



Join us in

Brazil

September 13-23*, 2023

Explore the natural beauty and fascinating culture of South America's largest country.



*optional extension through
September 26 available

Bem-vindos ao Brasil!



Seacology, the world's premiere organization focused on protecting island habitats and cultures, invites you to join our first-ever expedition to Brazil!

In partnership with Vaya, a leading specialist in sustainable travel throughout South America, our guests will tour unique Brazilian cities, enjoy luxurious accommodations, and explore the continent's largest country with expert guides.

On this excursion from the heart of the Amazon to the panoramic vistas of Rio de Janeiro, we will encounter wildlife, learn about the country's unique history and culture, and enjoy fantastic local cuisine.

Our group will also enjoy an exclusive visit to the community of Vila Velha, the site of our latest project in Brazil. There, we will meet our local partners and see up-close how Seacology is working to protect critically important mangrove forests, fight pollution, preserve a unique local culture and ensure access to clean drinking water. This expedition will be hosted by Seacology staffer Michael Scott, a native of Rio de Janeiro and fluent Portuguese speaker.



Our accommodations



Juma Opera

Visited by Theodore Roosevelt during his Amazon expedition, the building is today a fantastic boutique hotel right next to the 1896 Amazon Opera House in the historic center of Manaus. Enjoy cuisine nuanced with flavors of local fare, a fitness center, a rooftop pool, and a lounge area with a bar.



Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge

Located directly across from Anavilhanas National Park, on the shore of the Rio Negro, the Lodge offers 16 thatched, wooden bungalows perched on stilts, each with its own balconies and hammocks, with total views of the jungle. Savor Amazonian produce, tropical fruits, and fresh fish in a separate thatched lodge. In addition, guests may join in numerous excursions such as sunrise bird watching, exploring the igapós by canoe, viewing pink dolphins and other wildlife, and more.



Pousada do Amparo

Enjoy this exclusive refuge in the bohemian heart of charming Olinda. Feast on the best Brazilian cuisine at the famous Beijupirá or the intimate Bistrô Flor do Coco with unforgettable views of Recife. This lovely *pousada* features seven rooms, breakfast in the garden or your room, and a swimming pool with a bar.



Janeiro Hotel

Located in the middle of Leblon's marvelous beach culture, Janeiro Hotel is designed and decorated with the beach in mind. Each of the 53 apartments have picture windows, soft and subtle tones, and design pieces from Brazil's emerging talents. Amenities include a pool with a bar, and two on-site restaurants.



Casa Turquesa (for optional extension)

Located next to the pier in the heart of Paraty's historic center, the Casa Turquesa is a 10-minute walk to the beach. The hotel offers nine spacious suites, each with unique furnishings designed by Brazilian artists. The hotel offers a bar and wine cellar, pool and hot tub, internal courtyard, reading room, and gardens with a gazebo.

Exploring nature and culture

Our expedition offers the ideal balance of tranquil wilderness and urban excitement. Here are just a few of the highlights of our diverse itinerary.

Led by expert guides, guests may observe the Amazon's iconic wildlife in Anavilhanas National Park, a well-protected biodiversity hotspot on the shores of the Rio Negro.



The twin coastal cities of Recife and Olinda offer UNESCO heritage sites and a vibrant art scene. Our two-day stay in the area includes a visit to Porto de Galinhas, consistently ranked as one of Brazil's top beaches.

Our journey concludes in the iconic city of Rio de Janeiro. Explore winding streets, historic mansions, and the breathtaking views from the peaks of Sugarloaf and Corcovado Mountain.



An optional three-day extension in Paraty at the end of the trip includes a tour of Serra da Bocaina National Park, cachaça tasting at the family-owned Maria Izabel distillery, and a cooking class.

Seacology project visit

The people of **Vila Velha** depend on Itamaracá Island's thick mangrove forests, which provide fish, shellfish, and other staples of their diet and shield the community from storm damage. These forests' natural beauty and abundant wildlife also attract ecotourism, the islanders' main source of income.

Ties to the mangroves are especially close for the Vila Velha Cook Masters, women who operate small restaurants that serve traditional food. They harvest oysters in the mangroves, continuing a tradition that stretches back more than 500 years. However, plastic and organic pollution, along with runoff from household kitchens and bathrooms, now threatens the health of the mangroves and the safety of the community's water supply.

Our project tackles this pollution in several ways, including regular cleanups and workshops to teach composting techniques. A demonstration evapotranspiration tank, which can cheaply and safely process waste from household toilets, will provide a model for people to follow. Seacology is also providing urgently needed water filters to eliminate dangerous pathogens.

Finally, our grant funds educational workshops for Vila Velha's youth. They will learn about the island's environment, as well as traditional music, visual art, literature, dance, and cooking. The island is famous for the "Firefly Maracatu," a dance with deep roots in local culture.



Itinerary and locations

- Wednesday, September 13** ... Arrive to Manaus, overnight at Juma Opera. **BLD**
- Thursday, September 14** Transfer from Manaus to Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge **BLD**
- Friday, September 15** Excursions arranged through Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge **BLD**
- Saturday, September 16** Excursions arranged through Anavilhanas Jungle Lodge **BLD**
- Sunday, September 17** Transfer to Manaus, overnight at Juma Opera
- Monday, September 18** Fly to Recife, excursion to Porto de Galinhas, overnight at Pousada do Amparo **B**
- Tuesday, September 19** Visit Seacology project at Vila Velha, Recife and Olinda city tour, overnight at Pousada do Amparo **B**
- Wednesday, September 20** ... Fly to Rio de Janeiro, overnight at Janeiro Hotel **B**
- Thursday, September 21** Excursion to Sugarloaf, Santa Teresa, and Leblon, full day, with lunch **B**
- Friday, September 22** Flexible Rio de Janeiro City Tour, with excursion to Cristo Redentor with lunch, overnight at Janeiro Hotel **B**
- Saturday, September 23** Departure or beginning of optional Paraty extension, walking tour of Paraty **B**
- Sunday September 24** Gold trail Jeep tour and Maria Izabel Distillery, with lunch Yara's Cooking Class, overnight at Casa Turquesa **B**
- Monday September 25** Private schooner trip with lunch, overnight at Casa Turquesa **B**
- Tuesday September 26** Transfer to Rio de Janeiro, departure

B Breakfast included **L** Lunch included **D** Dinner included





Book your spot

The fee for our inclusive travel package (September 13-23) will be a maximum of **\$7,700** per traveler. The optional Paraty extension requires an additional fee of up to \$2,300. To reserve your spot, contact Vaya at (800) 342-1796 or email marci@vayaadventures.com.

A \$700 deposit is required at the time of booking to reserve your place. Reservation and deposit are due by January 31, 2023.

Price includes all accommodations, tours and excursions listed in itinerary, all guiding, all transfers, all park entrance fees, and meals as indicated.

Your Vaya trip does not include international or local airfare, travel insurance, gratuities, alcoholic beverages, airport taxes, or personal expenses.

Trip insurance is highly recommended.





Seacology protects ecosystems and helps communities on islands around the world by providing funds to villages for a needed civic project — such as a new school or health clinic — in exchange for the conservation of a nearby forest or coral reef.

Since 1991, Seacology has launched nearly 400 projects on islands in 68 countries, protecting 1.4 million acres of marine and forest habitat.

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