



NOMADIC WATERS

Expeditionary Handbook Brazilian Amazon



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We are honored to have you as our Guest this season and we truly hope this will be a life-changing adventure.

We do things differently. As the owner of Nomadic Waters, I will be with you every step of your journey. From the initial contact to your actual time in the jungle, I will be with your group making sure that everything is being provided as promised. I also try to fish with Guests every single day of the Season, ensuring that you have a complete understanding of what is happening with the fishery.

Important: Please spend some focused time reading through this booklet as it is packed with very important information. Everything is here for a reason! More detailed information is available at NomadicWaters.com/trip-preparation. Also, make sure to read our monthly e-newsletters. These are designed to be a quick read, but offer very valuable insights for your specific trip.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us should you have any questions, we are happy to help!
Michael Williams, Owner and Director of Operations
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Note: Everything in this booklet is subject to change.

Please refer to our monthly e-newsletters and nomadicwaters.com for the most current information.

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WELCOME to the JUNGLE





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Your Itinerary

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Day 0 FRIDAY

Depart MIA Florida around 6:00pm. Arrive MAO Brazil around 11:00pm. Private bus transport to Hotel. Check in to your single-occupancy hotel room.

Day 1 SATURDAY

Sleep in. Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for the airport early afternoon. 1+ hour charter flight to the interior. 5 minute ride to the yacht. Single occupancy cabin assignments, welcome and orientation meeting. Dinner and a spectacular sunset. Yacht moves up-river all night.

Day 2 SUNDAY

Fish. Fishing clinic in the evening.

Day 3 MONDAY

Fish. Amazon informational clinic in the evening, optional.

Day 4 TUESDAY

Fish. Fishing clinic with the Guides in the evening.

Day 5 WEDNESDAY

Fish. Amazon informational clinic in the evening, optional.

Day 6 THURSDAY

Fish. Crew appreciation party in the evening, tips to be gathered by the trip Host and equally dispersed to the Crew.

Day 7 FRIDAY

Fish. Amazon informational clinic in the evening, optional.

Day 8 SATURDAY

Sleep in, pack. Brunch aboard the yacht. Depart for local airport mid-day. 1+ hour charter flight to Manaus airport. Private bus transport to hotel. Rest up and relax in your single-occupancy hotel room. Depart for Brazilian Steak House for dinner, then off to the Manaus airport for your midnight flight to Miami.

Your Checklist Nomadicwaters.com/trip-preparation

Due Now

50% Deposit to hold your spot
Guest Registration and Release Forms submitted

Recommended by May 1st

Flights purchased

Due June 1st

Copy of Passport sent to us
Fun Profile Picture sent to us

Recommended by July 1st

Lure & Fly Orders
Custom Lure & Fly selections are available at www.shopnomadicwaters.com
(note: some of these items are custom-made for us and usually ship late July)

Recommended by August 1st

Special Dietary Requests
DRINK MIXER REQUESTS
(note: we cannot accept special requests after Aug 15th, we will be in the jungle)

Full Payment is due 90 days before your trip

For more details regarding our pricing and policies, please review Nomadicwaters.com/pricing

* Dates are subject to change due to travel restrictions or schedule updates. We will keep you in the loop and informed.



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Uatumã Reserve, Amazonas



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Our most frequently asked QUESTIONS

Q. “Is it SAFE?”

A. The safety of our Guests is our #1 priority. Period. The Amazon is a very wild place, which is why we love it so. Our jungles are home to jaguars, caiman, piranha, snakes, spiders, and all the other creepy crawly things that you’ve heard about. It’s also a place where families thrive and have done so for thousands of years.

“Its not unlike Atlanta!” jokes Michael, our Fishing Manager as he references his home town. “Here’s what I mean: There are safe places to visit in Atlanta, and there are some very dangerous places as well. A smart traveler looks at the jungle the same way.”

“Good judgement is imperative. If you are the type of person who thinks to himself “I wonder

what would happen if I put my finger in this piranhas mouth”, well then you should probably stick to Disney’s jungle ride in Orlando.

You must make smart choices in the jungle, and you must listen to our Guides and Crew. Trust their judgment, follow their lead, and you will be just fine!”

We take your safety very seriously. We understand the risks and manage them to the best of our abilities.

Michael and Kristi have traveled to the Amazon with their son every year since he was 16 months old. He fishes with them, stays on the mothership, visits the jungle communities, etc. They completely trust our Crew with their son’s safety. You will see shots of Jackson throughout this booklet.

Q. “There is so much uncertainty with this current pandemic crisis, how are you handling cancellations and changes to your schedule?”

