



ABSOLUTE AMAZON

Manaus
A PRIVATE, CUSTOMIZED PRE-TRIP PROPOSAL FOR THE YALE ALUMNI SERVICE CORPS

PRICE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$1,165 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$215

INCLUDING FLIGHT MANAUS/ILHEUS

MARCH 8

ARRIVE MANAUS

The Amazon Rainforest has the highest density of plant and animal species in the world. Home to the mighty Amazon River, this region is also one of the most isolated and sparsely populated on the globe. Manaus has a population of almost 2 million, and while the city itself may not be very attractive, it serves as a good starting point for any excursion into the jungle. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred on a shared basis to **The Amazon Ecopark** with your English-speaking guide. After settling in, depart by boat for a 40 minute to one hour visit to the Monkey Forest. Visit a native's house. Return to the lodge for dinner. This evening, take a wildlife tour by canoe to spot caimans, the small alligator-like creatures that inhabit the river, and other nocturnal creatures. (D)

Trip Length: 4 Days

MARCH 9 MANAUS After breakfast, set out on a nature hike. Your guide will lead you on a walk through the forest where you will learn about the local flora and fauna, where to find edible fruits and potable water, first aid, how to find your way in the forest, and much more. Enjoy lunch before setting out on a fishing tour. Return to the lodge for dinner. (B, L, D)

MARCH 10 MANAUS After breakfast, travel by boat to the local "Meeting of the Waters," where the Rio Negro and the Rio Solimões meet to form the Amazon River. Due to a difference in water speed and acidity, the two rivers run parallel for six kilometers without meeting – this phenomenon is highlighted by the visible contrast of the light brown waters of the Rio Solimões and the dark black waters of the Rio Negro. Depending on the water level, visit some of the traditional palm-thatched huts, known as *caboclos*. (B,L,)

MARCH 11
DEPART MANAUS

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight (cost includes flight Manaus/Ilheus.) (B)

PROPERTY SELECTIONS

Amazon Ecopark

Located in the midst of the lush jungle, the Amazon Ecopark Lodge is a tourist, scientific and educational complex founded in 1991. It is located about one hour from the Manaus airport, on the Tarumã River, a tributary of the Rio Negra.

