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National Tropical Botanical Garden
Amazon Cruises

12-day Tour/Cruise
escorted by

Professor Sir Ghilleen Prance FRS, VMH and Lady Anne Prance

(Cruise#1 Dates: Jun 7 -18 , 2009 IN COUNTRY)

OR

(Cruise#2 Dates: Jun 16 -27, 2009 IN COUNTRY)

TRIP OVERVIEW

Please be advised that all tour participants must be in good physical health (completion of health questionnaire required). The tour also requires some mobility for participation in motorized canoeing activities as well as for maneuvering between decks on the ship itself. The Victoria Amazonica, while comfortable and air conditioned, is NOT a luxury yacht. The ship does not have elevators; the 2 decks are accessed via narrow stairway with handrails. Cabins consist of an upper and lower bunk bed. Only 2 single occupancy cabins can be accommodated; preference will be given to those willing to share. Full details of the ship's accommodations are provided for you on page 6, along with a separate insert featuring photographs of the ship.

This exciting journey for adventurers begins with an overnight stay at the Tropical Manaus Hotel, followed the next day by a morning tour of Manaus. From there, the group will board the ship, Victoria Amazonica, where we will spend the next eight nights.

We will depart from the pier of the Hotel Tropical on the Rio Negro in Manaus. At that place the river is six miles wide although over one thousand miles inland. The trip will

focus mainly on the beautiful Rio Negro with its black water. June is high water time so we will be able to make many canoe excursions into the tops of the trees of the floodplain forest.

The Rio Negro has many positives. It is beautiful with the mirror-like reflections in the water, but because it is very acid water there are no mosquitoes there and it is safe to swim in. We will also visit some of the small villages and towns along the river to learn about local life. Two days of the trip will be in the completely different ecosystem, that of the main Amazon river which has muddy water the colour of white coffee. Here we will see many birds and also be able to fish for piranha and other fish, but there will be a few mosquitoes. However the boat takes care to anchor away from the insects as far as possible. The high waters of June also diminish the number of insects. By visiting the two different rivers, one with black water and the other with white water, we will be able to see a huge variety of Amazon life. Iain Prance will tell you all about the plants and Anne will identify the birds and tell you about the people, and boat Captain Moacir Fortes is full of local knowledge, natural history and legends. The crew takes good care of you throughout the trip and you will enjoy many Amazonian foods, especially from the fish we catch.

Each day we make at least two excursions, some by large stable canoes and some on land in the forest or at villages. We tend to make an early morning excursion, come back on board during the heat of the day and then another in the late afternoon or even at night to watch the cayman and other nocturnal life.

ITINERARY CRUISE #1 Jun 7-18, 2009

Day 1: June 7 Arrive in Manaus

Arrive in Manaus and transfer to your hotel. (If you use the TAM flight directly from Miami to Manaus, you will depart the evening of Jun 6th and arrive just after midnight on Jun 7th). Day at leisure

Overnight at Tropical Manaus Hotel

Day 2: June 8 Manaus

Morning sightseeing tour of Manaus.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: June 9 Manaus –Board Victoria Amazonica

Manaus: After breakfast, you will transfer to the dock at the Tropical Hotel where you will board the Victoria Amazonica where you will spend the next eight nights.

Meals: Breakfast /Lunch/Dinner Overnight: Victoria Amazonica

Day 4-10: June 10-16 Victoria Amazonica

Note: Due to constantly changing river conditions, a day by day itinerary will not be provided. Please refer to Professor Prance's Trip Overview

Meals: Breakfast /Lunch/Dinner Overnight: Victoria Amazonica

Day 11: June 17 Victoria Amazonica- Manaus

You will arrive back at the Tropical Manaus Hotel's dock sometime today. As the arrival time is always subject to river conditions, you will overnight again at the Tropical Manaus Hotel

Meals: Breakfast Overnight at Tropical Manaus Hotel

Day 12: June 18 Manaus-US or continue touring

Depart on flight back to USA or continue touring. (Note if you depart for the US you will arrive back the following day, on June 19th)

ITINERARY CRUISE #2 June 16-27, 2009

Day 1: June 16 Arrive in Manaus

Arrive in Manaus and transfer to your hotel. (If you use the TAM flight directly from Miami to Manaus, you will depart the evening of Jun 15th and arrive just after midnight on Jun 16th). Day at leisure

Overnight at Tropical Manaus Hotel

Day 2: June 17 Manaus

Morning sightseeing tour of Manaus.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: June 18 Manaus –Board Victoria Amazonica

Manaus: After breakfast, you will transfer to the dock at the Tropical Hotel where you will board the Victoria Amazonica where you will spend the next eight nights.

