

### Amazon River Tour: - Xingu & Irriri

On the Xingu Amazon River tour we take adventures up a gear. For those travellers who can do without the comfort of an air-conditioned hotel for a couple of nights, and are prepared for an **exhilarating ride**.



Our guides will take you by fast canoe through the meandering shallows and rapids of the Xingu and Irriri rivers. The rewards for taking part **are** tremendous.

Starting in Recife / Olinda we ease into the pace slowly to acclimatise.

For those with an interest in history there are several important sites including Igarassu which was where the first settlers came to South America from Europe. Historic architecture, both Dutch and Portuguese influenced, can be found particularly around our Hotel in Old Olinda.

Recife is renowned for Boa Viagem beach which is of golden sand and more than 5 miles long right at the heart of the City.

Following our day of acclimatisation in Recife, we travel through Belem to Altamira from where we will travel the Xingu.

Our first Amazon river tour runs North to Isla do Faz, where we take dinner and lodgements with a local family in simple surroundings. Then we travel upstream to watch fishermen and stop at various riverside locations of interest.

Following a day for R + R in Altamira we then journey upstream to the Irriri River where we pass through the territory of the Arara indigenous people, whose name is reflected in the abundance of scarlet macaws in the area. (ARRARA = Macaw)

The rainforest biodiversity you will enjoy on the Amazon River tour in the Xingu / Irriri - Tapajos region of Para is significant, hosting 153 species of mammal. Bat diversity is particularly high, with over ninety species.

Eight primates are found here including the Bearded Saki (Chiropotes Albinasus), red-handed Tamarin (Saguinus Midas), and tiny Titi Monkey (Callicebus Moloch), the grey-necked Night Monkey (Aotus Infulatus) and Spider Monkey (Ateles Marginatus).



Other large mammals include white-lipped peccaries (Tayassus Pecari), collared peccaries (T. Tajuca), pumas (Puma Concolor), Jaguar (Panthera Onca), Tapir (Tapirus Terrestris), Brouck Deer (Mazama Spp.), Opossums, such as the Woolly Opossum (Caluromys Philander), and Brazilian lesser long-nosed armadillos (Dasypus Septemcinctus).

Avifauna is also particularly high with 527 species including many parrots, parakeets and macaws.

River wildlife includes the Spectacled Caiman (Caiman Crocodilus), Black Caiman (Melanosuchus Niger), Yellow-Spotted Sideneck Turtle (Podocnemis Unifilis), Fish eagles and Giant River Otter (Pteronura Brasiliensis).

Our return to the UK is via Fortaleza on the famous and beautiful Ceara sunshine coast, an opportunity to add on a beach holiday if you wish (See our [SUN SEA AND SELVA](#) - extension package on the web)

#### Day 1 Flight to Brazil

Flight. UK-Lisbon-Recife.

Transfer from Recife airport - (approx. 40 mins)

Check in at hotel in the heart of the Historic Old Town of Olinda.

\* Dinner \* at a typical local restaurant.

A quick check in and then take time out to relax by the pool.

#### Day 2 Boa Viagem Recife

Breakfast in the hotel.

Day to relax and acclimatise.

Recife has great beaches, shops and the area has a rich cultural and architectural history with both Dutch and Portuguese influences.

Dinner \* in Recife.

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### Day 3 Belem

Breakfast in the hotel.

Transfer to the airport.

Catch the flight from Recife to Belem.

Check into a hotel in Belem.



\* Dinner \* on the waterfront in Belem.

### Day 4 Altamira

Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer to the Airport.

Take local flight to Altamira.

Transfer to our hotel in Altamira.

Afternoon shopping for essential items for our days on the River. E.g. Hammocks, nets, fishing rods, sun hats, provisions etc.

Visit the Quebrada Yanayaquillo to observe Pink and Grey River Dolphins.

Move on to Wiuri lagoon where we will camp for the night.

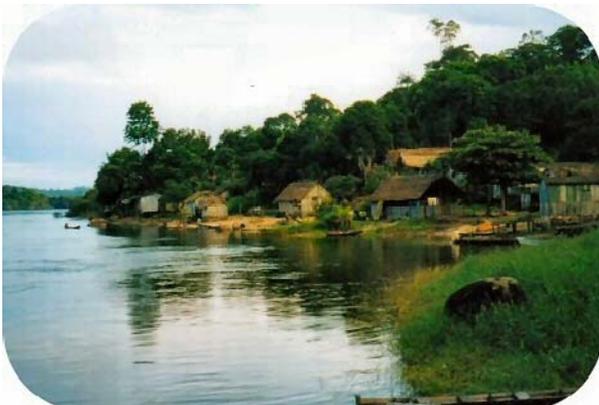
Observing different species of plants animals and insects and later observing Caiman by torch light.

Dinner.

### Day 5 Isla Do Faz - Xingu

Breakfast in the hotel.

AM: - Early start take fast canoe down stream to Isla do Faz.



The main base and stopping off point for fishermen and traders in the Zebra (L46) fishery.

Lunch on board or with local family.

Late afternoon boat safari and fishing trip.

Overnight stay at Isla do Faz (Hammocks).

Dinner with a local family.

### Day 6 Fantastic Fish

Breakfast with a local family.

Continue your boat safari by fast canoe downstream to the main fishing grounds, visiting small settlements where families fish for aquarium fish. Such as Gold Nugget Plecostomus, Peppermint Plecos, Goldy Plecos amongst many others. Here we will also find divers collecting Zebras, Heterodon and other deep water fish.

Other wildlife includes turtles, otters, caiman, macaws and other parrots.

Swimming opportunities.

Lunch in transit or with local family.

PM. Return to Altamira.

\* Dinner \* in Altamira

### Day 7 R+R in Altamira

Breakfast at Hotel

AM: - Full day in Altamira to experience the lively Latino atmosphere of an Amazon river town. Visits to local sites can be arranged.



\* Lunch \*.

Afternoon for R+R in Altamira.

\* Dinner \*.

### Day 8 Upstream to the IRIRI

Early Breakfast in Hotel.

Full day Early start going by fast boat upstream to the beautiful Irriri River.

Lunch on board.

Arrive at the Irriri River.

River tour with swimming and snorkelling opportunities.

Overnight camp.

Fishing during the sunset on the Irriri River.

## Day 9 Safari

Camping breakfast.  
River tour.  
Start return journey to Altamira.  
River tour.



Lunch on board or barbeque

\* Dinner \* in Altamira.

## Day 10 Breakfast in Altamira

Transfer to the airport.  
Flights to Fortaleza.  
\* Dinner \* in Fortaleza.  
Transfer to the airport.  
Flight to UK.

For those who choose to add on one of our holiday extensions (see our Sun Sea and Selva extension) the beach holiday starts [Right Here](#)



## Why Choose Amazon Holidays?

Our unrivalled local knowledge ensures that you: -

- Eat at the best restaurants in town
- Stay in the best hotels in the area
- Travel around using the best transport methods
- Explore the most exciting deep rain forest locations
- Dance in the top entertainment spots
- Have plenty of time for genuine wildlife encounters
- Gain a genuine insight into local cultures
- **Help us** in direct support of rain forest communities

**We Provide One Bilingual Guide (min)  
Per 6 Persons**

**Please Note: - Meals marked with \*\* are not included in the package price.**

## Package Price Only £1750

(Based on double occupancy) including all transfers and hotel board and breakfast.

Single supplements are £25 per night.

Stopover accommodation and meals in Bonaire are not included. Bonaire Stopover - Please ask for details.

**Join us on an Amazon River tour of the Xingu & Irriri rivers**



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