

THE LIVING DESERT

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU ON AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR TO

BRAZIL

A SENSE OF WATER:

THE AMAZON, IGUASSU FALLS & RIO DE JANEIRO

OCTOBER 6 TO 18, 2020



YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ TUESDAY ~ OCTOBER 6

LOS ANGELES/MIAMI/MANAUS

Your adventure begins as you board your flight to Manaus, via Miami. Upon arrival, you will be met by your Classic Escapes guide and transferred to your hotel for the evening, where you will rest up for your impending journey.

Located in the historic center of Manaus, the Villa Amazonia is comprised 30 exclusive apartments – all facing an indoor garden and a natural stone pool. Spacious rooms have a modern and sophisticated design, and include a bathtub, balcony, special linen, convenient amenities and a whole infrastructure of equipment and services offered by the most premium hotels.

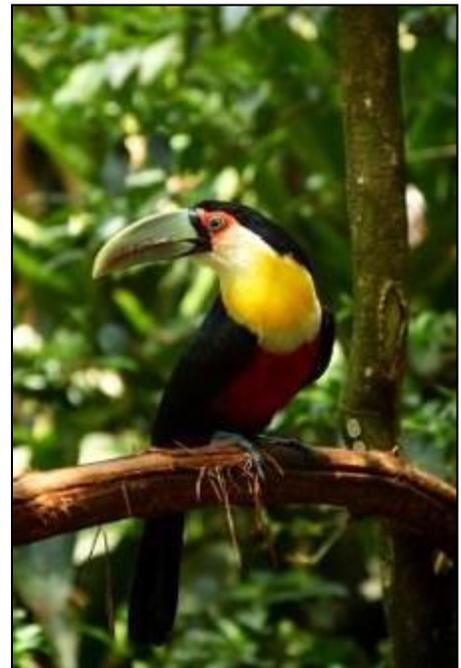
Overnight at VILLA AMAZONIA. (meals aloft) <http://villaamazonia.com/en/>

DAY 2 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ OCTOBER 7

RIVER CRUISE: AMAZON CLIPPER PREMIUM

This morning, embark on a brief tour of the colonial city of Manaus, the frontier city of the Amazon. Drive via Ponta Negra and stop briefly in front of the Rio Negro Palace, the official seat of the State Government and an elegant example of architecture created during the Rubber Boom (“*Ciclo Da Borracha*”, 1879-1912). A visit of the Indian Museum and Salesian Congregation follows the best place to learn about traditions and customs of indigenous peoples. Continue past the Palace Justice of the Amazon, and visit the Opera House (*Teatro Amazonas*), opened in 1896, one of the most spectacular buildings of Manaus.

Your Amazon adventure continues as your ship departs (around 2:00 pm) upstream on the Rio Negro. Let the sights and sounds of the Amazon soak in while you enjoy a welcome drink. In the leisure room for lectures the guides will use charts and short videos to conduct a brief orientation, outlining details of your journey, including the places you will visit, the wildlife you will see, as well as a summary of the history and geography of the Amazon basin. After dinner, explore the river's edge with powerful searchlights; you're likely to see caiman, close relatives of crocodile, and sometimes Night-hawks, toro-rats, sloths and frogs.



The Amazon Clipper Premium is a comfortable traditional river boat with four decks. The 16 cabins fit up to 32 people, promising a private trip into the exotic rainforest. Dining is carefully planned, with experienced chefs pouring talent into every bite. The third deck offers a spacious area for relaxing as well as an air-conditioned lecture room, bar and library. Up on this deck, you will also find a

large covered area for outdoor sightseeing, complete with Jacuzzi and outdoor showers for relaxing after excursions into the rainforest. Witness the jungle teeming with life around you from the sundeck with a 360° panoramic view, especially at dawn and dusk. Overnight aboard the AMAZON CLIPPER PREMIUM. (B,D)

