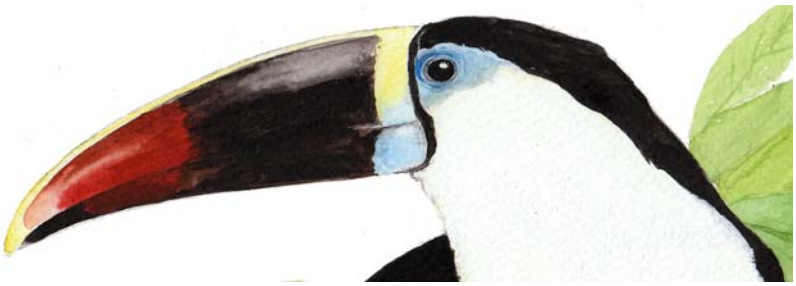
Nimble, Smart, Stylish, and Elegant: the Amazon Expedition Small-Ship

The Motor Yacht Tucano

We need to travel.
It is a teacher, a treasure map, a good story,
a life line, a sigh for beauty, a promise of life,
.... and a lost love rekindled.

Tucano will take you there.





Explore with Confidence

We all need to get away from worldly concerns and at the same time stay healthy. Our Amazon voyages are ideal for travel that is exciting, meaningful, fun, and safe. We have small groups of adventurers that explore far away from the hustle and bustle of cities, deep into the heart of wilderness nature. Our mariners are attentive, cautious, and keep the Motor Yacht Tucano vigorously and constantly cleaned. We take every step to ensure that our fellow travelers are protected but not insulated from experience.

And we are with you. From the minute of your arrival in the Amazon, to the moment you wave goodbye, we take care of you. And throughout, beginning to end, we go on this journey together, as a team, safely.

So read on about the M/Y Tucano. The ship is comfortable, stylish, nimble, and elegant. But what matters is the journey, and on our Amazon voyages we all share the magnificence and wonder of the greatest wilderness on earth.

Vessel Specifications

Basics

Staterooms:	9
Passengers:	18
Crew:	8-10
Length Over All:	82 feet
Maximum Width:	22 feet
Cruising Range:	600 miles
Classification:	Commercial Passenger Vessel, Navy Inspected / Certified

Facilities

Air-conditioning:	Individual controls
Electricity:	110 v / 60 cycle AC
Water, Potable:	Brought sterilized from port
Water, Washing:	Capacity 8,000 liters per day
Recycling / Solid Waste:	Returned to port for recycling and proper disposal
Treatment, Wastewater:	Primary stage sterilization

Equipment

Launches:	24 feet (three launches)
Kayaks:	7 kayaks (2 doubles / 4 singles)
Solar Power:	20% of ship's power is solar
Generators	2 (diesel-electric)
Ship Communications:	VHF Marine Radio Satellite Telephone
Navigation	Radar / Sonar GPS / AIS (Auto ID System)

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

.– Sarah Frances Brown

Spacious - Elegant - Stylish

Because our cruises are quite active, we spend much of our time off the vessel exploring the forest, but when we are on board, the *M/Y Tucano* offers space to comfortably spread out and contemplate the wonders of nature. With over seventy large windows, the vessel is bright and airy. Most of the windows open and have screens, so travelers can enjoy the blossom scented air of the rainforest. The staterooms and the salon are air-conditioned and have elegant raised wood panelling so that the adventurers can travel in style. In the deck plans below this symbol: ▬ = windows. There are lots of them!



Salon / Dining Room

Stateroom Size - M/Y Tucano		
Cabin Number	Category	Sq. Feet
0	Yellow	105
1	Blue or Green	96
2	Blue or Green	96
3	Yellow	114
4	Yellow	114
5	Yellow	103
6	Yellow	104
7	Blue or Green	86
8	Blue or Green	80

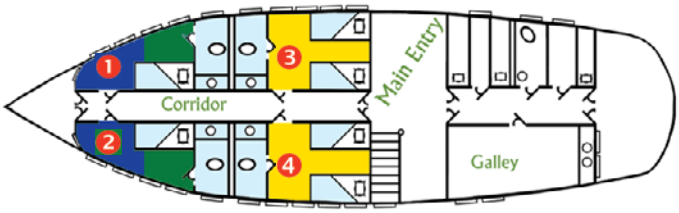




Main Deck

Staterooms ❶ and ❷ can be configured as Green category cabins with a bunk with a single mattress above and below (bunk beds!) or Blue Category staterooms a single-twin bed.