We have our own list of requirements that must receive a green light before we would ever invite Guests into our waters. That said, even if WE feel it is reasonably safe to come to the Amazon, our Guests still may not.

Here’s the bottom line: Guest who pay money towards a 2020/2021 trip a with us will always have full credit for a future trip. If a Guest needs to reschedule, OR if we are forced to reschedule, 100% of your payment will be fully credited towards a future trip. We recommend applying this credit within a 12 month window from your original date. All payments are non-refundable.



COVID-19 Era Protocols



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Q. “What exactly are you doing to ensure a safe environment during this new era of pandemic?”

A. Fortunately, so much of our program is already well-suited to the new realities of travel. We already offer single-occupancy hotel rooms for our Guests in Manaus. We don't outsource transfer agents to transport our Guests around Manaus. Instead we have our own Manaus-based Crew running the operations. This way we manage every step of our Guests journey and control the health and safety protocols.

Single-occupancy cabins aboard our yacht have long been our standard policy, and each cabin has its own private bath.

For context, many of our competitors only offer double-occupancy with bunk-beds! Sometimes this matches room-mates who have never met before. Many of these operations have one or two bathrooms on the Guest level for everyone to share. Context is important — our trip is very unique!

-Our crew already deep-cleans the yacht on a daily basis. We have added enhanced cleaning protocols that match the new local and Federal regulations as well as CDC approved disinfectants.

-Our evening clinics are held in the open-air top deck of the mothership, with spacious room for seating and social distancing.

-Food service procedures have changed to plated meals and served buffets. Dining will remain outside under cover of our awnings along the stern deck or on the covered top-deck.

-Wellness & temperature checks for both Crew and Guests throughout the Season.

-Staff Nurse is available 24/7 aboard our yacht.

-New regional health regulations dictate that outfitters run at 50% occupancy, but we already run at 40% occupancy. You will have plenty of room for social distancing!

-We are required to follow US State and Federal health regulations, as well as local and Federal health regulations in Brazil. These policies are changing weekly. Make sure to read our monthly e-newsletters for updates to our program. We will keep you informed.

-We have spent much of the year strategizing what changes we will implement for your safety. Some you will see, and others you won't.

Q. “How much cash should I bring for tips and other expenses?”

A. IMPORTANT Foreign currency is not accepted in Brazil, please arrange to have your currency exchanged BEFORE you arrive in Brazil.

During your free time in Manaus you will need enough Brazilian Reals (R\$) for meals, drinks, and trinkets. \$200 US equivalent of Brazilian R\$ should be plenty to cover your in-town meals & incidentals and have extra cash in case of emergencies. This includes the estimated \$30 US equivalent for the Saturday evening Steakhouse dinner. GOOGLE “real to dollar” to get an up-to-date exchange rate.

You will also need funds in Brazilian R\$ for tips for our Manaus crew and our yacht crew. \$30 US equivalent of Brazilian R\$ is appropriate for Campos and staff in Manaus. We recommend a USD equivalent of 10% of the cost of the trip for our crew on the yacht.

All Staff tips will be collected by the Trip Host on Thursday evening, and will be equally divided and gifted to our Mothership crew at the staff appreciation dinner. Tips for staff members in Manaus will be collected by the Trip Host and distributed at the Steakhouse dinner on Saturday evening.

REMINDER: foreign currency is useless to our crew. Please **DO NOT ARRIVE** with foreign currency for tips, as we will not be able to exchange it for you.

For the best exchange rate, simply order Brazilian currency directly from your bank (it should take about a week). There are also plenty of currency exchangers in the Miami airport. Be prepared to pay a higher fee there, but it’s not a bad plan B if you forgot to order your funds ahead of time. You will be arriving in Manaus around midnight, so local currency exchangers will not be open. Brazilian ATMs are unpredictable and often run out of money.

Foreign Currency BRAZILIAN R\$ NEEDED

- \$200 USD for Manaus meals and incidentals (be sure to reserve \$30 USD equivalent for Brazilian Steakhouse meal at end of trip. (minimum)
- \$30 USD for Campos and staff in Manaus (translator & transfer driver)
- \$530 USD for tips—Guides & Crew on mothership

Q. “How many fish can I expect to catch? How many are trophies?”

A. We have kept records of our fish-count since we first started hosting Guests in 2015. No two days are the same here with water levels, water temps, fish migration, etc. No two Guests are the same either. We’ve hosted professional anglers alongside Guests who don’t know how to attach their reels to their rods. So let’s make Michael answer this tough question:

”My goal for our Guide Team is 150 fish landed per day, averaging around 900 fish each week. 80% of our weeks hit those numbers last Season.