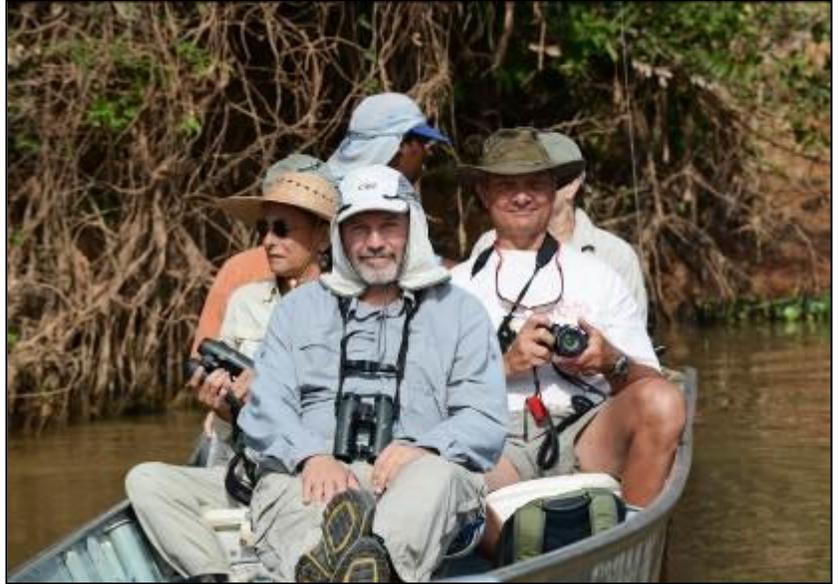
DAY 3 ~ THURSDAY ~ OCTOBER 8

RIO NEGRO CRUISE~ANAVILHANAS NATIONAL PARK

Your day starts early as you board your canoes and explore the surroundings along the water's edge. You will mainly see fruit eating birds like parrots and toucans. Return to your vessel and after a hearty breakfast go on a guided jungle walk to discover many surprising fragrances in leaves, fruits, woods and animals. Keep your binoculars ready to spot a variety of wildlife: terns, orioles, blackbirds, Black collared Hawks, monkeys, and sloth sharing this wonderful environment with you. You will have time to rest, swim or take a siesta before lunch.

Spend part of the afternoon navigating through the Anavilhanas National Park, one of the world's largest fresh water archipelagos, a labyrinth of waterways. The National Park of Anavilhanas contains about 400 islands which extend for over 875,000 acres of untouched native forest, one of the jewels of the Amazon rainforest. During the rainy season, half of the islands are submerged, thus forming the floating forest, a boundless area of creeks and channels awaiting discovery. There are no people and no houses, just rainforest as wild and beautiful as it was before the first humans arrived on the continent of South America.

Protected species that are found here are several species of freshwater turtle, Amazon pink river dolphin, pirarucu which is the world's largest freshwater fish, and many bird species. In the late afternoon board the canoes once again to learn more about this wonderful nature park and search for the creatures that inhabit it. Overnight aboard the AMAZON CLIPPER PREMIUM. (B,L,D)



DAY 4 ~ FRIDAY ~ OCTOBER 9

AMAZON RAIN FOREST

Early this morning bait your hooks to try to catch one of Amazonia's fearsome piranhas and other fish as well. After breakfast visit an indigenous community. With your guide acting as interpreter you can talk with them about their way of life along the river, learn about the preparation of manioc flour made from the tuberous root of the *Manihot esculenta* and the health and education situation of the children. Along the way, you will find many typical Amazonian fruits like Cupuaçu and Tapereba, palm trees like Açaí, Tucumã and Pupunha.

After lunch spend some time on one of the white sandy beaches and swim in the dark water. Have lunch and then venture off on a canoe trip to see the typical flora such as rubber trees, Brazil nuts, and palms. You will return to the ship after dark so there is a good chance you will see nocturnal animals such as the caiman. After this night adventure, return to your boat where a unique meal is prepared for you, so just relax and enjoy the rest of the night.

