

ITINERARY 2018



UNIQUE SMALL GROUP TOUR EXPERIENCE

# 20 DAYS IN BRAZIL AMAZON WONDERS

Your itinerary for the trip of a lifetime!

*Discover the wonders of Brazil and the Amazon with a small group tour through the eyes (and experience) of a true local.*

RIO DE JANEIRO • ALTER DO CHÃO • AMAZON RIVER • BELEM

1-20  
SEPTEMBER  
2018

**COST:** AUD\$9,975 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT - AUD\$500**



# 2018 ITINERARY

## RIO DE JANEIRO

### 01 SEPTEMBER

Welcome to Rio! An extremely diverse city with the most beautiful location in the world!

- Airport Meet & Greet - Transfer to Praia Ipanema Hotel
- Pick-up 19:30 - Duration 6 to 7 hours
- **CARIOCA NIGHT LIFE TOUR** (Lapa / São Cristovão Market / Manguera) - You will find out the true essence of the informal nightlife where the locals go and have fun with live music.

**Inclusions:** Welcome drinks (Caipirinha), Dinner and entrance fees to Manguera Samba School

### 02 SEPTEMBER

Morning free at leisure and relaxing after the night before. Free evening to explore your surroundings.

- Pick-up 14:30 - Duration 5 hours
- **PRIVATE SAIL TOUR** (Guanabara Bay / Cagarras Island / Niteroi / Urca) - One of the best ways to see Rio and the different sights of this stunning city is from the water. We'll have stops for photos and swimming. Sunset in style with sparkling wine and snacks.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast & sparkling wine and snacks at sunset

### 03 SEPTEMBER

- Pick-up 09:00 - Duration 8 hours - Evening at leisure
- **FULL DAY BEACH TOUR** (Barra da Tijuca / Recreio / Grumari Beach) - Discover Barra da Tijuca, Rio's longest beach with 18km of white sand and limpid green water. Delight yourself with a special seafood feast at Point of Grumari restaurant and, afterwards, a calm and short boat ride through the untouched natural mangrove reserve of Guaratiba, a true nature spectacle.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, refreshments in Recreio and seafood feast lunch at Grumari (Alcohol not included)

### 04 SEPTEMBER

- Pick-up 08:00 - Duration 7 hours - Evening at leisure
- **CHRIST THE REDEEMER & BOHEMIAN SANTA TEREZA TOUR** - With the help of a professional guide, this tour will take you to the 38m high Cristo Redentor Statue at the top of the Corcovado Mountain. Afterwards we explore the beautiful and charming neighborhood of Santa Tereza, one of the most picturesque suburbs of Rio. We'll visit some local artist's studio and the famous and colorful ceramic covered staircase (by artist Jorge Selaron) which links Santa Tereza and Lapa.

- Lunch at the top of Santa Tereza neighborhood with magnificent views of the city.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast & Lunch

### 05 SEPTEMBER

A last day full of excitement with an unforgettable typical Brazilian farewell dinner.

- Pick-up 08:00 to 13:30 - 16:00 to 21:30
- **TIJUCA FOREST & SUGAR LOAF TOUR** - In an open jeep, you will discover the lush vegetation of the Atlantic Forest with its waterfalls, countless trails and magnificent views of the city.
- A seafood lunch in an exotic restaurant, reached by boat, is waiting at the end of the morning. Visit one of the main attractions of Rio de Janeiro, the Sugar Loaf, 396m high above sea level. Ride the cable car to appreciate the amazing views of downtown Rio, Guanabara Bay and Niteroi City across the bridge.
- Feast on an amazing variety of all type of meats at this typical Brazilian barbecue restaurant with panoramic views over the bay.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### 06 SEPTEMBER

Full day to buy last minutes gifts, rest, pack and relax before our flight at the end of the afternoon.

