



## TRIP AMENITIES

**THE OTTER HOUSEBOAT:** In our boat, the “OTTER”, we enjoy the advantages of a small group (maximum of 18 passengers), in a great level of comfort. The boat is 88 feet long and 24.6 feet wide, has four decks: On the first deck we have the command, five passenger cabins, crew quarters, a kitchen and service areas. On the second deck we have 4 passenger cabins, a 350 square foot enclosed dining room, a small open veranda, and service areas. On the third deck we have 2 covered verandas, one in the front and one in the back, one sun deck area with a Jetted tub and showers, a bar, a toilet and a nice 250 square foot enclosed living room. The fourth deck is a 360° panoramic sun deck. *Bring your yoga mat & binoculars!* **Starlink internet onboard.**

**LOCAL GUIDE:** The trips, are organized and guided by **Gilberto Castro**, a biologist with wide experience in the Amazon since 1975. In 1988 he guided his friend, the famous British Botanical Illustrator Margaret Mee on her last Journey in the Amazon, has led two underwater filming trips for the Discovery Channel, 17 trips for the Margaret Mee Foundation, 5 trips for Kew Gardens, 46 Scientific Illustration trips with Brazilian Illustrator Dulce Nascimento, helped and participated on the great documentary Margaret Mee and the Moon Flower, was part of the 5 person team to first reach the bottom of the Eldorado waterfall, the highest waterfall in Brazil besides countless eco tours in the area and in the Pantanal on Midwest Brazil.

**ALL TRANSFERS INCLUDED:** We want to make this trip as easy, worry-free, and safe for you as possible. We will be picking up all guests from the Manaus airport together and transferring you directly to our houseboat, as well as transferring all guests from the boat back to the Manaus airport and the end of the trip. Easy peasy! (see policies for alternate arrivals)

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Nine double cabins with large twin beds, individual air conditioning units in each cabin, all with private bathrooms with hot water showers. All cabins are about 100 sq. feet & the cabins and bathrooms are external with large windows. Each has a small table, a safe and the twin beds can be joined to form a queen size bed. Please provide travel partner info to assign cabin sharing, or if you'd like beds together, on Google Form (see single occupancy rate in policies.)

**ALL MEALS INCLUDED ON THE BOAT :** Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are prepared daily onboard. Meals are generous and varied, basically consisting of local cuisine. Mineral water is served with meals. Please provide your dietary restrictions or allergies on your trip Google Form when you book.

**LAUNDRY SERVICE INCLUDED:** The staff will take care of any of your laundry needs through the trip, which can make it easier to pack light! (trip & laundry tips not required but appreciated).

**BARTENDER ON STAFF, CASH BAR:** Alcohol and soda is *not* included in the price of the trip, but simply record your drinks and settle up for cash payment at the end of the trip. Easy! Also, it costs around \$10 per person (depending on currency exchange rate) for us to swim with the dolphins - the boat will pay for guests who choose to participate and simply add to your bar tab.

**SWAG BAG:** You'll each receive a swag bag from Marcia and Leslie with some information and goodies you can use on your trip and take with you.

**BOTANICAL BOOKS & ART SUPPLIES:** We will provide a number of reference books on botany, plants, and botanical art for you to enjoy on the boat during your trip, as well as a limited array of art supplies for you to use (but please also bring your own if you have specific needs or plan to do a lot of art or journaling).