



**The following are the most common questions our guests have.**

Don't see an answer to a question you need below? Want or need more info?

Email us at [info@captpeacock.com](mailto:info@captpeacock.com) or call + 1 (262) 299-4999 for personalized attention from the Capt. Peacock staff.

**+ What documentation do I need?**

A valid passport is required to enter Brazil. A VISA is also necessary when traveling from the U.S. and CANADA. In 3 simple steps, your visa application is ready! How to apply? <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/how-to-apply>

**1st step:** Provide the required information

**2nd step:** Pay the fee UU\$89 about (per guest)

**3rd step:** Download the e-Visa

Keep a photocopy of the passport picture page and your VISA page separately. This will aid in replacing a lost passport, if necessary. You may also need an additional photo I.D., such as a driver's license.

**+ What vaccinations and health precautions do I need?**

Some of the more frequently asked questions of Capt. Peacock about traveling Brazil's Amazon deal with mosquitoes and the diseases they sometimes carry. Potential visitors are worried that they will be eaten alive and contract a host of infectious diseases such as Malaria, Zika, or Yellow Fever. Fortunately, nothing could be further from the truth as the Rio Negro directly cannot support mosquitoes. The river's pH and acidity levels are such that mosquitoes and other insect larvae cannot develop or live within it (Journal of Experimental Biology). Very few insects are on the river proper or the immediate shores. However, mosquitoes and other insects can be found in significant numbers deeper (very deep) into the rainforest, away from the river. Still, these areas are seldom, if ever, visited by Capt. guests. Peacock. Because most of your time will be spent on the river, on our air-conditioned ship, or on the shore close to the river, obtaining Malaria medication, a Yellow Fever immunization, or even wearing mosquito repellent is not mandatory.

**+ What is the booking availability?**

As the booking calendar changes almost daily, please get in touch with one of our agents at + 1 (262) 299-4999 or [info@captpeacock.com](mailto:info@captpeacock.com) for current availability. Your spot is only secured after we receive your deposit. The balance is due to a minimum of 60 days before departure. Please note that all trips are subject to availability and conditions.

**+ What is the best time for traveling?**

We always recommend September, October, November, December, January, February, and March. However, our standard policy allows you to reschedule your trip at no cost if weather conditions do not allow us to offer you a great fishing week. It will all depend on the fishing report of the week before your arrival, and based on that, we will let you decide on what to do: reschedule or keep the original trip itinerary. However, the airfare fees for future changes will be handled by your decision. Everything else is on us.

**+ Now that my rods, reels, and lines are included, what about lures?**

Our exclusive lure kit package is the result of our guide choice, who have fished the Rio Negro all their life and knew it and its inhabitants like the back of their hands. Each kit contains an UNLIMITED supply of top water, jerk baits, and jigs. Lure Kits are available at no extra cost, and they will ensure that the trip doesn't end with a lost jig or if a Peacock Bass steals a wood-chopper as leasing an UNLIMITED supply. SHIMANO CURADOS 2000 & SPINNING REEL 4000 and FALCON RODS 5-157, 6-10, and 7-157 in length heavy action.

**+ What else to do there?**



Given that you have likely traveled quite a distance to reach Brazil, we encourage you to take in the whole exotic, exciting

experience of the Amazon! Therefore, we have created many custom local tours and additional activities. Please visit Extra-Activities for details on extra charter flights to get there or leave earlier or later than the standard trip itinerary. Please let us know before your trip starts so we can plan our route and guide assignments based on these special requests. Last-minute requests may result in additional charges.

#### **+ What is the ship's capacity?**

Capt. Peacock can accommodate up to 30 guests per expedition (double occupancy) or 15 guests per expedition (single occupancy). Guest lodgings include 15 (fifteen) staterooms displayed in 3 (three) different categories: 10 (ten) staterooms of 250 Sq. Ft. each - double bed or king bed for singles (side-by-side) + 2 (two) staterooms w/ handicapped accessibility + 2 (two) staterooms (w/ Minibar, T.V., and Private Balcony) + 1 (one) presidential suite (w/ spa, Minibar, T.V., Jacuzzi, and Sauna). All deluxe-designed staterooms are INDEPENDENTLY air-conditioned and have a private bath and walk-in shower (with hot water throughout the entire ship), which affords optimal personal choice for your care, comfort, and convenience.

#### **+ Can I have a single occupancy option all the way?**

Entirely - single occupancy can be arranged by contacting the office. A "Single Package," including a private cabin on board the ship, a private bass boat, and the hotel in Manaus City, is subject to availability for an extra cost of U\$5,000 per expedition/guest.

