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Brazil: Discover Amazonas, From Manaus To The Amazon Rainforest

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From cities to jungles, I write about culture, travel and adventure.

2019 was the year that [Brazil](#) officially did away with its [tourist visa requirement for Americans](#), so to say the next decade will be an [easier time to visit](#) is only one reason why this country is on our list. We're all familiar with the decadent parties (and Duran Duran-worthy beaches of Rio); But what about the city known as the Paris of the jungle? We're talking, of course, of [Manaus](#), the capital of [Amazonas](#). And you can't visit Manaus without venturing into the wilds of the Amazon,

the most magnificent wilderness on earth. When you book an eco-cruise with [Amazon Nature Tours](#), you can begin your trip with some sightseeing in Manaus. Spend an afternoon exploring the incongruous blend of gilded opulence (architecture lovers will rejoice) and seaside city life (the fish market will satisfy even the most discerning foodie.)

After that, venture into the [Amazon Rainforest](#) up the Rio Negro aboard the Motor Yacht [Tucano](#). For the maximum adventure experience, we recommend booking a [Voyage to the Heart of the Amazon](#) and immersing yourself in the history and beauty of the rainforest with the help of the expert wisdom of your local guides.

The staff has been deliberately selected for their intimacy with the landscape—the Tucano is staffed by indigenous Amazonians, who are uniquely qualified to share stories of the local culture with their passengers. The Tucano is the eco-friendliest expedition in the nation, so you can sleep easy at night—and not just because the river lulls you to a peaceful rest. But because you know you're not leaving this wild place worse than you found it (which is the most essential task of all.)



Meanders in the Amazon River near Manaus, Brazil - YANN ARTHUS-BERTRAND



View of Teatro Amazonas at sunset in Manaus.



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I am a New York-based writer with an incurable case of wanderlust. I blame my parents—they took me to the Arctic Circle when I was only 14 months old. I’ve since visited all 50 states and roughly as many countries (58 and counting), with occasional (mis-)adventures along the way: detained at Middle Eastern borders, traveling throughout the Caribbean without a passport, and so on. I earned my master's degree with literary honors at the New School, and my bachelor's with English honors at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, awarded for the most distinguished record in the humanities and future promise as a scholar and writer. The scholar is yet to be seen, but my writing has appeared in publications such as Architectural Digest, Business Insider, The Week, The Daily Beast, and the Recorder Newspapers, where I began my career as a reporter.



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