Roughly 10% of those fish will be 8 pounds and over. These are true weights with certified Boga Grips.

Plenty of outfitters lead their Guests to believe they’ve landed a 20 pound peacock when it was actually 10. This is very common practice down here. The way these fish fight, a 10 pounder absolutely looks and feels like a 20 pounder, so it’s an easy yarn to spin.

Make no mistake, we will put you in front of 20 lb peacock every day. They demand high level skill!

To be perfectly honest, few anglers can land a peacock bass bigger than 12 lbs. Many anglers who routinely fish for tarpon with a fly have broken a rod on a double-digit peacock. I’ve watched this happen more times than I can count! Conventional anglers are shocked to see lures broken in half and treble hooks straightened or ripped off their housings. These fish are strong!

A competitor who has hosted Guests in the Amazon for over 24 years states on their website that “20 pound peacock bass represent .01% of their total catch.” We applaud their honesty.

If your measuring stick for a successful trip is a 20+ pound peacock bass, be ready to bring your A-Game.”



We landed more 20 lb+ peacock bass last season than ever before. That said, the hard truth is few anglers have the skill to land a peacock over 12 pounds.

This is a skill-based fishery. Read our website. Listen to your Guide. Be open to new strategies, and please practice your casting!

Left, Kristi with a beautiful 10 pounder

Our most frequently asked QUESTIONS

Q. “Be honest, how bad are the BUGS?”

A. It’s the jungle, so there are plenty of insects here. Shockingly, we have almost no mosquitoes or biting insects in our fishery.

No one believes us until they see it for themselves. That’s fine, we would be skeptical too!

The biggest risk of mosquitoes is actually in the cities. So why aren’t there any in our rivers and lagoons? These tannic waters contain very low pH and high acidic levels that prohibit mosquito larva from surviving.

The most remote lagoons of the Rio Negro will

have a small black fly or “no seum” type of insect that likes to harass us. Thankfully they do not bite or sting, but they do like to buzz around your face at the most inconvenient times.

A hoody sunshirt and a buff over your face will keep most of them off, but a bug net over your head is not a bad strategy. Michael only used his head net three times last Season, but he was very grateful to have it.



Q. “What kind of weather can we expect?”

A. Since this is the world’s largest rainforest, certainly expect a rainstorm every now and then. Actually they are amazing to experience and will cool you off a bit as well. They tend to be fast and furious, passing through within just a few minutes. We are fishing in the middle of the Dry Season, so long-lasting storms are unusual. A highly breathable rain jacket and a water proof boat bag is highly recommended. You know the drill: if you bring your jacket it wont rain, if you forget it, well....

September through February is considered Summer in the Southern Hemisphere. You will be fishing right on the equator, so be prepared for hot temperatures. It’s the Amazon jungle, and this is just part of the experience.

We have all the fresh water you can drink aboard our yacht and BassTrackers, you have airconditioned cabins with your own private showers, and afternoon siestas are mandatory for our Guests and Crew. We have found that accepting the heat as a part of the experience will teach your body to acclimate to the climate much faster than constantly trying to hide from it.

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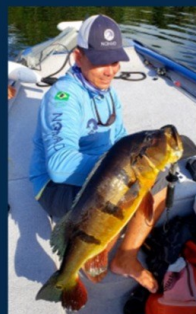
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A FISHERY LIKE NO OTHER

We celebrate every fish hooked, regardless of size. If your measuring stick for a successful trip is a trophy peacock bass, then PRACTICE YOUR CASTING and bring your A-Game. A double-digit peacock bass will test even the most experienced anglers.



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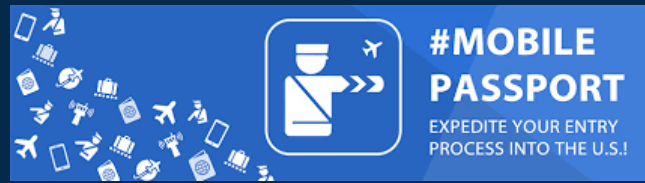
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Although the peacock bass is our main target species, remember that the Amazon basin holds more than 3,000 freshwater species of fish, far more than any other watershed in the world. To help put this into context, all of North America holds a total of 800 freshwater species.



Recommended Travel Apps

3 FREE Apps for your smartphone that we feel are invaluable for your travel to Brazil



GET THIS APP! MOBILE PASSPORT is the single fastest solution we have found to get US and Canadian Guests through the Customs process upon re-entry to the US.

