



FROM THE AMAZON TO THE AMERICAS: MANAUS TO BOSTON

Your 41-night journey includes: 36-night expedition cruise to 9 countries: Brazil, French Guiana, Barbados, St. Lucia, Martinique, St. Kitts, Dominican Republic, the Bahamas & the United States; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Manaus; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Boston

Vantage Deluxe World Travel is thrilled to present this exciting 40-night small ship expedition cruise from Manaus to Boston that will bring you to a total of 9 countries, with access to 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and a momentous 36 included features and Cultural Discoveries! Please note that the nature of these journeys requires a certain level of physical fitness, and guests should be able to walk three miles unassisted over potentially-uneven terrain, be prepared to anchor at ports requiring the use of a tender and possess the physical agility to embark and disembark small crafts in unpredictable waters.

This small ship expedition allows you to get into the heart of every destination you'll visit, revealing the cultural heritage and fascinating history of each one. Guided by a highly-skilled Expedition Team of naturalists, ornithologists, wildlife experts, equipment masters, and more, you'll enjoy enlightening lectures onboard and the intangible greetings of the wild onshore. Whether gliding through the Amazon by Zodiac boat in search of indigenous wildlife, savoring the culinary delights of South America, or sipping on locally-produced rum in the Caribbean, this itinerary is sure to delight and captivate all your senses.

At the center of it all is your luxurious home at sea, the 5-star Ocean Explorer built for expedition travel with ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology. This small ship is designed with a total of just 77 cabins and a maximum capacity of 134 passengers on expedition cruises, allowing us reach some of the world's most remote areas and giving our travelers access to exclusive ports, less queuing, and more time to spend onshore in each destination. And fewer travelers onboard also mean more impactful and

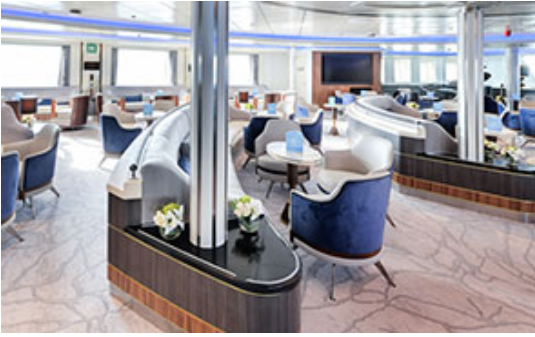
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intimate interactions with locals, tour leaders, lecturers, and more. Not to mention the breadth of this ship's luxury amenities, from an onboard spa and two hot tubs to multiple dining options, bars, and lounges.

But that's not all — as our World Cruise guests, we are honored to provide you with world-class amenities exclusive to this journey, including free international airfare, discounted business class upgrades, unlimited laundry service, dinner with the captain, and more. Join Vantage Travel's club of elite World Cruise guests us in 2023 for glimpse of some of the world's most fascinating destinations!

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

OCEAN EXPLORER CRUISING



Come aboard this 5-star expedition vessel, visiting seven Caribbean islands, cruising the Amazon, and exploring America's Eastern Seaboard, while also

BIRDWATCHING IN THE AMAZON



Spot some of the colorful and fascinating birds of this region, like the large-billed toucan and the vibrantly colored scarlet macaw

NEW YORK CITY



Drop anchor in New York Harbor and take in the city's iconic sights like the Empire State Building, the 9/11 Memorial, Wall Street, Central Park, and more

IMPORTANT CITIES PAST & PRESENT



Follow in the footsteps of revolutionaries in Boston, visit New York's iconic landmarks, and explore the heart of the Amazon Rainforest

CARIBBEAN BEACHES



Relax upon some of Latin America's most beautiful Atlantic beaches, from the turquoise waters of the Bahamas to the pristine shores of Brazil

TEATRO AMAZONAS



Visit the splendid Teatro Amazonas, or Amazon Theatre, a spectacular cultural center financed by the wealth of rubber barons and built with French glass and Italian marble

HISTORIC NEWPORT AND THE VANDERBILT'S SUMMER COTTAGE



Explore The Breakers, an Italianate-style residence set along famous Bellevue

MARTHA'S VINEYARD



This vacation spot off the coast of Cape Cod is both quaint and glamorous. See the famous gingerbread houses of Oak Bluffs, the elegant enclave of