Meals: Breakfast /Lunch/Dinner Overnight: Victoria Amazonica

Day 4-10: June 19-25 Victoria Amazonica

Note: Due to constantly changing river conditions, a day by day itinerary will not be provided. Please refer to Professor Prance's Trip Overview

Meals: Breakfast /Lunch/Dinner Overnight: Victoria Amazonica

Day 11: June 26 Victoria Amazonica- Manaus

You will arrive back at the Tropical Manaus Hotel's dock sometime today. As the arrival time is always subject to river conditions, you will overnight again at the Tropical Manaus Hotel

Meals: Breakfast Overnight at Tropical Manaus Hotel

Day 12: June 27 Manaus-US or continue touring

Depart on flight back to USA or continue touring. (Note if you depart for the US you will arrive back the following day, on June 28th)

HOTEL DESCRIPTION: Five Star Tropical Manaus Hotel



Guests arrive at this spot in the heart of the Amazon jungle to find the largest luxury hotel in Brazil. Located on the banks of the Rio Negro, Tropical Manaus is 10 miles from the center of Manaus. This property opened in 1976 and was expanded and remodeled in 1988, 1990 and 2006. It makes extensive use of dark Brazilian wood throughout the property.

The large lobby features an atria bar with cafe tables and a conversation area. This space adjoins the business center and shopping arcade. Sitting and lounging areas are present on all floors where the halls intersect.

Dining options include the *Tropical Karu Grill*, which serves international and regional dishes including local fish; live music plays in the evening. The complimentary buffet breakfast is spread in the *Tucano Coffee Shop*, which also offers a la carte selections for lunch and dinner. A light snack menu is available in all the bars. The *Lobby Bar Tropical* proffers a wide selection of beverages, and the afternoon tea is accompanied by live music. A snack menu is available. *Bar Aquatico*, located by the main pool, has libations and snacks. Adjacent to the Tucano, *Cafe Brasil* serves drinks and snacks.

Elevators in two separate locations access the three floors of accommodations. Guests can select from colonial or modern decor with a choice of bed sizes. All accommodations are large with cable TV, desk, minibar, voice mail, blackout curtains, and a choice of garden or pool view. The combination tub-and-shower baths come with a hair dryer and standard toiletries. There are several suite options, with some offering a balcony, whirlpool and other upgrades. Two-level suites include a private rooftop pool, living room, dining room and two baths.

Guests can enjoy two pools, one of which is a wave pool. Further diversion can be found in the sports complex, jogging track, playground, volleyball court, children's club, five tennis courts and game room. A tour desk arranges transportation, tours and jungle adventures. The Tropical's zoo has a veterinarian and is approved to accept rescued wild animals.

The shopping court includes a drug store, beauty shop, and other tourist-related shops offering national and imported goods in a colonial setting. The hotel presents an elaborate folkloric show each week, and guests can choose to partake of the accompanying buffet.

Smoke-free and wheelchair-accessible rooms are in the mix. Segways are made available to guests as necessary. Room service runs round the clock.

SHIP DESCRIPTION: VICTORIA AMAZONICA

The Victoria Amazonica is a small 100 foot motorized vessel with 12 cabins that can accommodate up to 24 passengers plus crew. While not a luxury yacht, all cabins are air conditioned and have a private bathroom with a shower en suite. **Please note that each cabin has a lower and UPPER bunk bed only. The dimension of the upper bed is 1.95 metres (6ft 4in) long and 1 metre (3 ft 3 in) wide. The lower bed is 1.95 metres long and 1.10 metres (3ft 7in) wide.** The ship also has a Restaurant where meals are served as well as a small bar. The Victoria Amazonica has two decks, Main and Upper Deck which are accessed only by short, steep staircases with good hand rails.

Modern navigation equipment such as Global Positioning Systems, and satellite telephones, enable the crew to contact their home base with the ship's location at all times. Should they encounter a situation that might require assistance, engine parts, or transportation of clients to or from Manaus, they have an experienced bush pilot and float-plane standing by to provide whatever service is required.

The crew are professional, licensed mariners and our chefs are superb. Each boat driver brings along with them two kits. One with first aid medications and the other with motor tools in case the outboard motor breaks. The crew members are trained for simple medical emergencies. The "canoes" are 24 foot boats with outboard motors crewed by experienced guides for your daily trips into the interior. The crew are all river people, Coboclos, who are accustomed to the ways of the rainforest.

Pictures of the Victoria Amazonica's cabins, restaurant and bar can be viewed on a separate insert.

HEALTH & MOBILITY

All tour participants must be in good physical health. Although the Tropical Manaus Hotel has elevators, the Victoria Amazonica will require that all participants be capable of climbing up and down the stairs between the decks. Boarding in Manaus is from a dock and most landings are into a canoe. Although crew members are excellent at assisting guests on and off at all landings, it requires some mobility to get in and out of the canoes during the shore excursions. As with all our tours, tour members will be required to complete a Health Questionnaire which is signed by the tour member's physician.