Imagine turning your 30+ minute wait into a 3 minute process. This is exactly what Mobile Passport does. It's even faster than Global Entry, CLEAR, or PRE Check, and its FREE! Miami airport connections are tight, so you will likely need this extra time. This free app is provided by US Customs and Border Patrol.



The MY TSA app updates every 33 seconds, and gives you real-time information including security wait times and gate changes. You can also go through the very informative Q&A section if you're not sure what you can bring on board a commercial flight. Need more help? Request live assistance from the TSA through the ASKTSA social media integration. This is a free app provided by the TSA.



Although there are several good Wi-Fi phone apps available, we highly recommend using a free service called WhatsApp. It works so well in Brazil that it has completely taken over the way Brazilians communicate with each other. No one uses their phone in Brazil for calls or texts anymore, they use WhatsApp. You can call, message (text), send audio recordings, pictures, videos, and links with WhatsApp.

How can you use it? Call home or send messages to friends over Wi-Fi from your hotel room in Manaus for free. It's also how we communicate with our Manaus-base Crew, so it's a great way to immediately get in touch with a Nomadic Waters staff member.

WhatsApp is a free service. Like all of the above apps, make sure to set these up well before your trip (and make sure your emergency contacts have it set up as well).

Speaking of Communication

Internet will NOT be available during your time aboard the mothership. We have purchased a Wi-Fi package which covers your time at the hotel in Manaus for both your first and last day in-country. If you have an international plan on your phone (which is very affordable for your week in Brazil) then you will have access to cell towers in Manaus and in our ports of entry while we load up our mothership. This is Brazil, so sometimes these cell towers work, and sometimes they do not. The moment our mothership is underway your phones will no longer have service.

We always have a satellite phone on board and available for our Guests. You are welcome to use it at our rate per minute cost.



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Travel Details & Recommendations

A direct flight from Miami to Manaus, Brazil is just 5 hours in the sky. Since this flight is only available once a day, it is vital that you (and your gear) make your connection to Miami with plenty of time to spare.

Simply put; if you miss this flight from Miami to Manaus, then you miss this trip.

To put this statement into context, if you miss your connection and arrive in Manaus the next night, a last-minute private charter flight to the jungle interior will cost YOU well over \$7k US. Then you will have to hire a speed boat for an 8 hour ride to catch up to our mothership deep in the Reserve.

Some Guests who travel longer distances to get to Miami choose to arrive a day early and stay overnight in Florida. Another great option would be to arrive in Manaus 1 day early.

Arriving in Manaus a day early will give you a head start with acclimating to the environment as well as provide an insurance policy in case your luggage gets lost. If your luggage is delayed, it won't arrive until midnight the next day. You don't want to do this trip without your luggage. If you choose to arrive a day early, we offer a fun city tour option for our Guests, or you can just relax at the hotel pool drinking caipirinhas! Contact for us pricing.



We HIGHLY recommend having your air reservations and travel insurance handled by our travel experts: Amanda Dawe and Alisa Glover. Not only will they help you with the best prices, but they are invaluable in case you experience a trip delay or flight cancellation. They are able to communicate with the airlines with significantly more authority if all of our guests are booked as a group.

You can contact Amanda directly at adawe@travelxperts.com and Alisa at alisag@travelxperts.com.

If you choose to purchase your tickets on your own, remember to always view travel websites from an *Incognito Browser*. American and Delta airlines are using new algorithms that will continue to raise your price each time you look it up. Delta will artificially show fewer and fewer seats available the more times you look. Last year a guest panicked because he saw three seats available on Delta, so he purchased his tickets for almost \$3k. Alisa showed us that there were 35 seats available on that same flight for \$1400. Use our travel experts!

The Flights

Outbound: American Airlines flight #AA1265 from Miami (MIA) to Manaus (MAO) departing on Friday around 6:00pm

Inbound: American Airlines flight #AA964 from Manaus (MAO) to Miami (MIA) on the following Saturday, departing around midnight and landing on Sunday morning

*This information is changing often due to the pandemic. We will keep you informed along the way. More details can be found on our website (nomadicwaters.com/flight-info)

Important Travel Notes

- Brazil no longer requires American citizens to secure visas if they are traveling to the country for tourism.
- A passport is required for entry. Passports must be valid on the date of entry (at least 6 months before expiration) and one blank page is required for an entry stamp. An immigration entry form is handed out upon arrival and must be presented upon exiting the country.
- There are no immunizations required for entry into Brazil*. According to the CDC and Global Rescue, the following immunizations are recommended for travel to all destinations:
 - Make sure all routine vaccinations are up to date
 - Hepatitis A & Hepatitis B
 - Yellow Fever
 - Malaria

(Note: we have almost no mosquitoes in our fisheries so the risk of getting malaria are extremely low. That said, there are mosquitoes in the cities. Michael and his family have never taken anti malarial prophylaxis for their time in the jungle. That said, as a responsible outfitter we do recommend you start a regiment before your trip. There are different types of prophylaxis available: some have zero side effects if taken on a full stomach (Malarone) while others can make you feel absolutely miserable. Talk to your doctor to make sure you are getting the right one for you, and test it out well before your trip.