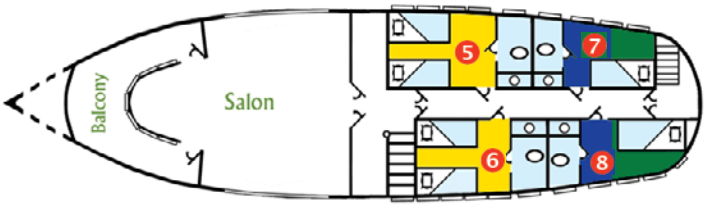
Staterooms ❸ and ❹ are Yellow Category cabins and have two single-twin beds side by side.



Middle Deck

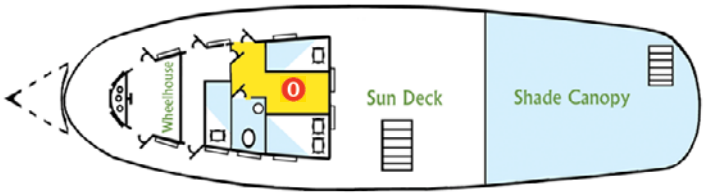
Staterooms ❺ and ❻ are Yellow Category cabins and have two single-twin beds side by side.

Staterooms ❼ and ❽ can be configured as Green category cabins with a single mattress above and below (bunk beds!) or Blue Category staterooms a single-twin bed.



Observation Deck

On this deck there is only one stateroom, number ⓪ a Yellow Category cabin. This stateroom has a queen size bed and a single-twin bed so it can accommodate three travelers. It is a large stateroom, but has a small bathroom.



Stateroom Categories

The three categories of cabins on the M/Y Tucano are named after the national colors of Brasil, Green, Blue and Yellow. All the cabins are air-conditioned, have large windows and have private baths with sinks, toilets and showers.

Which are the Blue / Green Staterooms? *They are actually the same cabins on the vessel!* When we make them up with single beds they are Blue Category staterooms and when we make them up with bunk beds, they are Green Category staterooms.



Green Category: When configured as doubles, these have two beds with above and below berths (bunk beds!)
Yellow Category: The double-twin staterooms in this category are large and have two beds, side by side.
Blue Category: When configured as singles, these have a single twin bed.

Green Category Staterooms

These double-twin staterooms when configured with above and below berths with single size mattresses - bunk beds! They are smaller than the Yellow staterooms, but are comfortable outside staterooms with large windows, private bathrooms and air-conditioning. They can be in cabins 1, 2, 7, and 8.



Yellow Category Staterooms

The double-twin staterooms in this category are large and have beds side by side. They are numbered #3, #4, #5, #6 and #0. Stateroom #0 has a queen-size bed and a single bed, and a smaller bathroom.





Blue Category Single Staterooms

These are single staterooms when configured as a single twin-sized bed. They are smaller than the Yellow staterooms, but have lots of windows and a large bathroom. They can be in cabins 1, 2, 7, and 8.











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O Brave New Tucano!
New Spaces to Enjoy the Rainforest

The M/ Y Tucano has been fully renovated. The staterooms are completely redone as is the main salon. And all of the expedition cruise activities were re-imagined to enable travelers themselves to choose how they will be exploring the depths of the Amazon rainforest.

We have made the exploration experience still more comfortable and elegant by thoroughly upgrading the accommodations and public spaces. Among countless small improvements to help the vessel stay new and inviting, the main salon and dining room were fully rebuilt. There are now glass panels in the salon that make the M/Y Tucano larger, brighter, and more stylish.



Creating the glass walls presented a considerable engineering puzzle. We wanted to avoid turning the salon into an aquarium-style enclosure that would insulate the travelers from the rainforest, and an enclosed space would not fit the vessel's commitment to sustainability. The solution was a system of glass panels that actually *open and glide* into hidden pockets. Now, at certain times of day, the walls of the salon are opened and travelers enjoy the flower-scented breezes of the Amazon as well as experiencing an immediacy with the rainforest that cannot be had in a enclosed space.



Elegant and Sophisticated

In order to enhance the feeling of elegance, the staterooms on the M/Y Tucano were fully refinished and redecorated. The decorative style is of a sophisticated yacht with polished brass and highly varnished wood panels, and this ambience was renewed with new fixtures and refinishing. Many new artworks were commissioned for the vessel. To amplify the sense of style as well as to pamper the explorers, the stateroom amenities were also refashioned to luxury standard. The M/Y Tucano now features 700 thread count Egyptian cotton sheets woven by Brasil's premier luxury manufacturer, ***Artelassê***. Each stateroom also has a bit of France via amenity kits by ***L'Occitane***.