TRIP PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

To confirm your participation on this departure, please send* a \$500.00 per person nonrefundable deposit check, to Terra Nova Travel, LLC, along with your completed Registration and signed Limits of Liability forms. Since space is limited, please send your nonrefundable deposit check and completed forms to Terra Nova Travel, LLC by **TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008** to reserve your place.

CONTACT INFORMATION ABOUT GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION:

Professor Sir Ghillean Prance FRS, VMH

Telephone: 011 44 (0)1297-444991

Email: gtolmiep@aol.com

CONTACT INFORMATION ABOUT TOUR LOGICISTICS:

(i.e. money matters, trip enrollment, flights, itinerary, extensions and other general travel questions)

TERRA NOVA TRAVEL, LLC:

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CRUISE # 1 or CRUISE #2 COST per person

\$4,300.00 (10 - 14 participants)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

\$2,800.00

\$3,200.00 (15 - 18 participants)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

\$2,000.00

PLUS AIRFARE (*SEE BELOW UNDER AIRFARE*)

Rates subject to final 2009 pricing and currency fluctuation at time of final payment.

Although the itinerary and price shown are identical for either cruise, each cruise is based upon a minimum of ten tour members. Should each cruise not reach this minimum, then those who have signed up for the cruise with fewer participants may need to consider joining the other cruise date. If neither cruise meets the 10 member minimum, then the cruises will need to be combined as one cruise. Should this occur, the trip will be re-priced accordingly. The maximum number for each cruise is 18 participants based upon double occupancy in an upper and lower bed. Due to the limited cabins, each cruise can only accommodate 2 single occupancy cabins. Preference will be given to participants who are willing to share with other tour members.

AIRFARE:

**Estimated rates for International Airfare:
(not included in land price shown below) Schedules and dates not
available for booking until August 2008**

- TAM Airways (Star Alliance partner)
- USA (Miami gateway) – Manaus, Brazil

**\$1,100.00 per person NONREFUNDABLE coach class
\$3,700.00 per person business class**

- Airfare from home city to Miami available upon request
- Airfare on other carriers available upon request.
- Frequent flyer mileage coordination available for \$200.00 per person.
- Arrival in Manaus on flights other than the group flights from Miami to Manaus may result in a private transfer surcharge.

**Plus a tax-deductible contribution check of
\$1,000.00
to the
National Tropical Botanical Garden
(Contribution checks are to be made payable to the NTBG
and mailed directly to NTBG headquarters.)
Contribution checks should be sent at final payment.**

**** NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT BY TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008
\$500.00 PER PERSON*
(Note: the tour is based upon a minimum of ten participants per cruise)**

***Payment is accepted by check payable to Terra Nova Travel, LLC, wire transfer or credit card (Visa, Master Card or Am Express are accepted but 3.5-4% will be added to the trip cost).**

Final Payment will be due Mon., Feb 23, 2009

Complete the enclosed REGISTRATION FORM and LIMIT OF LIABILITY FORM and mail your nonrefundable DEPOSIT CHECK to:

**TERRA NOVA TRAVEL,LLC
ATTN: Nancy Pole-Wilhite
2154 NW Aspen Ave.
Portland, OR 97210 USA**

Amazonia Expedition LTDA & Terra Nova Travel LLC

Terms & Conditions

Land costs include:

- ❖ Hotel accommodations based on double occupancy twin-bedded rooms with private bath facilities.(nonsmoking, king or queen beds can be requested)
- ❖ Victoria Amazonica based on upper and lower bunk beds double occupancy with private bath and air conditioned facilities.
- ❖ All sightseeing and transfers as identified in the itinerary
- ❖ Meals as indicated on the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED:

- ❖ International Airfare to Manaus
- ❖ Baggage Handling
- ❖ Cruise Staff, half day tour and hotel staff gratuities
- ❖ Beverages aboard Victoria Amazonica
- ❖ Beverages not included with breakfast at the Tropical Manaus Hotel
- ❖ Passport fees and medical immunizations prior to departure
- ❖ Visa Fees
- ❖ Items of a personal nature such as additional tips to local staff, naturalist, resource people and guides, liquor, laundry, mail, phone calls, and other communication charges.
- ❖ Excess baggage /weight fees
- ❖ Any sightseeing/optional activities, beverage or meals not included in the itinerary
- ❖ Insurance to cover cancellation and curtailment, medical, baggage, money, and emergency evacuation back home.
- ❖ NTBG \$1000 Tax Deductible Donation

N.B. additional expenses incurred due to change or cancellation by client or those beyond our control, of flight or land services will be the responsibility of the tour member.