Overnight aboard the AMAZON CLIPPER PREMIUM. (B,L,D)



DAY 5 ~ SATURDAY ~ OCTOBER 10

LAKE JANUARY ECOLOGICAL PARK/IGUASSU FALLS, ARGENTINA

Spend part of the morning exploring the Lake January Ecological Park, located on a wedge-shaped delta that divides the river Amazon from the Negro. The 9,000-acre reserve of flooded forest is an excellent place to observe wildlife and flora including the Victoria Regia giant water lilies, known to have leaves of about seven feet in diameter. While having breakfast navigate to the "Meeting of the Waters", the confluence of the world's two largest rivers, the Amazon and the Negro. You can observe how the two streams, even when flowing together; maintain their distinctive individual color for miles. The Rio Negro is dark and clear because it carries little sediment. Amazon River or Rio Solimões, as it is known the upper section of the Amazon, is pale brown due to glacial silt and sand from the mountains of the Peruvian Andes. The streams eventually merge and continue to flow through Brazil's Amazon rainforest.



Iguassu Falls is one of the Wonders of Nature. Divided between Brazil and Argentina, the imaginary line of boundary between the two countries is the Devil's Throat, one of the most spectacular waterfalls. The Falls are the largest sequence of waterfalls in the world and have been enacted as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. The Iguassu Falls are formed by swirling water creating a unique spectacle. The National Park of Iguassu is set among exotic subtropical forests and has been declared a Natural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. Although the falls are certainly the star attraction here, the surrounding forest is packed with exotic animals, birds and insects as well as various species of interesting fauna.

The Loi Suites Hotel was built in the subtropical jungle of Iryapu, just fifteen minutes from the Iguassu Falls. This breathtaking luxury hotel was designed and constructed with extreme respect for nature, preserving native trees and most of the jungle. The air-conditioned rooms have parquet floors, pale olive hues and rich fabrics. They include cable TV and bathrooms with bathtubs. Some rooms feature ample balconies with undisturbed jungle views. However, no luxury or amenity was spared; your body and mind will be as spoiled as your eyes from the stunning views of the surrounding land. Naipi Restaurant offers local gourmet cuisine and views of the subtropical forest. Tiki Bar has light lunches with regional flavors.

Overnight at the LOI SUITES HOTEL. (B,L)

www.loissuites.com



DAY 6 ~ SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 11

IGUASSU FALLS: ARGENTINEAN SIDE

The Falls straddle Argentina and Brazil. Most of the Falls lie on the Argentinean side, which provides the most extensive viewing with trails that bring you below and above the Falls. Your morning guided excursion is on the Argentinean side, which offers the most dramatic vistas and exciting walks. Trek along the wooden platforms built over the Falls until you reach the Garganta del Diablo (Devil's Throat), the fastest, most thrilling section of the cataratas (as the Falls are known locally). This is a dizzying display of natural forces where 230 feet of water per second hurtle over a semicircle of rock into the river canyon below.

Enjoy a boat excursion that starts and finishes at the end of the Lower Circuit, which is located in front of the San Martin Island. The Great Adventure tour is an excursion that combines the two essential elements of the Iguassu National Park: the majestic Iguassu Falls and the humid forest in Misiones. The tour begins at the centro de visitantes (visitors' center) or at Iguassu Jungle Explorer's Head Office, where you will take a 4x4 tour around the forest.

Throughout the five mile tour, your guide provides information on the history and natural richness of the place.

Once at Macuco Port, transfer to the floating platform, where the second part of the Great Adventure tour begins. The ride is made with powerful



motorboats that pass through the Lower Canyon of the Iguassu River and around the island until the foot of the "Tres Mosqueteros" waterfall, where you can enjoy a spectacular and clear view of both the Brazilian and Argentinean sides, as well as the Devil's Throat Fall. Besides enjoying the beautiful panoramic view of both sides of the Falls, you get very close to the waterfall of San Martin Island - be prepared to get wet!