* COVID-19 regulations are fluid at the time of this printing. Please consult www.CDC.gov or www.travel.state.gov for the most current information.



So, some bad news: Your TOTAL weight limit for the charter flight into the interior is a maximum of 40 pounds. Non-negotiable.

OK, have you finished panicking yet? Be encouraged:

1. It could be worse. Some Amazon outfitters limit their Guests to 32 lbs.
2. You don't need to bring very much for this trip. It's hard to believe, but it's true. For example, Michael's full pack for 3 months in the jungle weighs 25 pounds!

Packing tips:

- Remember that we provide daily laundry services, dramatically reducing the amount of clothing that you'll need to pack.
- Divide everything into two identical piles, check one and carry-on the other. This way if your checked bag gets delayed you can still do your trip.
- Although tackle shops love to sell us those giant expedition bags, we feel that they are very heavy, are difficult to pack during transfers, and Guests always fill them to the maximum. Instead, we recommend packing two small or medium sized bags. These are much easier to haul around, easy to pack in a taxi if necessary, and you'll only pack the essentials.



Packing Recommendations



Recommended Hard-goods, please refer to the complete packing list:

Snips, braid scissors, camera/batteries, 2 pairs of sunglasses, fly and conventional rod outfits. FYI: you can check your one piece conventional rods and carry-on your fly rods, or just rent what you need from us. Spare fly lines, braid, leader material, small personal first-aid kit, finger tape, non-aerosol insect repellent, fly line cleaner, head lamp, water bottle, power-strip, flies, lures.

Not sure what you can carry-on? Check the TSA app!

Recommended Soft-goods, please refer to the complete packing list:

1 quick dry pant, 3 quick dry shorts, 2 hats, casting glove, 3 fishing shirts, 2 button-down shirts for evenings on the yacht, 2 face masks, rain jacket, lightweight fleece jacket (cabins can get cold at night, and the international flight back to Miami can be freezing), boat shoes (flip flops), 1 travel outfit, personal toiletry bag, non-aerosol sunblock, ear plugs (yacht generators can be noisy) , etc.

That's it!

Travel Details: Landing in Manaus

Brazilian Customs and Immigration are very simple and straight forward. The airport in Manaus is small and you will be the only flight that will need to be processed. Be patient. You will wait in line, as they will likely only have two agents to process your plane. Roughly 30% of the passengers on your flight will be anglers, so you won't be the lone foreigner in line.

The Brazilian government wants you here, so if you're dressed like an angler you will likely be waived through with no questions at all. If they do question you or ask to look through your luggage, respectfully oblige and it will be a simple process. They are looking for illegal drugs and items like undeclared electronics that are packaged for re-sale. As long as you don't have a suitcase full of those, then you should be fine!



As you exit Customs at the Manaus airport, look for a Nomadic Waters shirt just outside the door. Our dear friend Campos will meet each group of Guests just outside Customs.

Campos has been with us since day one and oversees our Manaus Operations. He will be with you throughout your time in Manaus, even staying in the same hotel, ensuring that our Guests have someone available for them 24 hours a day.

In the early days of Nomadic Waters we were strictly an exploratory operation. We would pick a place based on satellite imagery and just go. Negotiating our way through tribal communities and living off of what we caught, we would explore for a month at a time. Campos was on every trip, and believe us when we say that we've been through a lot together. **Campos has our complete trust.**

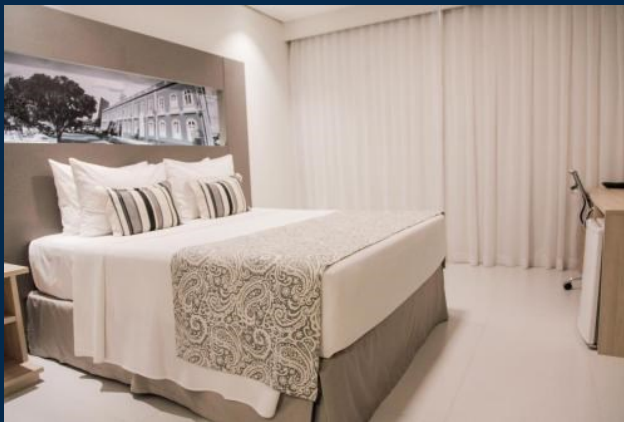
Fluent in 5 languages, Campos is a vital translator for us. He is also a published photographer and naturalist. What he won't tell you is that he is a black belt and military-grade expert in self-defense. If the Brazilian military is about to run a mission deep in the jungle, Campos is the one they ask to imbed with the strike-force to document the operation. He has many stories to tell, and many he can't.

