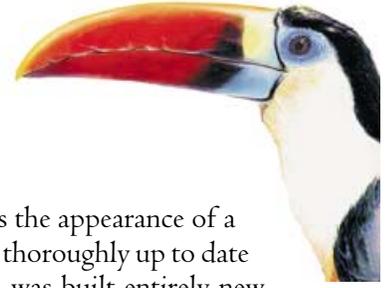


Description

The Motor Yacht Tucano

A Modern Yacht with Classic Elegance



The Motor Yacht Tucano was built in the tradition of the steamboats that navigated the Amazon in the late 19th century. This traditional design has several crucial advantages for Amazon river travel. The two most important of these are shallow draft and large volume of the interior space.

Because the M/Y Tucano is very wide at its base and has a flat bottom, it draws only five feet at its deepest point. This enables the vessel to explore remote Amazon rivers where “V” hulls cannot navigate. The M/Y Tucano routinely crosses the sand bars that cover the entrances of many rivers in Amazonia, and continues on for tens or hundreds of miles farther into the wilderness. We are able to explore the small meandering rivers where wildlife is abundant but which are closed to almost all other passenger vessels. The traditional design is by far the most practical for nature exploration.

The riverboat design of the vessel with three full decks gives the vessel a large interior space. This extra space goes into ample overhead ceilings, large cabins, and full size bathrooms. The vessel is not a luxury vessel and some of the cabins are larger than the others, but most travelers agree that the boat is comfortable and elegant.

An especially important feature of the vessel is that the riverboat style allows the M/Y Tucano to have many large windows. There are over seventy windows all of which are three feet high and can be opened and closed. Though the vessel is air-conditioned, many passengers choose to open the windows in order to enjoy the scent of Amazon blossoms. Every cabin has at least four of these windows which makes the vessel bright and airy, which is a very different experience than yachts with port holes and sealed skylights. Tucano’s large interior space enables the guest to relax in comfort on our expedition cruises.

Though the M/Y Tucano has the appearance of a traditional riverboat it is still a thoroughly up to date and modern yacht. The vessel was built entirely new using sophisticated equipment, materials and advanced construction techniques. From the electrical and water systems to the advanced propulsion and navigation systems, Tucano offers all of the convenience, security, and comfort of a modern yacht. There are individual air-conditioning thermostats in every cabin. The vessel has state of the art communications and navigation equipment so that no matter how far into the world’s greatest wilderness the vessel may explore, there is still contact with the outside world.

The traditional design of the M/Y Tucano has had another wonderful advantage, the beautiful finish details of the 19th Century. The cabins, Salon, and main corridors are crafted of exquisite solid wood raised paneling. The deep amber color of the varnished wood is accented by polished brass hardware found throughout the vessel. The walls are decorated with framed botanical prints as well as antique maps from the great era of exploration. The Tucano experience offers the classical elegance of a bygone era but combined with the capability and the spirit of modern exploration.



Vessel Specs

Cabins:	9
Length Over All:	82 feet
Maximum Width:	22 feet
Passengers:	18
Crew:	8
Cruising Range:	1000 miles
Air-conditioning:	Cabins / Salon
Electricity:	110 v / 60 cycle
Communications:	VHF, emergency SATfone

★The Motor Yacht TUCANO★

Ideal Spaces to Relax and Observe the Forest

Our Amazon cruises are active and we spend most of our time off the vessel exploring the forest, but when we are on board, the M/Y TUCANO offers plenty of space to spread out and contemplate the wonders of nature. With over seventy large windows, TUCANO is bright and airy. The cabins and the salon are air-conditioned and have elegant raised wood panelling in the style of the 19th Century steamers that cruised the majestic rivers of the Amazon.

A Generous Salon

From this large space, filled with windows and situated at the front of the vessel, we are treated to fantastic vistas of the wilderness around us. Meals are served here and we have a library of choice books on Amazon wildlife.



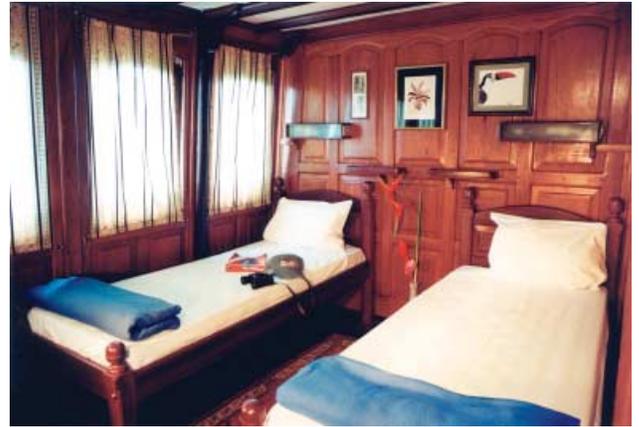
Large Observation Deck

The top deck is open and has a large shade canopy. It is a wonderful place to spot wildlife or soak in the vastness of the Amazon. There is space to catch some sun and watch the Macaw parrots screeching across the afternoon sky.