- Pick-up 19:00 - 21:15 to 02:45 flight - 5 hours and 40 minutes flight duration
- **FLIGHT FROM RIO DE JANEIRO TO SANTAREM** - Transfer to Tom Jobin International Airport for an overnight flight to Santarem with one stop in Brasilia

**Inclusions:** Breakfast and late check-out

## ALTER DO CHÃO

### 07 SEPTEMBER

Early arrival at Santarem Airport and transfer by private car to Alter do Chao - approximate 33 kilometers from the airport.

- **VILA DE ALTER POUSADA BOUTIQUE AND WELCOME DINNER** - Enjoy a relaxing day at this rustic first-class luxury Pousada, with its cabins located in a jungle setting where you can wake up to the call of monkeys and birdsongs. At night you'll enjoy a special gourmet dinner with authentic regional flavors and a show of Carimbó, a folkloric circle dance accompanied by heavy percussion, typical from the north of Brazil.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast and dinner



## 08 SEPTEMBER

Your first taste of boating in the Tapajos River and exploring the fascinating FLONA

- Pick-up 08:00 – Duration 9 hours
- **TAPAJOS NATIONAL FOREST** – You will board the boat for a scenic boat trip to the Tapajos National Forest with lots of photos opportunities.
- Upon arrival you'll be escorted on a forest walk lasting less than 2 hours. Enjoy a delicious homemade native lunch with local fish and chicken in the house of one of the local families.
- You'll then board a small boat to explore the clear and cool waters of the Igarapé of Jamaraquá (slow moving river inlet) with its stunning fauna & flora. On our return, if the group is feeling energized, we can stop for a refreshing swimming in one of the many scenic beaches.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch (homemade native lunch) and Light Dinner

## 09 SEPTEMBER

Another day boating in the last larger affluent of the Tapajos River - the Arapiúns River

- Pick-up 08:00 – Duration 9 hours
- **ARAPIUNS RIVER** – After 1 hour navigating we'll arrive at the mouth of the Arapiúns River - In this wonderful scenario are communities that manually produce their own crafts using straws, seeds and roots for coloring and decoration, communities that farm turtles, bees, fish and benefit from the eco-tourism of the region. On our way to visit one of these communities, we'll make two stops to enjoy the beauty and a nice swim in two spectacular river beaches: Ponta do ICUXI and Ponta GRANDE
- Time to visit the community based projects of turtles (chelonians) and fish farming plus native beekeeping.
- On our way back we'll make our last stop at Caracará Beach for a deserved drink, watching the twilight colors and stunning surrounds.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch (homemade native lunch) and Light Dinner

## 10 SEPTEMBER

Today we'll explore closer and the most attractive beaches on Tapajos River with sunset you will never forget.

- Pick-up 11:00 – Duration 6 hours
- **CIRCUIT OF THE BEACHES** – Our first stop is at Mureta Beach, with no tourism infrastructure, this remote and fascinating beach is the perfect place to swim in its clear warm waters and appreciate the peace and beauty of the place.
- After we'll head to Pindobal Beach for lunch and a taste of another river beach experience. Sunset at Ponta do Cururú, a place that you can see the best views

in the area and feel at one with nature, to experience a truly memorable sundowner.

- Relax at night at Vila de Alter Pousada.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast and sunset Dinner

## 11 SEPTEMBER

We saved the best for the last, as they say, and our last day is packed with mind-blowing experiences

- Pick-up 06:00 – Duration 6 hours
- **THE JARI CHANNEL** – The Canal do Jari is a natural channel connecting the golden and transparent waters of the Tapajós River with the muddy waters of the Amazon River.
- As we get closer to the Amazon River a natural garden of Victoria-Regias awaits; the Amazonian water lilies are a sight to be held.
- A light lunch at Ponta de Pedras Beach, before returning for a rest at the Pousada and prepare for a memorable gourmet farewell dinner at Espaço Gastronomico.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast and Dinner

## 12 SEPTEMBER

A relaxing morning before our noon private car transfer to the port city of Santarém - the second largest city of the State of Pará - with its colorful fish market and the encounters of waters.

- Boarding the modern and luxurious HELIO GABRIEL CRUISE, it's time to settle into our cabins and prepare for departure.