Lunch will be at El Fortin restaurant located inside the Argentinean side of the National Park; it specializes in Parrillada (*typical dish from Argentinean cuisine*). Your evening is at leisure.

Overnight at the LOI SUITES HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 7 ~ MONDAY ~ OCTOBER 12

IGUASSU FALLS: BRAZILIAN SIDE

This morning will focus on visiting the falls from the Brazilian side. Transfer to the border to cross the Iguassu River by the 1,604 feet long Tancredo Neves Bridge to the Brazilian National Park (located 13 miles from the border) where you can marvel at the falls by walking through the wooden footbridges elevated over the river. During a 40 min walk, admire the series of astonishing cascades up to the foot of "Floriano Fall" enjoying an unforgettable scenario and also take photographs of the breathtaking panoramic views from the observation deck. At points along the walkway path, there is almost always a continuous rainbow caused by myriad water droplets. You may have to deal with a constant spraying (bring a plastic bag to protect your camera) but the dampness will be well worth the views. Lunch today is at Porto Canoas located inside the Iguassu National Park; this restaurant offers a nice infrastructure and the best view of the Devil's Throat. With its warm atmosphere, the restaurant offers a special menu and an outdoor deck with a great view.



After lunch visit the Bird Park, set in 51 acres of unspoiled subtropical forest. Follow a path for 2,624 feet through the forest and past the breeding aviaries and enclosures. The path passes through some of the largest aviaries, where the birds fly free, and can be studied and photographed without the restriction of netting and cages. The large aviaries represent different Brazilian ecosystems such as the swamp area (Pantanal aviary) and the subtropical Atlantic rain forest. You will be able to come into direct contact with the birds in these large aviaries. The bird park is really an extension of the huge Iguassu National Park with the same vegetation and characteristics. Currently the Bird Park has approximately 600 birds of 160 species from South America and other continents. Brazilian birds predominate, but species from Africa, Asia and Australia are also present. A breeding program is being developed and education, research and conservation are seen as important objectives.



Overnight at the LOI SUITES HOTEL. (B,L)

DAY 8 ~ TUESDAY ~ OCTOBER 13 IGUASSU FALLS/ RIO DE JANEIRO

Your morning is at leisure to take in the Falls one last time, or discover bargains in the thriving town. Afterwards transfer to the airport for your flight to Rio de Janeiro, one of the most populated and thriving cities in South America with more than six million inhabitants. Rio de Janeiro, the world's largest tropical city, is a mix of a major metropolitan center, with all the facilities you might expect, with excellent restaurants, sophisticated night life, charming bars, musical extravaganzas, theatre, cinema, museums, art galleries and world-class shopping and sport. As a tropical resort, Rio offers miles of golden beaches, including Ipanema and Copacabana, two of the most famous stretches of sand in the world, and near-perfect weather all year round.



Tonight's dinner is at Casa da Feijoada located near Ipanema Beach. The restaurant specializes in Feijoada, considered by many to be the national dish of Brazil. This hearty meal is a thick mixture of beans, fresh and smoked meats plus seasonings and it is also recommended you enjoy it with the national drink of Brazil - Caipirinhas!

Your home in Rio is the Hotel Miramar by Windsor located at the northern end of Copacabana Beach, surrounded by shopping malls, cinemas, trendy bars and fashionable restaurants and the many attractions of Copacabana. The 200 rooms have been recently renovated and are spacious and well furnished with the finest exotic marbles from Italy and Spain, certified Brazilian wood, crystals and mirrors, for a mix of classical and contemporary fashion.