Departures and Pricing

All prices are per person based on double occupancy. A single supplement includes a private room or cabin with bath facilities wherever possible. Quoted tour rates are based on current exchange rates and operations as planned. For reasons beyond our control, we reserve the right to pass on increases in National Park fees, government taxes and fuel surcharges.

Airlines & Flight Schedules:

We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of an airline not running to schedule. We cannot be held responsible should airlines discontinue flights on certain routings or change scheduled timetables resulting in missed connections, etc. Should an amendment in a routing or itinerary be necessary, we will re-quote you accordingly. It is not always possible to specify departure or arrival times for regional and/or charter flights as suppliers decide such times to suit their aircraft movements in order to maximize their seat occupancy.

General Notes:

Upon reservation, we will send you a pre-trip packet including all necessary details regarding your itinerary, what to bring, visa information, travel insurance applications and a suggested reading list.

VISAS:

Brazil requires a visa which must be issued through an approved visa service. To facilitate entry, Terra Nova Travel, will assist with obtaining all visas required for the group in advance of travel.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE:

The baggage allowance on regional and/or charter flights are restricted to 15kg and 20kg (depending on country visited) per person in a soft bag, plus a day bag with a reasonable amount of photographic or video equipment. Any excess luggage may result in a traveler facing the additional cost, which must be settled directly.

Cancellations & Refunds

Cancellations for bookings must be made in writing and effective upon receipt of written notification. **Cancellations received before final payment will result in the forfeiture of your deposit. For cancellations after final payment has been made, no refund will be given.** All tours are subject to the minimum number required to operate the tour.

AIRLINES:

In addition to any airline penalties, Terra Nova Travel, LLC, has a \$100.00 administrative fee for any cancellation received prior to ticket issuance. Once the ticket has been issued, there is a \$250.00 administrative fee.

Trip cancellation insurance is highly advised to insure the entire cost of this trip. If insurance is declined, tour participants are required to sign an acknowledgement form declining trip insurance. (see below under Insurance.)

Refunds for Unused Portions of the Trip

If a passenger fails to join a tour or leaves before its end, no refund will be given. No partial refunds will be made regarding a client missing scheduled activities, meals, accommodations, etc. Amazonia Expedition LTDA/Terra Nova Travel, LLC reserves the right to deviate from the published route without notice due to events including sickness or injury of clients or crew, local disturbances, unavoidable mechanical breakdown and other unpredictable and unforeseen circumstances.

*****IMPORTANT NOTE*****

While we endeavor to make the itinerary as accurate as possible, it should be considered as an approximate schedule of activities rather than a rigid schedule of events. Trip itineraries are subject to revision due to weather, trail conditions, government restrictions and other reasons beyond our control. In addition, frequent reconnaissance of routes sometimes determines a better routing - we do our best to ascertain that the most beautiful and best route possible is taken into the area. With regard to hotels/guesthouses/lodges, we occasionally must substitute accommodations due to local conditions beyond our control. Terms and Conditions of this trip are explained on the **RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK form, which must be signed and returned along with your Registration Form. The Health Questionnaire must be not only completed by each participant, but also signed by your doctor. This form and the Emergency Contact Sheet must be returned at time of final payment.**

Insurance

For your safety, Terra Nova Travel offers Travel Guard Insurance and requires all passengers to obtain travel insurance that includes emergency medical evacuation back home, major medical, trip interruption and loss of personal effects. If you do not purchase travel insurance through Terra Nova Travel, you will be required to provide written proof of your coverage/policy.

Trip Leaders

PROFESSOR SIR GHILLEAN PRANCE, F.R.S., V.M.H., M.A., D.Phil., F.L.S.

Ghillean Tolmie Prance was Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew from 1988 to 1999. Currently he is Scientific Director of the Eden Project in Cornwall and Visiting Professor at Reading University. He runs a conservation and research project for the Eden Project in the Yaboti Biosphere Reserve in Misiones, Argentina. In 2000-2002 he was McBryde Professor at the US National Tropical Botanical Garden in Hawaii and is now a McBryde Senior Research fellow there. Born in Suffolk, England on 13th July 1937, he was educated at Malvern College, Worcestershire and Keble College, Oxford where he obtained a B.A. in Botany (1960) and a D.Phil. in 1963 for his "Taxonomic Study of Chrysobalanaceae." He began his career with The New York Botanical Garden in 1963 as a research assistant, subsequently becoming B.A. Krukoff Curator of Amazonian Botany, Director and then Vice-President of Research, and finally Senior Vice President for Science in 1981. He also set up the Garden's Institute of Economic Botany of which he was the first Director from 1981-1988.