Your time in Manaus



NEW HOTEL for 2021!

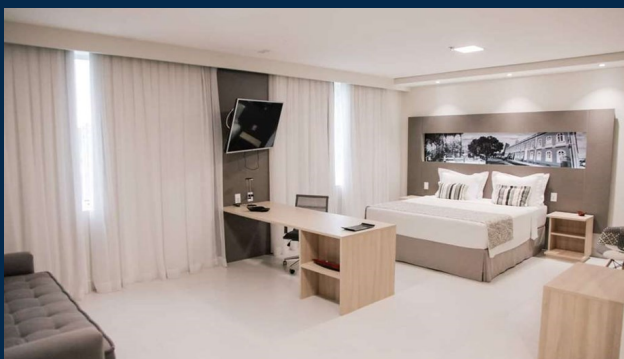
Just a 15 minute drive from the Manaus airport, the new TRYP by Windham is a significantly better option for us this year. Amenities include large clean rooms, high-speed Wi-Fi (hard to find in Brazil), food service 24/7, roof-top pool, fitness center, etc.



As always, we offer single-occupancy hotel rooms as a part of our standard package.

We cover the cost of your airport transfers, hotel room and high speed Wi-Fi for your first night and last day in Manaus.

Guests are responsible for their meals, drinks, and gratuities while in Manaus.



ARRIVAL DAY in MANAUS

Depending on the exact time your flight lands, you will arrive in your single-occupancy hotel room after midnight. Sleep in and relax the next morning. Check out the breakfast buffet or order from the restaurant menu, and soak in the roof-top pool at your leisure. Your group will meet in the hotel lobby early afternoon for the transfer back to the airport for your private charter flight into the interior.

DEPARTURE DAY IN MANAUS

Depending on the time your charter flight lands (very unpredictable), you will arrive in your single-occupancy hotel room in the afternoon. As a gift to our Guests, we've reserved a room for you to have some much needed down time. Rest up, relax, and catch up with the world. Enjoy the pool or fitness center, or veg-out on some crazy Brazilian TV. Meet your group in the hotel lobby in the evening and head out to a classic Brazilian steakhouse for dinner (this will cost you +/- \$30US worth of R\$, depending on how many cocktails you have). Keep these R\$ funds in reserve for your last night in Manaus. Campos will then escort you on a private bus to the airport for your flight home.

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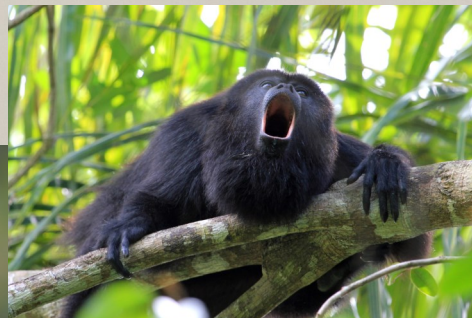


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(Above: the muddy waters of the Amazon River collide with the black waters of the Rio Negro, just outside of Manaus)

Additional Day - Manaus City Tour*

We HIGHLY recommend arriving one day early and spending a relaxed day learning about this fascinating city. Why? Not only do you have an extra day to get acclimated to the weather (and to get some extra rest), but you will have the opportunity to experience some of the most unique sights on the planet.

Take a speed-boat out to the famous "meeting of the waters" where the 5th largest river in the world (the Rio Negro) pours into the largest river in the world (the Amazon River). Enjoy a fun afternoon at the beautiful Lake Januári Ecological Park, then off to the Flutuante do Pirarucu to try your hand at feeding and "catching" the world's largest scaled freshwater fish, the arapaima. Time to get back to the city for a fascinating walk through one of the world's most amazing fish markets.

Airport transportation, additional hotel night, breakfast, lunch, all tour transportation, guides, a Nomadic Waters translator and host are included in the price of \$225 per person. Note: if you would like to arrive one day early and NOT participate in the tour, then your price will be \$150 per person. Please let us know well ahead of your trip if you plan to participate in our tours!

*In consideration of the Pandemic, please see www.nomadicwaters.com/city-tours for the most up-to- date information regarding the status of these tours.