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **FREE international airfare**, plus discounted business class
- **Onboard credits** to use as you wish while cruising — \$1,000 per couple, plus an additional \$200 per couple for President's Club members!
- **Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi**
- **Unlimited laundry services**
- **Dine with the Captain!**
- **Accommodations:** 2 nights in Manaus at the *Quality Hotel Manaus* (or similar), 36 nights aboard the *Ocean Explorer*, and 2 nights in Boston at *Westin Copley Place* (or similar)
- **Small group escorted shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- **115 meals:** 40 breakfasts, 36 lunches, and 39 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **36 included features and Cultural Discoveries** with state-of-the-art QuietVox portable audio headsets on all shore excursions throughout your journey
- **4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison, Pitons of St. Lucia, and Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park; plus Nassau, part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director and a 13-person Expedition Team**, plus shipboard commentary and private motorcoach for excursions
- **Complimentary Destination Manager** on board ship to assist with all your personal requests
- **All transportation on tour**
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **All transfers and baggage handling overseas**, beginning with your first hotel
- **Vantage's 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your

SPECIAL INTEREST



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS Cruise the Amazon River and traverse South America's famously biodiverse rainforest on an expedition cruise!

- Behold some of the world's most remote and beautiful natural wonders —from bubbling geysers to ice-blue fjords — at the top of the world!
- Venture ashore on naturalist-led expeditions by versatile Zodiac landing crafts
- Attend lectures on marine biology, wildlife, history, and other educational topics

Plus, cruise aboard the 5-star Ocean Explorer, a vessel built specifically for expedition cruising, with the following features:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel — plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options
- An 8-17 person Expedition Team who will lead zodiac excursions, dry and wet landings, hikes, and onboard lectures in their area of expertise — which range from ornithology to geology
- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology

CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS During your onboard meals, shore excursions and independent exploration, you'll have plenty of opportunities to taste the regional cuisines of the South America, the Caribbean, and America's Eastern Seaboard.

- Satisfy any taste with New York's nonstop culinary variety, whether Michelin-starred haute cuisine and dim sum in Chinatown, a classic Nathan's frank from a street vendor, or a giant Reuben sandwich from a Lower East Side deli. Your Vantage Concierge can point you in the right direction

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- Delight in the best of southern flavors in Charleston, from traditional Low Country favorites (think she-crab soup and hoppin' john shrimp and grits), to the innovative, farm-to-table creations of New Southern cuisine, this city is a foodie's paradise!
- Savor locally produced rum in Martinique and Nassau



ACTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

During the course of your journey, you will have opportunities for swimming in the warm waters of the Caribbean, exploring ancient ruins in South America, and

sightseeing in some of the best cities on the East Coast. There will also be opportunities for taking kayaks or bicycles off the ship to explore your beautiful surroundings. But your deluxe ship and hotels all offer plenty of soothing amenities such as spa facilities and more, to help you feel refreshed. Here are some other activities you may participate in:

- Walk among the ghostly prison ruins of Devil's Island, one of history's most feared penal colonies
- Explore bustling markets along the Amazon River in Manaus
- Get a good workout at your ship's gym and the fitness centers of your hotels
- Utilize your free time to explore destinations by foot



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UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS From the Gilded Age mansions of Newport and Boston's Freedom trail to the historic fortress of St. Kitt's and the Amazon's oldest pueblo, dive deep into the history and iconic sights of the famed cities and lesser-known locales that make up this exciting itinerary.

- Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park, Pitons of St. Lucia, and Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison; plus Nassau, part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network
- Tour Martinique, the childhood home of French Empress

- Explore the historic grounds of France's notorious penal colony on Devil's Island, French Guiana
- Tour the city of Manaus, built by the robber barons of the late 19th century
- Follow in the footsteps of Paul Revere, John Adams, Samuel Adams, and other revolutionary heroes as you walk sections of Boston's famous Freedom Trail
- See the elegant Gilded Age mansions of Newport, including a tour of The Breakers, originally built in 1893 as a summer residence for the Vanderbilt family
- Visit the Tabernacle – one of Martha's Vineyard's most iconic landmarks – and its surrounding cluster of candy-colored, gingerbread cottages
- Explore America's earliest roots in Colonial Williamsburg, a restored 18th-century living history museum
- Stroll along Charleston's stunning waterfront, take in the exquisite architecture, and visit historical attractions, including Magnolia Plantation and Gardens
- Enjoy a tour of Wilmington, including a visit to the USS North Carolina, a World War II battleship



NATURE HIGHLIGHTS Soul-stirring beauty greets you at every turn, from the emerald islands and azure waters of the Caribbean to the lush jungles of the Amazon. You will also have unique opportunities to experience natural treasures along the east coast of the U.S.