Overnight at the HOTEL MIRAMAR BY WINDSOR. (B,D)

<http://www.windsorhoteis.com.br/en/hoteis/miramar-hotel-by-windsor/3/apresentacao.aspx>



DAY 9 ~ WEDNESDAY ~ OCTOBER 14

RIO DE JANEIRO ~ CORCOVADO, CRIST THE REDEEMER/SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN



Start off your day by taking the cog train through the luxuriant Tijuca Rain Forest to the top of Corcovado Mountain. Here, carved in soapstone mosaic in the finest Art Nouveau style, stands one of the city's most recognizable landmarks, Christ the Redeemer: 125 feet tall with arms outstretched as if blessing the city. The statue was voted as one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Enjoy the spectacular views of Rio and the surrounding countryside.

You will have lunch at Confeitaria Colombo founded in Rio de Janeiro in 1894, considered an attraction itself as it is an important part of the history in Rio. It was nominated one of the 100 best options of world gastronomy by the French magazine "Saveur". Inside the main saloon Belgium mirrors date from the beginning of the century. The style is Art Nouveau paired with tradition furniture, pavement and luminaries. It's a living portrait of the Belle Époque in the Downtown business center of Rio de Janeiro. The buffet and cakes are delicious, and the atmosphere is wonderful!

In the afternoon, visit to one of the world's best-known attractions, Sugarloaf Mountain. You may choose to take the easy way to get to the top of the hill by riding the glass-paneled cable car in two stages. The first cable car takes you to Urca Hill, a vantage point 705 feet high with beautiful views of Guanabara Bay and its islands,

the Rio-Niterói Bridge, and Corcovado Mountain. Then a second cable car takes you up to the very top.

Another way of getting to the top is instead of standing in line to ride the aerial cable car with dozens of visitors, to try to reach the summit on your own feet! Start with a stroll along a beautiful shoreline pedestrian path, then hike up 20 minutes on a rocky mountain slope, up to a wonderful viewpoint of Guanabara Bay and Niterói city. At this point the guides will provide you instructions and climbing equipment for a 30-minute uphill trek. Always supported by two bilingual climbing instructors, you hike for an additional 40 minutes on a rocky trail, to reach the top of the mountain. The reward for your "accomplishment" is one of the best views of Rio and a well-earned beverage at the snack bar. On the way down you'll take the cable car back down to the sea level.

Overnight at the HOTEL MIRAMAR BY WINDSOR. (B,L)



DAY 10 ~ THURSDAY ~ OCTOBER 15

RIO DE JANEIRO ~ SERRA DOS ÓRGÃOS NATIONAL PARK

Today you will visit one of the three most important trekking destinations around Rio de Janeiro, Serra dos Órgãos National Park, known for its dramatic mountains and amazing views. This mountain range was named after its resemblance with the organ pipes brought from Europe for the churches in the colonial times. The road from Rio to Serra dos Orgãos offer wonderful views of the mountains from different angles. You have a full-day tour visiting the Park Headquarters including swimming in the Soberbo River and waterfalls in the morning. After lunch, you will visit the upper entrance of the park to hike on a suspended walkway in the trees. It's a great opportunity for bird watching since the park holds a number of special

birds. Some of the avian gems that will be sought during this walk include Three-toed Jacamar, spectacular Swallow-tailed Cotinga, Saffron Toucanet, Plovercrest, Saw-billed Hermit, Blond-crested Woodpecker, Shrike-like and Black-and-gold Cotinga, and the beautiful Brazilian Tanager. Finally, as the sun is setting enjoy a wonderful view of the city of the Guanabara Bay and Rio de Janeiro on your way back to the city.

Overnight at the HOTEL MIRAMAR BY WINDSOR. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 ~ FRIDAY ~ OCTOBER 16

RIO DE JANEIRO: POCO DAS ANTAS BIOLOGICAL RESERVE

One of the best-known rainforest conservation efforts in Brazil, the Golden Lion Tamarin Conservation Project, is a mere two-hour drive from the city of Rio de Janeiro. The Golden Lion Tamarin (*Leontopithecus rosalia*), a strikingly beautiful squirrel-sized primate, that exists only in the lowland Atlantic Rainforest of Rio de Janeiro, is one of the most endangered primates on earth. All of the approximately 1,000 remaining wild individuals are found in the Poco das Antas Biological Reserve and the surrounding private land.