Sir Ghillean was trained as a plant taxonomist and has spent over eight years on field work and botanical exploration on 16 expeditions in Amazonian Brazil. He has a world-wide interest in the sustainable development of rainforest ecosystems and conservation generally; as well as being the author of nineteen books and editor of a further sixteen, he has published over 510 papers of both scientific (295) and general interest (196) on plant systematics, plant ecology, ethnobotany and conservation.

In addition to his various duties at The New York Botanical Garden, Sir Ghillean was the founder Director of graduate studies at the Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazonia (INPA) in Manaus, Brazil where he set up programmes in botany, ecology, entomology and ichthyology. He was an adjunct Professor of the City University at New York (1967-1998) and is a Visiting Professor at the University of Reading; from 1983-88, he was Visiting Professor in Tropical Studies at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies of Yale University. He is a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London and was President 1997-2000, Fellow of The Royal Geographical Society, the Explorers Club and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has been President of the Association of Tropical Biology (1979-80), the American Association of Plant Taxonomists (1984-85), the Systematics Association (1989-1991) and the Institute of Biology (2000-2002.)

Sir Ghillean holds Honorary Doctorates from the Universities of Kent, Portsmouth, Kingston-upon-Thames, St Andrews, University of Bergen in Norway, Göteborg University in Sweden, Florida International University, Sheffield, Liverpool, Plymouth, Keele, Glasgow, Exeter, and Lehman College of City University, New York. He is a foreign member of the Academy of Sciences of Brazil, Denmark and Sweden; his honours include the Diploma Honora ao Mérito from INPA, Brazil (1978), the Distinguished Service Award of the New York Botanical Garden (1986), the Henry Shaw Medal of the Missouri Botanical Garden (1988), the Linnean Medal for Botany (1990), the Patron's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society (1994), the International Award of Excellence of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (1998), Corresponding Member of the Botanical Society of America (1994), the Ordem Nacional do Mérito Científico: Grã-Cruz (Brazil) 1995 and the Order of Commander of the Southern Cross from Brazil in 2000. In 1993, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society and was awarded the

International Cosmos Prize for his environmental work in Amazonia. He received the lifetime Discovery Award from the Royal Geographical Society and the Discovery Channel in 1999, the David Fairchild Medal for Plant Exploration jointly with his wife Anne in 2000 and the Allerton Award in 2005. He was knighted in July 1995, and received the Victoria Medal of Honour from the Royal Horticultural Society in 1999. He received the first Graziela Maciel Barroso Prize from the Brazilian Botanic Garden Network in July 2004. Sir Ghillean is married and has two daughters.

Lady Anne Prance

Lady Prance was born in Suffolk, England in 1939. She has a degree in English language and literature from London University. This has been put to use teaching English in private and university settings. She has travelled extensively and has lived in Latin America for extended periods of time, often in difficult and primitive conditions. She has co-authored books and articles with her husband and has published others alone. She has a wide range of international contacts arising from her charity work and her husband's work as Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. She lives in southwest England now. She was chairman of Impact, a charity working to prevent and alleviate disability for five years and is still a trustee. She is chairman of the Bromley Charitable Trust. In January 2000 she was awarded, jointly with her husband the David Fairchild Medal for Plant Exploration. She and Sir Ghillean have two daughters; one is international director of the New Economics Foundation and the other is a surgeon in the South west of the UK. She is a keen bird watcher with a good knowledge of Amazonian birds.

The Person Organizing Your Trip at Terra Nova Travel, LLC

Nancy Pole-Wilhite

Nancy has worked as a travel consultant since 1978, specializing in exotic destinations. Since 1999 she has been an independent agent/trip designer operating her own company, Terra Nova Travel, LLC. Her keen interest in adventure travel and endangered cultures lead to her connection with Christina Wilson. For the last ten years she and Christina have collaborated on such trips as Baja kayaking, a trek to Macchu Picchu and NTBG Friends' trips to Bhutan in 2002, Thailand/Myanmar in 2004, and the upcoming Madagascar/So Africa Nov 2008 tour. Nancy's most recent visit to South America was the Peru in April 2007. Her expertise also extends to Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Ecuador.

Nancy has a BA from the University of California at Berkeley in English Literature and French. Her passion for Renaissance literature and art extends into the music world. For the past fifteen years she has been a member of the liturgical choir, Cantores in Ecclesia. www.cantoresinecclesia.org. Cantores is devoted to the performance of polyphonic music from the Renaissance as well as Gregorian Chant. Nancy also currently serves on the Board of the women's a capella group, In Mulieribus. (www.inmulieribus.org) She also enjoys cooking French and ethnic food, as well as gardening.

Nancy will serve as your travel resource person in the USA. She will be available to answer your travel questions regarding the "nuts and bolts" of this trip. Please visit our website at www.terrannotour.com.

AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS

Note Professor Prance has used Amazonia Expeditions on numerous occasions for all of his groups.