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Imagination + Authenticity = Wonderful Experiences

Finally, the most important renovation made in our project of renewal was the re-imagining of the *expedition cruise* experience. The many daily excursions into the rainforest were thoroughly reviewed and revised in order to satisfy the great range of interests that travelers bring to these expedition cruises. The M/Y Tucano has a commitment to enabling travelers to choose among different ways to experience the wilderness rainforest. In the program re-imagining, these options were expanded so that travelers themselves can choose a leisurely expedition pace with the keen observations of our naturalist guides, or alternatively, they can venture out with our deep forest guides on rigorous full-on nature excursions of deep forest hikes or kayak explorations in remote rainforest streams. With many options to choose from, travelers can themselves actively engage in finding the most enjoyable, meaningful, and authentic way to enjoy the wonders of the greatest wilderness on earth.

Sustainability is Important!

The M/Y Tucano conducts the most sustainable cruises in the Amazon. There are three parts of our sustainability policy: staffing, tour operations, and ship management.

It's all about the people. On our cruises our staff has a vital role in sustainable tourism. It is not just that they themselves are committed to the environment, and it is not just that they are highly trained professionals, but crucially, they are members of our exploration team for many years. Our staff have long-term employment and in this way the benefits of ecotourism are shared. All of us have a commitment to sharing our knowledge of the rainforest with travelers in a sustainable way.

Tour operations on the M/Y Tucano are guided by very detailed "best practices" to protect the flora and fauna as well as help us in our relations with the traditional communities. Because our cruises voyage deep into the wilderness, we encounter rare wildlife and habitats that we are careful to avoid disturbing. All of our excursions off the ship are designed with conservation in mind. Our launch excursions are powered by electric motors. We have guided kayak excursions most mornings, we swim, we walk in the forest, and we do our best to enjoy the environment with as little impact as possible.

The M/Y Tucano was designed to operate as sustainably as possible and our ship management focuses on energy conservation, pollution control, and waste reduction. The vessel has a large array of solar panels which provide power for as much as 20% of the electricity used. Our galley freezers and refrigerators are solar powered as are he ship's launches which have electric motors which not only conserve energy, but are also non-polluting and very quiet.



Energy consumption is especially important and the vessel has equipment and procedures that help us reduce consumption while at the same time ensuring comfort for our travelers. In order to reduce fuel use and emissions, the M/Y Tucano was built with two independent water systems: one operated by gravity and one by electricity. The gravity system is not electrically pressurized and the water is heated by solar panels. The powered pressure system heats water with "on-demand" water heaters eliminating the need to heat water 24 hours per day.



One Solar Shower Head and One Fossil Fuel! -

The M/Y Tucano has a policy of "Solar Power Hours" for certain hours during the daytime. When they are not needed, we actually turn off all fuel consuming machines and what energy we use comes from our solar panels. This is generally the early morning and late afternoon when the boat is at anchor. The vessel remains comfortable even without electricity because it was designed to offer water and illumination even without diesel generators operating. Even without electricity, the sinks, toilets, and the showers continue to function. Because the M/Y Tucano has large windows, travelers are able to use natural lighting during the day. All stateroom fixtures have LED lamps.

When it comes to climate control, the M/Y Tucano has an efficient air-conditioning system that functions in the heat of the day and at night. Even during the solar power hours, the staterooms stay cool because the vessel is thermally insulated. The stateroom windows open and close and have insect screens. Many travelers choose to entirely turn off the air-conditioning for the duration of the cruise. In ship management we employ hotel sustainability techniques such as changing the stateroom linens every other day instead of every day, unless requested by the travelers. We also avoid the use of disposable packaging, where possible, and recycle our waste in the city of departure, Manaus, Brasil.

Altogether, the combination of specialized equipment, conservation procedures, and responsible tourism practices enable us on the M/Y Tucano to operate as sustainably as possible. We do everything we can to not disturb the wild and lovely Amazon wilderness rainforest that we have the privilege of visiting.

Cultural Preservation

Sustainable tourism also must be very attentive to the impacts on local communities. We are very careful to only positively benefit the small communities that we visit - after all, we are from these communities. Our goal is to share the benefits of tourism in a positive and respectful way and to help preserve the natural environment by providing income from wild forest. We are all in this great mission together.

