



## TRIP ITINERARY SUMMARY

**Travel Dates for our Brazilian Rainforest Adventure are August the 14th to the 22nd, 2025, including flight days. (See flight details on Travel Information page)**

Distances are great in the Amazon, so after our group is transported together from the airport and boards the boat, we meet the crew, have a light snack, are given some information on the boat, and are assigned our cabins, you can take a rest while The "Otter" starts heading up the river.

**DAY 1: (Aug. 15)** On this first morning (after you've had a nap) with the boat still moving up the Amazon river we will have a late breakfast to re-energize after traveling and get to know your hosts & group. Marcia & Leslie will orient you to the itinerary and you'll get acquainted with your travel group. In the afternoon **we will take our first botanizing walk in the jungle!** So get your cameras and sketchbooks ready. We'll then continue up the river and you can enjoy the views from our ship, The Otter.

**DAY 2:** We'll **traverse the Anavilhanas Archipelago** with our large motorized canoe to explore the diverse plant life on the islands. After lunch back on the boat Leslie will provide guidance and instruction on botanizing techniques and botanical art history in the area. We'll cover plant species we'll see on our trip. You'll have free time to relax or swim. In the evening we will all sign in at the Jau National Park for our visit the next day.

**DAY 3:** The Otter will **enter the Jau National Park, traveling up the Jau River** to an excellent hiking trail filled with many species in the genera Araceae, Heliconiaceae, Marantaceae, as well as ferns, palms, and much more. We plan on a morning and afternoon hike for botanizing, sketching, and photography (no plant collecting allowed). You can do both hikes or choose one and relax on the boat, make art, or swim. Afterwards The Otter will travel to the Carabinani River.

**DAY 4:** We'll enjoy more trail **hiking along the Carabinani rapids in the Jau National Park.** You'll also have the opportunity to have a nice river swim. After lunch back on the boat we'll move down river to the Rio Negro on our way to the Acajatuba Lake. That afternoon Marcia will guide guests in wellness and personal development activities, or you can relax or work on your art or plant journaling.

**DAY 5:** The Otter will continue down the **Rio Negro to the Acajatuba Lake.** We'll enjoy a morning canoe journey to discover exotic plants, sketch and take photos. After lunch back on the boat you can enjoy botanical art, journaling or 1:1 wellness or botanical business sessions with Marcia and Leslie. We'll then head to a local beach to explore, relax, swim and watch the beautiful sunset!

**DAY 6:** After breakfast we will have a unique opportunity to **SWIM WITH THE FAMOUS PINK DOLPHINS of the Amazon!** After lunch back on the boat Marcia and Leslie will review what we've seen on the trip so far (plants and wildlife), have relaxation or botanical and wellness activity time, then head to visit a local Caboclo family. After dinner on the boat we'll have a special night time canoe ride.

**DAY 7: (Aug. 21)** We'll enjoy an **early pre-breakfast canoe excursion** (or you can sleep in!). After breakfast we'll head to another river beach to explore and relax. After lunch back on the boat, you'll have a few hours to pack for your return trip and rest. **Then we'll have a casual group gathering before we head out for a late afternoon canoe ride.** We'll have a later dinner on the boat as we travel back to Manaus. You can then finish packing, relax with your new friends, or rest, before our group is transported back to the airport for a late night 12:30 am drop off for our early morning flight (Aug. 22) back to Panama City. Say goodbye to your new plant friends and catch your individual flights back to your home destination!

**Detailed daily itinerary provided in your swag bag when you board!**  
**Breakfast is typically at 7a, lunch 12p, dinner 7p, with 1 or 2 exceptions.**  
**Bartender on board, cash bar, just settle up at the end of the trip.**

Time for relaxing, botanical art, doing yoga on the upper deck, or swimming is available each day. Depending on how much time guests spend on plant walks/boating we'll adjust as necessary. All activities are optional for you!