#### **+ What about the upgrade to the Master Suite and Presidential Suite on board the Rio Negro Queen?**

One presidential suite of 500 sq. Ft. is fully equipped with a spa, sauna, king bed, minibar, and T.V. is available at an extra cost of U\$5,000 per week (special private services, wi-fi internet, and amenities are part of this package):

<https://tinyurl.com/rnqpresidential> Two suites with private balcony are available at an extra cost of U\$3,000 per week - each (special personal services, WI-FI internet and amenities are part of this package): <https://tinyurl.com/rnqmaster>

#### **+ Can I book a flight to join the expedition at a different time from the original itinerary?**

Absolutely! That's one of the significant benefits of traveling with us. Our CESSNA CARAVAN 208 AMPHIBIOUS can depart Manaus Airport to meet with the ship. A minimum of a 5-night package w/ 2 and ½ days of fishing (all-inclusive) for the value of U\$15,900 per suite (up to two guests) plus one round trip private charter flight for the extra U\$5,000 (up to eight guests' w/ luggage) a total investment of U\$20,900 (U\$10,450 per guest). NOTE: You must join the expedition at the beginning or the end unless you wish to charter an extra private flight to set your schedule. Transfer in and out, host hotel in or out, and all ground assistance are included.

#### **+ What about food and beverage, wines, and liquors on board the Rio Negro Queen?**

Great food and drink are our Chef's passion. International and local cuisine paired with great red and white wines, shore lunch, an outdoor Brazilian barbecue, unique cocktails before and after dinner, and an à La Carte service are just part of what we offer, and all are included with your package. Chef Roland Villard and Chef Renato Vicente will bring you to another level of sophistication.

#### **+ What about trip insurance?**

Your trip package DOES NOT include insurance, and deposits are non-refundable. However, we do offer special investment protection. When common issues such as airline delays or cancellations and even personal injuries arise before your trip, travel protection becomes necessary. For details on trip insurance, please click <https://tinyurl.com/cpinsurance> , or to



purchase, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/cptripinsurance>. Consider this option if your health insurance plan does not cover your medical expenses for illness or accident while traveling abroad.

#### **+ What should I pack for my trip?**

You will receive a final email 15 to 7 days before your trip with a suggested checklist and updated Trip Itinerary. Until then, resist the tendency to overpack. Travel partners should coordinate their preparation of items to avoid unnecessary duplication. Remember Capt. Peacock has a daily laundry service, so there is no to overpack clothing. We recommend a durable, water-resistant, lockable, top-zipper duffel for your checked luggage. However, regular suitcases are acceptable. Carry your most valuable, essential, and fragile items, as well as any necessary medications, toiletries, and a change of clothes in your carry-on luggage.

#### **+ Can Capt. Peacock, do you plan for an extra night(s) in Brazil?**

Yes, we can. We can arrange a package with an English-speaking host at the airport, an extra hotel night (either double or single occupancy – extra fee), breakfast and taxes included, and airport transfers for up to two guests for the regular price of U\$350 when booked in advance. Unfortunately, these specialized services are unavailable separately and recommended for couples, families, and friends traveling together.

#### **+ Can I have a single room at the hotel in Manaus?**

If available, expect an average of U\$150 per room per night.

#### **+ Any special rates for International Airfare flying with AZUL or COPA Airlines?**

Our exclusive arrangement with AZUL, COPA, and AVIANCA Airlines allows us to offer you a deal. It will always depend on how soon we check for dates, rates, and availability.

#### **+ Are there a lot of ship noises? And what about sea sickness?**

No worries here. Our ship has a high damper noise system that reduces up to 87% of engine sounds while navigating. When the ship is stationary, the generator can barely be heard. The Rio Negro is a calm/flat river, and the ship is exceptionally stable. Even customers who regularly get seasick have had no problems on the ship.

#### **+ Are satellite phones and the Internet available?**

Yes, Capt Peacock can provide international phone services anywhere around the globe for a U\$5 per minute flat rate (taxes applied) and Internet access through our wi-fi system per suite - U\$350 (for the entire trip). International Satellite T.V. is available at no cost anywhere in the central upper lounge.

#### **+ How about appliances and power?**

Power onboard ships are available in either 110-volt or 220-volt in every room, standard Brazilian outlet, which is different than the U.S., but do not worry about that as we have adaptors to every onboard outlet ship.