Comfortable and Private Cabins

All of the cabins on TUCANO are outside cabins and have lots of windows. Each cabin is air-conditioned and has a private bathroom. Since the corridors are on the inside of the vessel, the cabins offer privacy and we can leave our curtains open to the awe inspiring vistas of the Amazon. A third small bed can be added to some cabins in order to accommodate three persons. Five of the nine cabins have beds side by side and four cabins have bunk beds.



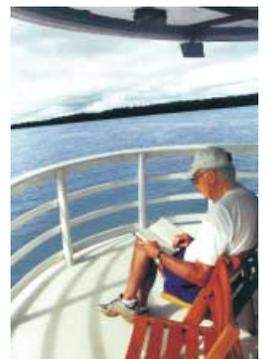
Sample Yellow Category Cabin (Cabin #2)



Sample Green Category Cabin (Cabin #1)

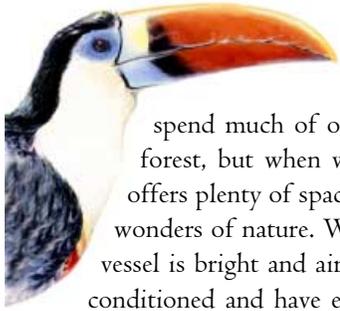
Middle Deck Balcony

This wide balcony faces forward and is a serene spot to relax as we wind our way along the forested shore. It is also a good place to observe monkeys jumping from one vine to another and pink dolphins leaping into the air.

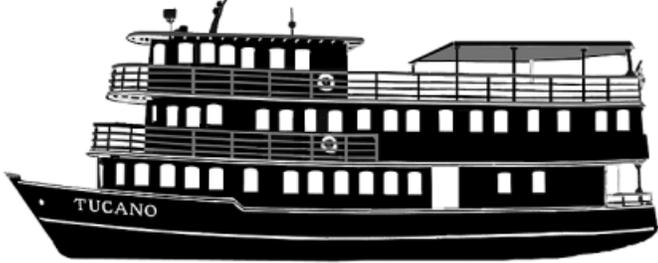


The MOTOR YACHT TUCANO

"TUCANO" means "Toucan" in Portuguese Language

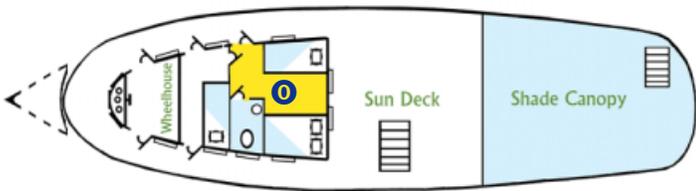


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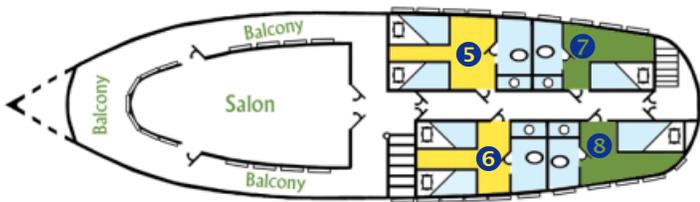
Observation Deck

This deck is open and an exceptional place to observe wildlife. The forward balcony allows views into the forest canopy. Cabin 0 has a queen size bed and a single bed. A fourth traveler can also use a small cabin with an adjoining door.



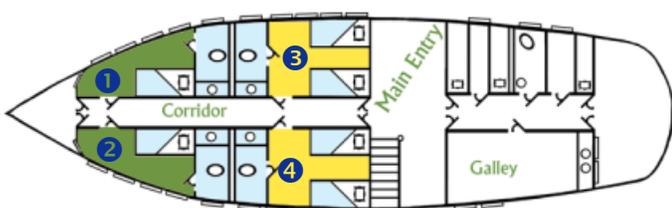
Middle Deck

Cabins 5 and 6 have single size beds which can be placed together to form a queen size bed. Cabins 7 and 8 have bunks with a single size mattress above and below.



Main Deck

Cabins 1 and 2 have bunks with a single size mattress above and below. Cabins 3 and 4 have single size beds which can be placed together to form a queen size bed.



Cabin Size and Category

Cabin Number	Category	Cabin Sq Ft	Bath Sq Ft	Total Sq Ft
0	Yellow	85	20	105
1	Green	70	25	95
2	Green	70	25	95
3	Yellow	86	28	114
4	Yellow	86	28	114
5	Yellow	80	23	103
6	Yellow	80	24	104
7	Green	62	24	86
8	Green	60	20	80

Cabin Categories

All of the cabins on TUCANO are outside cabins with large windows, private baths with showers, and air-conditioning. There are two categories of cabins. Yellow Category cabins are the larger cabins and have beds side by side. The Green Category cabins are smaller and have above and below berths.

Green Category Cabins: The four cabins in this category have above and below berths with a single size mattress above and a single sized mattress below. These are cabins numbered 1, 2, 7, and 8. These cabins are significantly smaller than the Yellow cabins. But they are nonetheless comfortable outside cabins with large windows, private bathrooms, and air-conditioning.

Yellow Category Cabins: The five cabins in this category are large and have beds side by side. They are numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, and 0. Cabin "0" has a queen size bed beside a single bed.

Triple Cabins: Some of the Yellow Category cabins can accommodate three travelers. This is helpful for families. In cabins "3" and "4" a third narrow bed can be placed between the single beds.