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Rio Negro, Amazonas



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Life aboard our Yacht nomadicwaters.com/accommodations



The majestic *Eyruna* is 108 feet long, 39.5 feet wide, and has a 4 foot draft. If you've fished in the Amazon before, then you understand how luxurious this yacht is. Very few motherships in the Amazon have these amenities.

Although this yacht is designed to host 26 anglers comfortably, we choose to operate with groups of 10-12 to ensure that our Guests have plenty of living space. 9 Single-Occupancy Guest Cabins with large beds (no bunk-beds), plenty of storage, adjustable air-conditioning units, personal refrigerators, private bathrooms with hot-water showers. 2 Luxury Double-Occupancy Guest Cabins are also available for couples at standard pricing.

The main level hosts a water station, 2 kitchens, jacuzzi tub, sauna, plenty of open seating with dining tables inside and out, access to water-level platform for easy transfer to our fishing boats.

The top observation deck offers spacious customizable seating, water station, and a meeting area with couches and large flat-screen satellite tv. This level also includes a refrigerator for beer and mixers, dance floor with disco lights (really), and can be fully enclosed and air-conditioned if needed.





We keep things casual aboard our mothership. Shorts and t-shirts are perfectly fine for dining and cocktails. Guests often enjoy some relaxing down-time swinging on hammocks on the top observation deck or in the jetted tub on the main deck. Michael's fly tying vice is always available if you need to tie up some of your own creations. We do have some materials, but it's best to bring your own.

Domestic beer, Chilean wine, domestic soft drinks and tonics are available at any time. Guests bring their own alcohol (purchase from Duty Free in Miami). Please order your specific drink mixers by Aug 1st.

The top observation deck is a favorite hang-out as it offers a beautiful view of the river, jungle, wildlife, and our famous sunsets. Drop down one deck and watch our Captain and Navigator work the ship through their secret channels, or hang out in the kitchen and taste test one of Janara's amazing desserts. Michael will likely be meeting with the Guides getting updates on the day's successes, challenges, and shared strategies for the next day. You are more than welcome to join in on any conversation. You are family.

We will always have a translator available if you have any questions for our Crew or Guides. Please do this! Our Crew is simply the best part of Nomadic Waters and we want you to get to know them.



Our Fishing Boats

Our US-made BassTrackers are our pride and joy as they truly set us apart from the pack. Instead of the typical narrow and hot jon boats that most Amazon outfitters use, our Guests enjoy full-sized bass boats complete with padded seating and fully carpeted casting decks that provide incredible stability. While other anglers aren't allowed to stand up in their tippy jon boats, stuck on their plastic chairs and enduring the tropical sun reflecting off of the aluminum deck, our Guests can confidently and comfortably move about the entire BassTracker. Shoes are optional, as we use a special carpet that does not heat up with the sun.

Conventional anglers have the option of casting from a swivel chair if preferred. We are one of a few operations in the entire Amazon basin (which is the size of the continental US) that provide fishing boats specifically designed to be fished comfortably with a fly rod.





A typical Amazon fishing boat (above left) compared to Nomadic Waters' fishing boats (above right, & below). Also note how our mothership's stern is designed for easy access to our fishing boats.

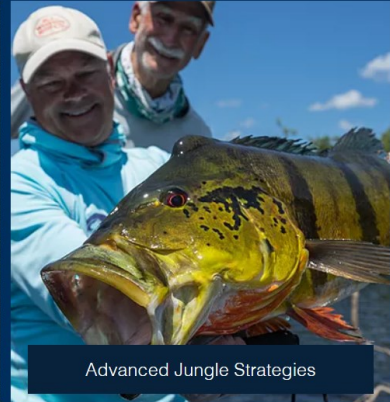
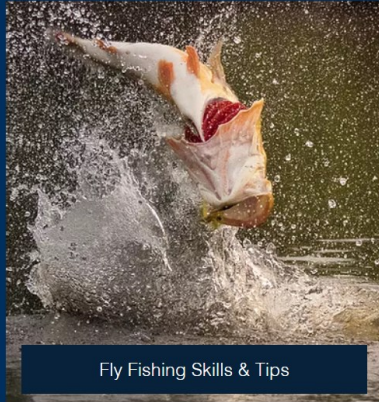




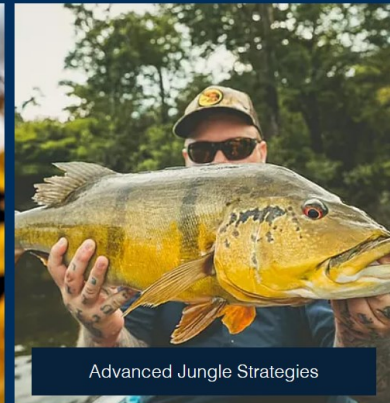
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Our Crew nomadicwaters.com/crew



Most of our Crew has been with us since day 1. For example, pictured above is our Uatumã Guide Team in 2016. All but one are still working with us. They are some of the most skilled boatmen we have ever known, and have a reputation for being incredibly polite and respectful. All of them are extremely proud of their Country and love to share this experience with our Guests.