#### **+ What about gratuities and purchases while on board?**

There is no obligation to tip, but if you want to show your appreciation for the services provided, we recommend U\$1.000 of your trip package, which serves all 32 crewmembers. Our onboard hotel manager will assist you during your trip to apply charges for your purchases eventually. Same, if you wish to contribute to (gratuity). We strongly advise that daily tips are not given to avoid conflicts with our guides and crew's daily routine. If you want to tip one or more people -



more than what you write on your credit card or cash inside your envelope -please mention their or their name(s) on your envelope. The ship manager will ensure that it will go directly to that (those) individual(s) after office and legal labor procedures are fulfilled.

#### **+ Why do I need to furnish my credit card information?**

With few exceptions, U.S. dollars, which have REAL as their actual currency, are not accepted in Brazil. Additionally, exchanging money in Manaus (Brazil) will be demanding as you will arrive and depart on the ship right after. We also refrain from carrying cash onboard. However, credit card machines through portable satellite Internet are available onboard ships for use in the middle of the Amazon rainforest. Fees will be applied to each separate transaction (3.5%). Therefore, based on these reasons, we will use your credit card information through the U.S. office to check you in, just like you do when visiting any hotel worldwide. Any charges or purchases while you are onboard the ship in Brazil will be collected through your credit card in the U.S., but only after your previously signed authorization.

#### **+ What about weather conditions in the Amazon?**

Temperatures typically range from 85 degrees at night to 95 degrees or more during the day. Travelers and non-travelers should be prepared to experience the Equatorial sun. But remember that during the day, the ship and the Bass Tracker ships are often on the move, so you will have a cooling breeze while traveling from one high spot to another new adventure. Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants made of a tropical-weight material (ideally with U.V. protection), a comfortable hat, and good sunglasses. Although we experience downpours during the dry season, they occur, so remember to pack a lightweight rainsuit. Humidity is high, but the ship is fully air-conditioned for your comfort, with each cabin individually controlled.

#### **+ Is it true that there are no mosquitoes?**

It's true! Mosquitoes and other insect larvae cannot survive in the Rio Negro River because of the river's high acidity. Consequently, you will not see black or biting flies, mosquitoes, or other pests while traveling.

#### **+ What is the predominant language in Brazil?**

Portuguese is the official language of Brazil, which is very similar to Spanish. The guides can communicate very well in English, especially regarding traveling. Your onboard host will assist you with any inquiries you may have.

#### **+ Is it safe in Brazil?**

Absolutely. Brazil hosted the World Cup in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016 for a good reason... it is one of the safest countries in South America, and Manaus is one of the friendliest cities in Brazil. Capt Peacock provides transfers and tours to ensure your comfort and convenience when dealing with a foreign language (Portuguese) and a different culture.

#### **What about the destination?**

Generally, you will find the people welcoming and the city rich in attractions and history. Manaus, highly recommended as the Paris of the Tropics, is the bustling home to 1.9 million people and has every modern convenience you could ever need or want. This 300-year-old city is the capital city of the state of Amazonas and is situated at the confluence of the Negro and Amazon rivers. It has a bustling and active port and is in the Amazon rainforest. It is only accessed by ship at the free port or airplane at the international airport. This isolation helped preserve both the nature and culture of the city and area.

#### **+ I plan on visiting one of the local villages during my trip. What can I bring the villagers? Do they need any medical supplies?**



Capt Peacock offers many opportunities for cultural interaction with the people that call the shores and forests of the Rio Negro home. We can arrange private tours, visits to many villages, or large excursions. But these visits are for more than just guests to Brazil's Amazon. The villagers find interaction with the "outside world" just as rewarding as those who visit them, and Capt Peacock finds great satisfaction in bringing these groups together. While guests are not expected to bring

anything to the villages we see, the following items are most appreciated and listed in the order they are most needed.

Dental Supplies Adult and Youth Toothbrushes / Toothpaste / Dental Floss / Fluoride Mouthwash / Personal Toiletries and First Aid

Other Supplies Feminine Hygiene Products / Fungus Infection Creams / Diarrhea, Upset Stomach Medicine / First Aid Kits, Bandages

School Supplies Pen, Pencils, Markers, Colored Pencils, Crayons / Manual Pencil Sharpeners / Paper, Coloring Books / Rulers, Scissors, Glue Sticks, Backpacks

Clothing Shoes, Socks, Sandals / Hats, Caps / Shirts, Jackets, T-Shirts / Bandanas

**We'll see you soon on the waters of Brazil's Amazon.**