



OVER THE AMAZON & ORINOCO

The Amazon and the Orinoco: two legendary rivers, two universes teeming with life, two liquid jewels that we invite you to explore aboard Le Soleal and during our daily excursions in Zodiac® dinghies. As we sail along, journey deep into the secrets of this verdant paradise and admire the unique vision of these aquatic labyrinths where the flora and fauna reign supreme.



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Day 1: Recife (Brazil)

Founded in the 16th century, the city of Recife stands on Brazil's North-East Coast. The historical centre boasts elegant pastel-coloured mansions with stucco facades that stand out from the city backdrop. You can contemplate the baroque cathedral of São Pedro standing on a vast paved square and admire the azulejos frescos in the church of São António, not far from the neoclassic theatre of Santa Isabel. On the waterfront, the long beaches of Pina and Boa Viagem beckon with emerald



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water and fine sand under shady coconut palms, while modern business blocks rear skyward to form a striking backdrop.

Days 2 & 3: At sea

Day 4: Itaquí / São Luís (Brazil)

Days 5: At Sea

Day 6: Belém (Brazil)

Located on the Amazon Delta, the historical city of Belém stretches along the Bay of Guajará, at the northernmost tip of Brazil. Its lively waterfront is home to the century-old Ver-o-Peso market and its iconic turreted iron structure, the Mercado de Ferro. Nearby, mango tree-shaded streets lead to the neoclassic Da Paz Theatre, the baroque cathedral of Sé, and Presépio Fort, whose battlements look out over the old town and the bay.

Day 7: Cruising Breves Narrows (Amazon - Brazil)

Through the “green corridor” of the Strait of Breves, discover the banks of the Amazon. Sailing via Guajara Bay, you will discover Santarém, a very lively city with a strong traditional style. A unique sight will appear before you: the dark waters of the Amazon will brush those of the Rio Tapajós without actually mixing, like two strokes of paint. A little further on, Alter do Chão will reveal its immaculate beaches.

Day 8: Cruising the Amazon - Guajará / Curuá (Amazon - Brazil)

Day 9: Cruising the Amazon - Santarém / Alter do Chão (Amazon - Brazil)

Despite its image as an impenetrable land, the Amazon can be explored, even when one is not a hardened explorer. Aboard your ship, sail this river and journey deep into the heart of this green paradise, the Amazon, the rich exuberance of a wild

symphony. From the Andes, the Amazon fights its way between Peru and Colombia to reach Brazil where it achieves its majestic breadth. This exceptional site is an unspoiled and secret refuge for thousands of animals and the handful of tribes who live here, far from any contact with the city, in harmony with nature. Aboard our Zodiac® dinghies, do not miss the daytime and nocturnal excursions to experience the surrounding environment.

Day 10: Cruising the Amazon - Mojuizim (Amazon - Brazil)

Day 11: Cruising the Amazon - Fazendinha (Amazon - Brazil)

Day 12: At Sea

Day 13: Devil's Islands (French Guyana)

Day 14: At Sea

Day 15: Cruising the Orinoco - El Arroyo & El Toro (Orinoco - Venezuela)

Day 16: At sea

Day 17: Bridgetown (Barbados)

Bridgetown, the capital of Barbados, is located on the island's South-West Coast. Its historic quarters are listed UNESCO world heritage sites and are prime examples of British colonial architecture, which you can view between the postcard-perfect fishing harbour and St Ann's Fort. Streets shaded by palms and flamboyant trees lead you to the Anglican cathedral church of St Michael, built from coral stone, the Barbados Museum and George Washington House, a Georgian-style mansion. There'll be plenty of time to relax on the Caribbean beaches of Carlisle Bay, a few paces from the old town centre.



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Day 18: Fort de France (Martinique)

Located on the western coast of Martinique, Fort-de-France will amaze you by the splendour of its bay, a magnificent cut-out in the coastline, considered as one of the most beautiful in the world. At the harbour mouth, on its strip of land, fort Saint-Louis overlooks the capital city of Martinique. If you climb up to it, you can see some breath-taking views. Saint Louis Cathedral and the Schoelcher library bear witness to a secular history, intimately linked to the island's story. Why not try some fresh coconut at the colourful Grand Marché. Two really pleasant places you can take a breather in, right in the heart of the city, are the garden of Balata and the Aimé Césaire park.

Please Note:

Site names given as an indication only, final route will be confirmed depending of weathers and water level conditions.



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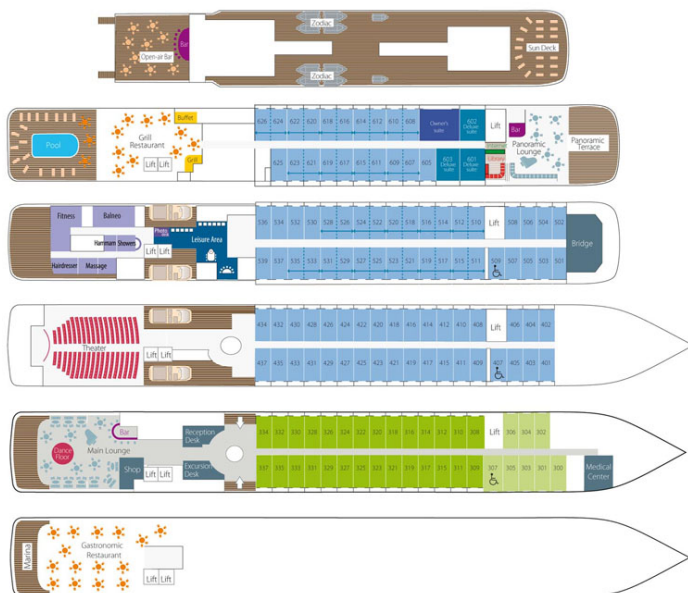
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