Even though our Guides are from the Interior, it's easy to see a wide diversity in their ethnic backgrounds. Brazil is one of the most culturally diverse populations in the world. Heavily influenced by European and African Nations, look around and experience a wonderful variety of people, music, and culture that all proudly call themselves Brazilian.



Our Crew is the heart and soul of Nomadic Waters,
they are family to us.

Working together as a team with your Guide is the
#1 way you can be successful in our waters.

INVEST IN THIS RELATIONSHIP

Important notes regarding our Guides



It is culturally appropriate for our Guides to be very quiet and focused while they are working with you. Don't expect them to entertain you with stories, that is not how they see their job. Don't expect them to correct your casting or technique directly, as they do not want to hurt your feelings.

This silence is a key part of their focus on what's happening with the water conditions and the fishery. Unfortunately, this approach can be easily misinterpreted. As a result, Brazilian guides are often thought of as just boat drivers.

If you really pay attention you will see that this could not be farther from the truth.

Our Guides have strong opinions and recommendations, but you will need to ask them (probably a couple of times)!

Because communication is so critical, we hold Guest/Guide strategy meetings that allow us to discuss successful techniques and to ask questions as a group. This is a great environment for our Guides to share their suggestions through an interpreter without singling out an individual Guest. This is all within the responsibility of the Fishing Manager. Please don't hesitate to pull Michael aside if you have any questions or comments.



Be patient and try to see the water through your Guide's eyes.

For example, it can be difficult to understand why you drive past such beautiful water and then suddenly stop at a random location to cast. This can potentially be frustrating for a Guest who isn't paying attention. Sometimes the Guest then takes matters into his own hands and starts dictating to the Guides where they should be fishing. This is a recipe for disaster as the Guides WILL take you where you want to go, and you will likely see very few fish that day.

Know this: there is nothing random about your day. Every decision your Guide makes has a strategy behind it. Even though they aren't telling you, they are taking you to very specific water that is customized for your skill level. They have made arrangements to get special access to a family member's lagoon so that you can fish it. Sometimes they are even taking you to a very specific fish!

They know these waters, you don't. Be patient, and when it doubt, just ask!

Brazilian Cultural Observations



- Brazilians have their own sense of time. For example, if the charter flight states that it will depart at 11:35, that could mean anytime within a 2 hour window of 11:35. We've made provisions in our timelines for this attitude towards scheduling.
- Do not use the OK sign, it is a vulgar sign in many cultures. Instead use the "thumbs up" sign to mean that everything is OK.
- Brazilians are very proud of their children and appreciate your attention to them.
- Poverty is very real in Brazil, be ready to see this. Some may approach you and beg for money. This is not the place to wear your expensive watches and jewelry, just leave them at home.
- Tipping in the city is generally not a Brazilian tradition, but is often expected in tourist areas. When tipping a waiter, hand it directly to the waiter.
- Men should politely extend their hand for a handshake when meeting women, and "man-hugs" are common among men who have met before.
- Do not assume you have the right of way when crossing a street. Pedestrians are expected to yield to traffic.
- Most drivers ignore stop signs and traffic lights. Use extreme caution when crossing a road at night, it is very common for cars to drive with their lights off!

Our Cuisine nomadicwaters.com/our-cuisine

Our food program offers authentic, delicious Brazilian cuisine.

It isn't fancy, but it is absolutely delicious. The only consistent complaint we receive regarding our food is that our plates aren't large enough!

Like everything else in our operation, we prefer to under-sell and over-deliver our food program. Each meal is carefully crafted and made from fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

Variety is the focus. There will always be a table full of options that are sure to satisfy even the pickiest of eaters. We can certainly accommodate special dietary requests as long we receive notice by August 1st.

Note: New food service protocols require social distancing, plated meals, and "server" style buffets.



Cooked shore lunches are the norm on our Rio Negro trips, followed by a much needed hammock siesta. Guests return to the mothership for lunch on Uatumã trips, allowing anglers and crew members to siesta in their own air-conditioned cabins.



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