The Family and History

We have always been a family owned and operated business. We carried explorers and adventurers up-river in small canoes for years and as the family grew, so did the boats. Moacir Fortes (“Mo”) has been exploring the Amazon River and its tributaries all of his life. His early experiences on the rivers were traveling with his father from town to town in the small boats that are still typical of the rural families today. Mo is a real pioneer in ecotourism, as he began leading small tours by motorized canoe in the 1980s. He quickly became popular with people from all over the world for his wit, personality and, of course, his tremendous knowledge of the Amazon, its wildlife and people (not to mention, knowing where to find the big peacock bass). Mo put his first ecotour boat, the *Cichla Ocellaris*, into service in 1990 and his business, Amazonia Expeditions, quickly grew. There is no one quite like Mo! He is a legendary Amazonian guide and naturalist, who is fluent in several languages and enjoys sharing the lore of the Amazon, while facilitating its scientific study. Mo’s wife Dora and three children (Iracema, Moacir “Junior” and Isolda) all have taken on roles in the business over the years, which now includes four ecotour boats and much more.

The Fortes family hosts expeditions for the New York Botanical Garden, the World Wildlife Fund, Bat Conservation International and several university groups. These days, Mo is as busy as ever on the *Dorinha*, Junior leads his own tours on the *Victoria Amazonica*, Isolda keeps the office running smoothly and Iracema takes care of float-plane business with her husband who is an experienced pilot. Many of our guests have become good friends, many traveling with us year after year.

Crew

Amazonia Expeditions operates a fleet of 4 expedition boats with fully licensed and trained Coboclo crews and guides. Our boat crews are Coboclos who were chosen for their skills in the forests they have lived in for most of their lives. Their local knowledge will ensure your safety, satisfaction, and comfort.

TERRA NOVA TRAVEL CUSTOM GROUP RESERVATION FORM

To be included in this adventure of a lifetime, complete the reservation form (1 form per person) and send it to us with a **nonrefundable deposit of \$500.00 per person** for the land cost. Please send reservation checks made out to **Terra Nova Travel LLC, 2154 NW Aspen Ave Portland OR 97210. Please include a photo copy of your passport with these forms.**

DEPOSIT ENCLOSED _____ SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PLEASE INDICATE YES NO
The balance of your payment is due Feb 23, 2009.

Cancellations for bookings must be made in writing and effective upon receipt of written notification. Cancellations received before Feb. 23, 2009 result in forfeiture of your deposit. For cancellations after final payment, no refund will be given. While, trip cancellation insurance, insuring the full value of your trip is strongly recommended, emergency medical evacuation insurance is mandatory.

All prices are based on double occupancy for the hotel and cruise. All prices are subject to change at any time due to currency fluctuations or other circumstances beyond Amazonia Expeditions' & Terra Nova Travel LLC's control. FIT/custom trips are itemized per individual itinerary specifics.

It is your responsibility to ensure that passports, visas, health certificates, inoculations or other documentation required for the trip are obtained and in order. It is your responsibility to meet any additional costs incurred by yourself (or by Amazonia Expeditions/Terra Nova Travel on your behalf) as a result of any failure to comply with such requirements.

Destination _____
Departure Date _____
Sharing With _____ Bed preference _____
Or Single _____
Name(As appears on passport) _____
Nationality _____
Passport # _____ Expiration _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Email _____
Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____
(Cell) _____ Fax _____
Birth Date _____ Sex _____
Height _____ Weight _____ Dietary requirements _____
Allergies _____ Drink preferences _____
Frequent Flyer Account;
Airline _____ Frequent Flyer Number _____
Originating City _____ Seating preference _____
In Case of Emergency, Please Contact: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
I have read, understand and accept the Amazonia Expeditions Terms/Terra Nova Travel, LLC and Conditions and Limit of Liability.
Signature _____ Date _____

LIMITS OF LIABILITY FORM

LIMITS OF LIABILITY:

Terra Nova Travel & **AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS**, its owners, employees, and agents give notice that they are acting only as the agent for the travel suppliers which furnish the means of transportation whether by plane, motorcoach, ship, and/or all other related travel services. **TERRA NOVA TRAVEL & AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS** assume no responsibility for bodily injury, accident, emotional trauma, death, loss or damage, annoyance, delays, or irregularity, and/or expenses occurring directly or indirectly as a result of Act of God, detention, quarantine, strikes, thefts, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil uprising or disturbances, strikes, military uprising, terrorism, revolt, government restrictions, regulations, and discrepancies or changes occurring in either the country of origin, destination or through passage affecting transit, tour or hotel services. Reasonable changes in the itinerary may be made by **TERRA NOVA TRAVEL & AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS** with no advance notice when deemed advisable for the comfort and well being of the travelers.