## 13 - 16 SEPTEMBER

On board the HELIO GABRIEL Cruise

- **CRUISING THE AMAZON RIVER** – the Helio Gabriel is perfect for our 5 day cruise from Santarém to Belém. During your expedition on the biggest river (in volume of water) in the world you'll be immersed in the wild, exotic and fascinating atmosphere of the Amazon Forest.
- Highlights of our expedition cruise include the visit to the Monte Alegre State Park, known for its caves and prehistoric paintings, and cruising the Estreitos de Breves, a cluster of narrow channels in the Marajó Archipelago.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch Dinner





## BELEM DO PARÁ

### 16 SEPTEMBER

Arrival in Belem and transfer to your hotel

- **ATRIUM QUINTA DAS PEDRAS** – The historical Quinta das Pedras Hotel building was constructed between 1790 and 1810 in Belem.
- **ESTAÇÃO DAS DOCAS** – Is an amazing renovation project which converted three riverfront warehouses into a popular gathering spot full of restaurants, bars, kiosks and shops. There are nice river views and displays about Belem's history. – Enjoy live music, taste the crafted beers the delicious natural fruit ice creams from Cairu Sorveteria or just sit outside watching the river and the beautiful sunset of Belém. – We recommend the traditional and delicious degustation menu of Restaurant Lá em Casa.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast and Lunch

### 17 SEPTEMBER

Today we'll explore Belem a metropolis surrounded by water, islands and forests and its rich culture and history.

- Pick-up 09:00 – Duration 5 hours
- **BELEM CITY TOUR** – Belem was founded in 1616 and is the main reference of the Portuguese presence in the Amazon.
- Lunch at the Mangal das Garças Restaurant - an elevated gazebo structure above the mangroves inside the ecological park of the same name - is a culinary highlight with a variety of excellent regional dishes.
- Return to your hotel for a 'siesta' and later we suggest a visit to the Teatro da Paz one of the finest buildings of the neoclassical style of the rubber-boom era.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast and Lunch

### 18 SEPTEMBER

Visit the Ver-o-Peso open market and cruise the green belt of islands, rivers, streams and canals that flow into the Guajará Bay

- Pick-up 08:00 – Duration 5 hours
- **VER-O-PESO MARKET** – Located on the shores of Guajará Bay and inaugurated in 1625, the area was a tax

warehouse used for gauging the exact weight of the goods arriving by river in order to collect tax for the Portuguese Crown. Nowadays the Ver-o-Peso market covers an area of 35 square meters with a number of historical buildings among them the Iron Market, the Meat Market, the Clock Square, The Fisherman Square, the Wharf and many other buildings.

- Afterwards we'll get a regional boat to cross the Guamá River to Combu Island where we'll visit Dona Nena's local artisanal chocolate factory. By boat we'll go to Saldosa Maloca Restaurant for a light lunch with an amazing view of Belem City from a distance.
- Return to your hotel for some relaxation before another gourmet culinary experience at Remanso do Bosque restaurant, elected in the top 50 best restaurants of Latin America

**Inclusions:** Breakfast and Lunch and Dinner

### 19 SEPTEMBER

Today we continue to explore the rich culture and historical attractions of this capital city.

- Pick-up 09:00 – Duration 5 hours
- **MUSEU EMILIO GOELDI** – Founded in 1866 as the Pará Museum of Natural History and Ethnography, the Museu Paraense Emilio Goeldi is a well-renowned institution for the researching, cataloguing and analysing the biological and sociocultural diversity of the Amazon Basin
- A walk through the zoological and botanic park
- A visit to the complex of Sao Jose Liberto – an old prison located in the heart of Belem which was converted into a handcrafted and artisan center.
- A light lunch and then return to your hotel for an afternoon relax
- A very nice surprise will await you tonight as we say farewell to the group. Be prepared!

**Inclusions:** Breakfast and Dinner

### 20 SEPTEMBER

Today we say farewell to our tour friends, maybe last-minute souvenir shopping and get to the airport to get your flight back to Rio de Janeiro.