Your tour of the reserve will include a visit to the reintroduction area, where the Golden Lion Tamarins are being reintroduced to their natural habitat. There will also be opportunity to walk through trails in the forest to observe the monkeys in reintegration in their natural habitat. Afterwards, tour the educational center before enjoying a scrumptious lunch.

Return to Rio and this evening; and enjoy a farewell dinner at Fogo De Chao featuring traditional Brazilian barbecue. Overnight at the HOTEL MIRAMAR BY WINDSOR. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 ~ SATURDAY ~ OCTOBER 17

RIO DE JANEIRO ~ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES/EN ROUTE

Your day is at leisure to further explore city on your own or just relax and enjoy the amenities of your hotel before you are transferred to the airport for your flight back home this evening.

- *Bike through Beaches and the Lagoon (\$TBA per person)*

Rio de Janeiro is a bike friendly city with miles of bike paths. Enjoy a tour of Copacabana, Ipanema, and the lagoon by bike. A local guide will keep you in the right direction and show you some of the most impressive points of interest. You'll be glad to have seen the views from your bike and not from a van window!

- *Cooking Class (\$TBA per person)*

This evening, learn about Brazilian culture through its recipes, techniques and ingredients at a cooking class in Copacabana.



DAY 13 ~ SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 18

MIAMI/LOS ANGELES

Arrive in the USA today after your amazing trip to Brazil, with its remarkable natural beauty, architectural monuments and some of the most positive and friendly people on earth.

INCLUSIONS

- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Visits to cultural villages and lectures by local experts.
- Breakfast daily; other meals as indicated in itinerary.
- A host from The Living Desert will accompany the group with a minimum of TBA travelers on the main program.
- Accompanied by local naturalist/ guides throughout main program.
- Complimentary bottled water in vehicles and at meals.
- All applicable hotel/lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
- All park entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

- Flight between Los Angeles and Manaus, returning from Rio de Janeiro, including taxes and fuel surcharges. (quoted separately)
- Internal flights within Brazil: Manaus/Iguazu-Iguazu/Rio de Janeiro (quoted separately).
- Gratuities to driver/guides, specialist-guide and other conveyance attendants.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. Currently, visas are required for entry into Brazil. No visas are required for Argentina.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry, other than specified and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.

Please Note The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, But Is Subject To Change.



BRING-A-BOOK FOUNDATION

Your safari will include a visit to a local township in Cape Town. We encourage you to bring colorful books and magazines, as well as schools supplies such as pens, paper, crayons, soccer balls, etc., which you can present to the children during your visit. Many of these children have never owned a book in their life and the connection you'll make with them is invaluable. You'll find that children in the schools are eager to meet with visitors, practice their English, learn about your culture and proudly share their own. You are often welcomed with a local song or dance.

After seeing schools first hand, meeting the dedicated teachers working under the most difficult conditions and children hungry for knowledge, many travelers have wanted to help the schools they visited or continue to support a child's learning opportunities after they return to their homes. Bring-A-Book is an innovative effort adopted by Classic Escapes to expand education opportunities for school children. The Bring-A-Book Foundation is a registered Kenyan Charitable Trust that was created as a way to facilitate travelers' wishes to help the schools and is used to get books into the hands of children as quickly and economically as possible. With compassionate ground operators such as Rangers Safaris, Wilderness Safaris and &Beyond, Classic Escapes has expanded the reach of BAB to Tanzania, South Africa and Zambia, and other areas in the world our travelers visit. Information will be given to you with your final documents, but if you wish to help further, feel free to call Classic Escapes at 800-627-1244 for details.



CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BRAZIL

Participants

- Participants must be able to climb in and out of motor coaches, smaller aircraft and motorboats unassisted.
- Participants should also be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting sites. Some, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill, sometimes at higher elevations and altitudes that many people are not used to.