- See monkeys, flamingos, lorikeets, and other Bahamian wildlife during your visit to Aradastra Gardens
- Take in the lush beauty and turquoise waters of St. Kitts during a scenic two-hour ride on an open-air train
- Marvel at an endless parade of colorful tropical blooms in the

Dominican Republic, Martinique, and St. Lucia

- Cruise past St. Lucia's iconic landmark, the twin volcanic spires of the Pitons
- Venture into a glittering world of crystallized limestone, stalagmites, and stalactites in Harrison's Cave on Barbados
- Enjoy scenic cruising along the Amazon River, its dense rainforests hugging the river's shores and harboring all manner of wildlife, from monkeys to a rich array of birds
- Watch for whales as your ship approaches Provincetown, where humpbacks, minke, and other species can often be spotted offshore
- Enjoy the windswept beauty of Martha's Vineyard during a tour that showcases some of the island's most scenic locations

BIRDWATCHING HIGHLIGHTS

The Amazon boasts countless ecological zones that are home to over 1,200 species of birds, from the tiniest hummingbirds to multihued toucans. Have your binoculars (included with your cabin) and your cameras ready to



catch the action! Head onto the deck as we approach and depart several ports, when you are most likely to spot graceful, winged creatures perched in coastal vegetation.

- Watch in the trees for Amazonian hunters such as hawks and eagles. Keep your eyes to the shore for waders, like the herons
 - As you hike in the Atlantic forest, flashes of color in the canopy might reveal toucans or parakeets!
 - Rise with the sun to catch birds at their most active, crisscrossing the river in flight
- Spot raptor species such as the harpy eagle high in the trees, and waders like the roseate spoonbill low on the banks as they survey the shores for their next meal



SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS On this expedition cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Zodiac cruising, polar kayaking opportunities, and photography workshops
- A lively social media night, a wealth of informative onboard lectures, and musical performances most nights
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, jacuzzis, and

a gym

CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a gathering in the lounge, and more

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- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
 - Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
 - Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email Concierge@vantagetravel.com to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

LIMA TO BOSTON

DAY 1:	Fly to Manaus, Brazil	DAY 24:	Relax on board the Ocean Explorer <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 2:	Arrive in Manaus <i>Quality Hotel Manaus or similar</i>	DAY 25:	Indulge in the natural riches of the Dominican Republic in Samaná <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 3:	Discover Manaus, gateway to the Amazon <i>Quality Hotel Manaus or similar</i>	DAYS 26-27:	Relax on board with two days at sea <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 4:	Browse the Municipal Market in Manaus and board the Ocean Explorer <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 28:	Tour Nassau on a comprehensive island tour <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAYS 5-11:	Explore the Amazon jungle <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 29:	Spend a day at leisure in West Palm Beach <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 12:	Explore the best of Belém <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 30:	Relax on board the Ocean Explorer <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAYS 13-14:	Relax on board with two days at sea <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 31:	Soak up the color and culture in Charleston, South Carolina <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 15:	Explore the Devil's Island, French Guiana <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 32:	Revisit antebellum life in Wilmington, North Carolina <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAYS 16-17:	Enjoy two blissful days at sea <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 33:	Enjoy a day at sea on your way to Norfolk <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 18:	Explore the sites of St. George's, Grenada <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 34:	Choose from two tours: Colonial Williamsburg or Highlights of Norfolk <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 19:	Experience the magnificence of Harrison's Cave <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 35:	Arrive in the Big Apple tonight <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 20:	Design your own day in Barbados <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 36:	Discover the best of the Big Apple, New York City <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 21:	Volcanic splendors of St. Lucia <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 37:	Delve into history in Newport, Rhode Island <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 22:	Savor the sites — and rum — of Martinique <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 38:	See the legendary summer resort of Martha's Vineyard <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>
DAY 23:	Ride the rails to a historic fortress on St. Kitts <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>	DAY 39:	Explore Cape Cod and ride the trolley around Provincetown <i>Ocean Explorer ></i>

DAY 40: Discover the best of Boston and Cambridge and disembark Ocean Explorer

The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar

DAY 41: Explore Boston at your leisure

The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar

DAY 42: Return home



DAY 1: Fly to Manaus, Brazil

You'll board an overnight flight from the U.S. to Manaus, via Sao Paolo.