**Inclusions:** Breakfast

**PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED PAGE FOR DETAILED TOUR INCLUSIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND BOOKING FORM.**

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1st - 20th Sept 2018

## *Important Information and Booking Form*



### ABOUT VERA, YOUR TOUR LEADER:

Born and bred in Belem do Pará, my passion for Amazonia is ingrained in my soul as a child of the river. Exploring the river, localities and its out-of-track mysterious and magical secrets with my Father and siblings, I can take you on a journey of a lifetime.

I moved to Rio de Janeiro at 18 years of age and, for another 14 years, I lived in the Cidade Maravilhosa, deepening my love for the Carioca lifestyle and the natural beauty of the place.

My love of my country plus my experience of over 20 years (on and off) in the travel industry (both in Brazil and here in Australia) will add value (and fun) to a trip like no other into the heart of the Amazon Rainforest.

### TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- All meals as specified in itinerary & bottled water
- Accommodation in twin share rooms with private facilities
- Transportation as specified
- All transfers during tour
- All entrance fees to sites / parks indicated in itinerary

### TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International air fares / return
- Travel insurance
- Personal spending / phone calls / hotel extras
- Drinks / beverages, unless otherwise mentioned

### FITNESS LEVEL REQUIRED:

This tour is an adventure, but with excellent quality accommodation / transport and services. It should not present any problem to active people who can manage day to day walking, stair climbing and moderate forms of exercise. If you have any doubts or queries about your ability to manage the tour, please contact Vera or Kathy to discuss your situation.

### TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

Please complete the attached reservation form and send it together with your non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person to: Kathy Millett, Personal Travel Manager, TravelManagers Australia Lic. No. 9TA1394, PO Box 406 Cottesloe WA 6911

Please note that cheques should be made payable to TravelManagers Australia. Payment by Credit Card will incur the following service fees: MasterCard and Visa Card, 1.50%. Diners and American Express, 3.0%.

### PAYING THE BALANCE:

The balance of your tour price (less \$500 deposit) must be paid to TravelManagers Australia, on / before 75 days prior to departure.

### CANCELLATION FEES:

Prior to 60 days, full refund less \$500; 60-31 days forfeit 25% of total fare; 30-16 days forfeit 50% of total fare; 15 days or non-appearance forfeit 100% of total fare.

### CHANGES IN TOUR PRICE:

The price of the tour is shown in Australian dollars and is subject to change without prior notice until full payment is made. We will, however, do all in our power to maintain the published price.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE : AIR BOOKINGS : VISA ASSISTANCE : TRANSFERS :

It is a condition of travel that you are covered by international Travel Insurance for this trip. For any assistance with Travel Insurance, Airfares or other travel matters related to this trip, please contact Kathy - your Personal Travel Manager.

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# BOOKING FORM

**Destination: BRAZIL AND THE AMAZON**

**Date from: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

**Date to: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**TO MAKE A RESERVATION:** Please complete this form and send it together with a photocopy of each passenger's passport to: Kathy Millett, Personal Travel Manager, TravelManagers Australia. PO Box 406 Cottesloe WA 6911.

FILE #	PASSENGER 1	PASSENGER 2
SURNAMES - <i>as per passport</i>		
CHRISTIAN NAMES		
MIDDLE NAMES		
DATE OF BIRTH - <i>Day/Month/Year</i>		
PASSPORT NUMBER		
PASSPORT EXPIRY DATE		
HOME ADDRESS	Address:	Address:
Home Phone:		
Mobile Phone Number:		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER - <i>Airline &amp; numbers</i>		
TRAVEL INSURANCE <i>You must have travel insurance or give written acknowledgement that you have made arrangements elsewhere.</i>	<i>Please arrange Travel Insurance</i> YES                      NO	<i>Please arrange Travel Insurance</i> YES                      NO
SPECIAL REQUESTS		
EMERGENCY CONTACT		
<b>PLEASE SIGN AND DATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION FOR PERSONS NAMED ON THIS FORM IS CORRECT</b>		
SIGNATURE :		DATE :