Client initial: _____

ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

I am aware that travel in remote areas of the world involves hazardous activities. I am voluntarily participating in these activities with the knowledge of the dangers involved and hereby agree to accept any risks. This trip involves numerous risks and dangers including, but not limited to: accommodations, all means of conveyance; forces of nature; civil unrest; terrorism; accident of illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or availability of medical supplies and facilities; the adequacy of any evacuation plan, medical care, equipment or supplies that may be provided. I realize that this complete Assumption of Risk is a material consideration to **TERRA NOVA TRAVEL & AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS** for arranging any travel plans for me. I verify that I understand and accept this statement.

Client initial: _____

RELEASE:

As a material consideration for being permitted by Terra Nova Travel & **AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS** to participate in these activities, I hereby agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, personal or legal representatives or any other person and/or entity claiming through me to indemnify and hold **AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS** or **TERRA NOVA TRAVEL** and any of its affiliated organizations harmless from any and all claims, demands, actions for bodily injury, accident, emotional trauma, death, loss or damage, however caused, which occurs during the travel arranged through **TERRA NOVA TRAVEL & AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS**. I forever release **TERRA NOVA TRAVEL & AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS** and any of its affiliated organizations from any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation on the trip.

Client initial: _____

AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATION:

If a controversy arises which relates in any respect to Terra Nova Travel & **AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS** and its affiliate organizations and/or travel arrangements provided by Terra Nova Travel & **AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS** to the undersigned, Terra Nova Travel & **AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS** and the agree that such controversy shall be settled by binding arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The selection of Arbitrator(s) shall be as set forth in said Rules. The choice of laws shall be as set forth in laws of the State of Oregon. The venue for any such arbitration hearing shall be in the City and County of Portland, OR USA. Client expressly waives the right to remove the arbitration hearing to any other venue. Judgement upon the award rendered by the Arbitrator (s) may be entered in any Oregon court having jurisdiction thereof.

Client initial: _____

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KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY EXECUTION:

My signature below certifies that I have carefully read and fully understand the contents of this agreement including the Terms and Conditions, especially those regarding cancellation and refund policies, limitation of liability, and responsibility borne by trip participants. On the advance of a deposit to Terra Nova Travel & **AMAZONIA EXPEDITIONS**, the depositor, his or her family and heirs agree to be bound by the above Terms and Conditions. I understand this is a legally binding and enforceable contract and sign it of my own free will.

Signature (1) _____ Date _____

Signature (2) _____ Date _____

Emergency contact

The information requested in this form could help ensure a prompt and effective response to an injury or medical emergency that may occur on the trip. Please list anything that may be important in enabling us to help you in an emergency. Please be thorough; consult your doctor if you are uncertain of how to describe any condition you may have or medications you are taking. Please complete all pages of the form, then sign and return it to Terra Nova Travel, LLC. We reserve the right to obtain a doctor's written report regarding your medical condition, and may request his/her permission for you to travel to a remote location. **This form is due with your final payment. Please return it to your travel agent, Nancy Pole-Wilhite, Terra Nova Travel, LLC, 2154 NW Aspen Ave. Portland OR 97210 phone:(503) 296-7913 fax:(503) 292-4314 email:nancy@terranovatour.com**

(Please print clearly)

Your Name as it appears on your passport_____

Trip Dates and destination_____

Address_____

Work Phone_____ Home Phone_____

Email:_____

Age _____Sex _____Height_____Weight _____

Birth date_____ Nationality_____

Passport Number: _____ date issued_____ Expires_____

Family Physician and Address_____

Physician's Office Phone_____Home Phone_____

Physician's Cell Phone_____ Email_____

HEALTH INSURANCE

COMPANY NAME:_____

CONTACT NUMBER:_____

(note this number must be a TOLL Free number that can be used outside the US to call back to the US in case of an emergency)

POLICY NUMBER:_____

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance policy is required.

COMPANY NAME:_____

CONTACT NUMBER:_____

(note this number must be a TOLL Free number that can be used outside the US to call back to the US in case of an emergency)

POLICY NUMBER:_____

Person to be notified in case of emergency:

Name_____Relationship_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Cell Phone_____ Email_____

Health Questionnaire re: Travel Experience and Medical History

NAME: _____

TRAVEL DATES: _____

TOUR: NTBG AMAZON CRUISE /TOUR

Please tell us about your travel experience. Please list locations, type of travel, distance and duration of specific trips

Tour/Hiking _____

Please tell us about your outdoor/travel experience with groups

Please describe your current fitness regime. How regularly do you exercise and what type of exercise do you do?

