'll enjoy a visit to the Mercado Municipal Adolpho Lisboa.

Fashioned after the Les Halles market of Paris in 1882, it is the city's oldest market and a scintillating way to immerse yourself in the culture. Produce from the surrounding countryside and fish from the river are delivered every morning. Cross the street to see how all these goods arrived — aboard the armada of fishing and cargo boats bobbing on the Amazon's waters.

After time to absorb it all, and an included lunch, you'll continue to your hotel. You'll have the remainder of the day at your leisure to do as you wish.

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Visit a market and learn local customs  
Included meals: Breakfast & lunch  
*Quality Hotel Manaus or similar*

**DAY 13:** Discover Manaus, gateway to the Amazon

Manaus has a fascinating contradictory feel; it is a city in the middle of a jungle, and despite its size, it is only accessible in a practical sense by boat or plane. And though seafaring vessels dock here, the ocean is 900 miles away. It's all part of the intrigue of the Amazon! After a free morning and lunch on your own, get acquainted with the largest city in the Amazon basin during a tour that features the Teatro Amazonas, or Amazon Theatre. This stunning vision in pink opened in 1896 at the height of the rubber barons' prosperity and was built with European bricks, French glass, and Italian marble.

**Included Feature:**

- Manaus city tour  
Included meals: Breakfast  
*Quality Hotel Manaus or similar*

**DAY 14:** Return home

Today, you will board your return flight to the U.S.

Included meals: Breakfast

**Please Note:** Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-

day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

# ACCOMMODATIONS



## Ocean Explorer

### Quick facts

**Launch:** 2021

**Length:** 104.4 Meters

**Max Capacity:** 162 guests — 134 for polar expeditions

**Cabins:** 77, including a landmark 15 solo cabins — 80% of all cabins feature a private veranda

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas.

On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts.

On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*.

Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel

- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

**Amenities:**

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- On expeditions, enjoy the services and curated lectures of a 5- or 17-person Expedition Team, comprised of experts in their field
- Knowledgeable staff by region; expedition cruises will be led by an experienced Expedition Team
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular US news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies

*Ocean Explorer Gallery*



## Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém ★★★★

Set in affluent Nazaré, Radisson Hotel Maiorana Belém offers guests comfortable accommodations in one of the city's best neighborhoods, steps away from upscale boutiques and quiet tree-lined streets. On-site amenities include an outdoor pool, fitness center, sauna, hot tub, and restaurant and bar. In-room amenities include a minibar, hairdryer, coffeemaker, flat-screen television, free Wi-Fi, and room service.



## Quality Hotel Manaus ★★★★★

Explore the fauna and flora of the biggest rainforest in the world with a stay at the Quality Hotel Manaus, conveniently located in the hub of one of Brazil's largest industrial parks. All spacious guest rooms offer a high-definition, flat-screen television with cable, minibar, desk, and air-conditioning. Some guest rooms feature a free daily newspaper, sofa sleeper, pillow-top mattress, hair dryer, microwave, iron and ironing board, coffee-maker and kitchen facilities.



## JW Marriott Hotel Rio de Janeiro ★★★★

The Superior First class JW Marriott Hotel Rio de Janeiro offers easy access to the city's best attractions, including Sugarloaf Mountain, Christ the Redeemer, and world-famous Copacabana Beach, which is just steps away. Guest rooms feature elegant décor, plush bedding, marble bathrooms and LCD TVs with international cable. In addition, you'll enjoy the hotel's state-of-the-art fitness center, sparkling rooftop pool, massage rooms, and on-site dining.