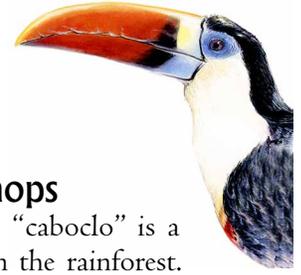


# Activities for Young Travelers

## Motor Yacht Tucano

### *Voyage to the Heart of the Amazon*

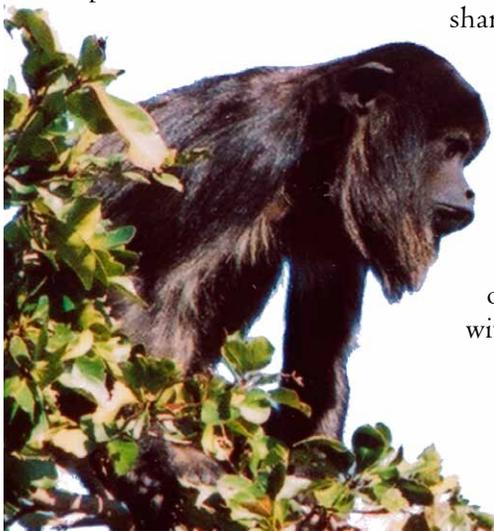


The Amazon is a fascinating place for young people as well as adults. When we have young travelers on request we are able to add some additional features that help children enjoy the experience. Activities specifically for children include our program of “Amazon Naturalist in Training” and Rainforest Workshops. We also have some activities that are just for fun. With the enthusiasm and a sense of wonder that young people bring to the experience, these are some of the most enjoyable trips we offer.

### Amazon Naturalist in Training (ANT!)

In this program young scientists on board the M/Y Tucano get together briefly every morning and afternoon to conduct research and record results in our Field Notebooks. We provide each researcher with a kit of materials for the project. On our morning sessions we take measurements of river water using the same equipment and methods of the Amazon’s research scientists. With the help of our group leader, each student samples the river in a number of ways. In addition to weather conditions, we record water temperature, salinity, acidity, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity. On the last day of the trip we make a graph showing how these changed over the trip and how this can affect the wildlife.

In the afternoons we gather in the main salon of the Motor Yacht Tucano to complete our field notebooks. We review the plants and animals that we saw in the last 24 hours and



share the interesting things that we have observed in the rainforest. At the end of the trip each young scientist will have a detailed journal of the trip to share with others.

### Rainforest Workshops

**Growing up in the Amazon:** A “caboclo” is a person that has grown up living in the rainforest. Caboclos are very skilled woodsmen and they are highly regarded for their deep knowledge of the rainforest. This morning session we will learn what to do in order to survive in the rainforest: what plants to eat, where to find a drink of water, and how to track wild animals. We will even learn to paddle a dugout canoe.

**Going to School in the Wilderness:** One morning during the trip we will try to visit a school in one of the remote villages. Classes are not always being held, so we can’t say for sure if there will be students there, but if so, our young travelers can compare their schools to those students who live deep in the rainforest.

**Satellite and Constellation Hunt:** On a clear dark night when we are far from any lights, we will scan the night sky for the different constellations of the Southern Hemisphere. We will also keep our eyes open for satellites that are easier to see near the equator than they are elsewhere on Earth.

### Just for Fun

**Swimming:** Weather permitting, we will try go swimming every day in the warmest and clean water of the Rio Negro.

**Fishing:** We will go fishing several times during the cruise and everyone will catch a piranha, guaranteed!

**Flavors, Favorites and Tropical:** In addition to some foods that we all find familiar like pizza and spaghetti, we will also have some interesting ones from the tropics. This includes exotic juices, strange fruits and even some ice cream from the rainforest.

### Research Kit for Each Young Scientist

“Rite in the Rain” field notebook; “Fisher Space Pen” (Writes in all weather and even upside down!); Hand Magnifying Lens; Insect Collection Net and Bottle; reading list especially for young people