General

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations. Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home. Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort.
- That being said, some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm. Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. This program begins in **Manaus, Brazil and ends in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.**

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.



YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

INCLUDING: BRAZIL INCLUDING MANAUS, THE AMAZON, IGUASSU FALLS (BRAZILIAN & ARGENTINIAN SIDES), & RIO DE JANEIRO

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: THE LIVING DESERT

ESCORTED BY: A HOST FROM THE LIVING DESERT

DATES: OCTOBER 6 TO 18, 2020

COSTS:

RATES ARE PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS
LAND PACKAGE, INCLUDING FLIGHTS WITHIN BRAZIL	\$7,495 PER PERSON
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT*	\$1,995 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
ESTIMATED INTERNATIONAL AIR INCLUDING DEPARTURE TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES	\$1,590 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

***ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.*



CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: to Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd, Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$1,500 per person must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure (July 3, 2020): you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates, and other factors and are subject to change. Although it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum number of travelers is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, as well as service charges for obtaining visas; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but they will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single-room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in airfare costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist guide are NOT included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to July 3, 2020, less \$300 handling fee, plus \$500 non-refundable deposit given to suppliers.
- July 4 to July 13, 2020 deposit is forfeited.
- July 14 to July 23, 2020, less 75% of tour cost.
- After July 23, 2020, no refund is due.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

DOCUMENTS

PASSPORT & VISAS: The responsibility is the guest's to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc., not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip, economy-class flights via AMERICAN AIRLINES and/or other IATAN carriers are between LOS ANGELES and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; please inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

AIRLINE SEATING: For AMERICAN AIRLINES, we request seats together for the group. All planes are nonsmoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however, requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check-in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: This program is based on travel via AMERICAN AIRLINES. For a list of the airline's partners, visit <https://www.oneworld.com/members>. Become a member of the mileage program for any of these airlines and present your frequent flyer card at all flight check-ins to obtain credit for your flights. Remember to keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Round-trip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

INOCULATIONS: When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/travel) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also, soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company, nor Washington & Lee University, shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules, it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right, and in fact is obliged, to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund, either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc., we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure, whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing and signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents /traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to obtain enrollment form - <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions, you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839.

INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan, during this trip through, Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

https://webservices.travelguard.com/Product/FileRetrieval.aspx?CountryCode=US&StateCode=NW&ProductCode=009031&PlanCode=P4&FileType=PROD_PLAN_DOC

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Your Name: _____

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RESERVATION FORM:

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$1,500 per person) to hold _____ place(s) on the Brazil program departing on **October 6, 2020**. Cost is \$7,495 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from Los Angeles is \$1,590 per person, including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (As of March 4, 2019 - subject to change)

Final payment due date is: July 3, 2020

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377 **OR**
Charge deposit to MasterCard Visa American Express Discover
(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have two consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

2) NAME (As appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

Passport No. _____ Green Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____ Nationality _____

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONES: HOME: () _____ OFFICE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the Zoo or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of \$1,995

Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from Los Angeles via AMERICAN AIRLINES.

Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

Please send me information on air upgrades for: Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)
Airline Seating Preference Aisle Window Frequent Flier # _____

***We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.*

I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 4, 2019, and are subject to change. Deposit is refundable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card _____

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

Card Verification Number* _____ Card Type _____

Billing address of credit card _____

Amount of transaction _____

Services rendered/Items purchased _____

Phone number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

***How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of March 4, 2019, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$300 per person handling fee. Thereafter, refund is made less any cancellation charges levied, based on the following schedule:

- Up to July 3, 2020, less \$300 handling fee, plus \$500 per person non-refundable deposit given to suppliers.
- July 4 to July 13, 2020 deposit is forfeited.
- July 14 to July 23, 2020, less 75% of tour.
- After July 23, 2020, no refund is due.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.