Please list any medical or other conditions that you have and any special information for us to have in case of an emergency: _____

Do you have any physical limitations ascending or descending stairs or ladders? _____

(FYI, the boat will require using the steep stairs between decks and embarking/disembarking from the boat to the panga to the shore)

Do you have any allergic reactions to environmental substances, foods or drugs? Do you have any dietary restriction? Yes ___ No_

If yes, please give details _____

Please list any medical conditions that you have and any special information for us to have in case of an emergency: _____

Are you currently taking any medication (prescription or non-prescription)?

Yes_____ No_____

If yes, please specify type and dosage,

etc. _____

Note: We recommend that you bring extra medication.

Have you been under a doctor's care in the last 12 months? Yes ___ No _____

If yes, please give details _____

Is your tetanus shot current? Yes___ No_____

Date of last immunization _____

What current immunizations do you have? _____

Please let us know all the updated inoculations you have obtained for this trip. Consult with your doctor on required and recommended inoculations. For further information, please check the website for the Center for Disease Control at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/seasia.htm>.

Do you have any chronic disability or illness? Yes___ No_____ (e.g. high blood pressure, heart condition, epilepsy, diabetes, asthma, emphysema, tendonitis, foot, leg or back problem, etc.)

If yes, please give details _____

Have you been hospitalized in the last five years? Yes_____ No_____ If yes, please gives details:

Do you have any special emotional/medical conditions? Please explain_____

For women: Is there any chance that you might be pregnant at the time of the trip? Yes___ No___

If any of the above information changes between now and the start of the trip, I will inform Terra Nova Travel. If any of the above information changes during the trip, I will inform the guides or representative.

Signature Tour Participant_____

Date_____

I certify that my patient,_____is physically fit and capable of embarking this Amazon cruise/ tour. The information provided here is correct and accurate.

Physician Signature_____

Physician Print Name_____

Date_____

**CANCELLATION & REFUND SCHEDULE NTBG AMAZON CRUISE
For Unusual Circumstances**

(Cruise#1 Dates: Jun 7 -18, 2009 IN COUNTRY)

OR

(Cruise#2 Dates: Jun 16 -27, 2009 IN COUNTRY)

The initial deposit of \$500.00 is nonrefundable. Final payment is due Feb. 23, 2009. Cancellations received (for reasons except those defined in the following paragraph, "Unusual Circumstances") from Feb 23-0 days prior to departure forfeit 100% of the total tour cost. *Trip cancellation insurance is highly advised to protect you and your investment in this trip.*

Refunds for Unused Portions of the Trip

If cancellation occurs while the trip is in progress, 100% of trip cost will be forfeited, and there will be no refund for any unused portion. No refunds can be made for any accommodations, services or features not taken.

Unusual Circumstances

In the unusual and extraordinary situation that an emergency condition occurs in any of this trip's destinations within Brazil that would endanger the health and lives of the traveler (including an epidemic, a political crisis or an act of terrorism in that locality) for which an official (ie, state or international decreed) travel advisory against travel to that locality is issued, the following cancellation policy will apply. **As travel insurance does NOT cover the trip leaders, Professor Sir Ghillean Prance FRS, VMH and Lady Anne Prance, should they need to cancel leading the trips for any reason, this will also fall under the category of Unusual Circumstances.**

If the cancellation occurs due to such Unusual Circumstances from time of deposit to Feb. 22, 2009, \$500.00 is nonrefundable and from Feb 23, 2009-0 days before departure, a minimum of \$1000 is non refundable. The amount of the refund on the final payment is discretionary and will depend upon the cancellation and refund policies and fees of the individual suppliers, i.e., the airlines, hotels, and tour operators. Our refund/cancellation policy will vary according to each travel vendor's own independent refund or travel credit policy with respect to "unusual circumstances."

If an Unusual Circumstances situation occurs, as described above, after the commencement of the trip (i.e., after departure from the US), no refund will be given on final payment or deposit. Travelers will be responsible for any additional costs of returning home (including extra or rescheduled flights, cancellation or re-scheduling fees, hotels and meals, transportation, and incidental costs) that are not otherwise included in the trip package or that arise due to the change in scheduling/routing.

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IMPORTANT NOTE

While we endeavor to make the itinerary as accurate as possible, it should be considered as an approximate schedule of activities rather than a rigid schedule of events. Trip itineraries are subject to revision due to weather, trail conditions, government restrictions and other reasons beyond our control. In addition, current reconnaissance of routes sometimes determines a better routing - we do our best to ascertain that the best route possible is taken into the area. With regard to hotels/guesthouses/lodges, we occasionally must substitute accommodations due to local conditions beyond our control. Terms and Conditions of this trip are explained on the **RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK form, which must be signed and returned along with your Booking Form.**

2009 Amazon Cruise - Accomodations and Acivities



Five Star Tropical Manaus Hotel



Victoria Amazonica



Motorized canoe
(used for all shore excursions)



Cabin, Victoria Amazonica