DAY 2: Arrive in Manaus

If you purchased your airfare from Vantage, upon arrival in Manaus, a Vantage representative will meet you and arrange transfer to your centrally located hotel. Settle in and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure in this balmy city.

Quality Hotel Manaus or similar

DAY 3: Discover Manaus, gateway to the Amazon

Manaus has a fascinating contradictory feel; it is a city in the middle of a jungle, and despite its size, it is only accessible in a practical sense by boat or plane. And though seafaring vessels dock here, the ocean is 900 miles away. It's all part of the intrigue of the Amazon! After a free morning and lunch on your own, get acquainted

with the largest city in the Amazon basin during a tour that features the Teatro Amazonas, or Amazon Theatre. This stunning vision in pink opened in 1896 at the height of the rubber barons' prosperity and was built with European bricks, French glass, and Italian marble.

Included Feature:

- **Manaus city tour**
Included meals: Breakfast
Quality Hotel Manaus or similar

DAY 4: Browse the Municipal Market in Manaus and board the Ocean Explorer

If you're in the market for exotic fruits, Amazon herbal medicines, and local handicrafts, you'll love rubbing elbows with the people of Manaus during a visit to Mercado Municipal Adolpho Lisboa. Fashioned after the Les Halles market of Paris in 1882, it is the city's oldest market and a scintillating way to immerse yourself in the culture. Produce from the surrounding countryside and fish from the river are delivered every morning. Cross the street to see how all these goods arrived — aboard the armada of fishing and cargo boats bobbing on the Amazon's waters.

After time to absorb it all, and an included lunch, you'll continue to the Ocean Explorer for embarkation. There'll be time to settle in and perhaps have a drink on deck and give Manaus one final glimpse before your Amazon expedition goes on. In the dining room tonight, savor a special Captain's Welcome Dinner.

Cultural Discovery:

- **Visit a market and learn local customs**
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAYS 5-11: Explore the Amazon jungle

Enjoy a wonderful week as your expedition cruise begins. The Amazon is home to thousands of wildlife species, black rivers, floating villages, and more, and you'll encounter them all alongside your knowledgeable Expedition Team comprised of naturalists, ornithologists, wildlife experts, equipment masters, and more.

While sailing the river, be sure to head to the sundeck and observation lounge to hear the Expedition Team pointing out indigenous wildlife and offering insight on the passing terrain.

Your captain will coordinate closely with the Expedition Team to choose from a bevy of fascinating sites along this particular stretch of the Amazon River, and plot itineraries for Zodiac rides, treks, and visits with locals. Led by our highly experienced Expedition Team, you'll encounter the world's most biodiverse ecosystem in the most intimate and enthralling way when you step aboard a Zodiac boat and make your way to the banks of the Amazon River. Our daily shoreside landings allow you to get right into the heart of the lush Amazon rainforest, giving you a front row seat to the wildlife, nature, and cultures of the Indigenous communities that call this region home.

Back on board, your Expedition Team will guide informative and engaging lectures about the Amazon and the places you'll visit throughout your small ship journey.

Please note: Our daily itinerary will be dependent on weather conditions, and we will make every effort to provide safe shoreside excursions if conditions allow.

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience.

Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

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Included Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 12: Explore the best of Belém

Following breakfast on board this morning, you'll enjoy a tour of Belém's best sites including lunch at a local restaurant. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure, and dinner will be on board this evening.

Included Features:

- Best of Belém tour

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAYS 13-14: Relax on board with two days at sea

You'll have two days to indulge in the amenities of your elegant small ship. Relax on the sun deck, visit the spa for a soothing treatment, or perhaps get in a workout at the gym. At mealtime, savor incredible culinary creations thoughtfully prepared by your onboard chefs. In the evening, head up to the Observation Deck for some magnificent stargazing.

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Included Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 15: Explore the Devil's Island, French Guiana

Home to one of history's most feared penal colonies, Île du Diable, or Devil's Island, is now one of South America's most enthralling sites. This prison, where France sent its most notorious criminals, was long considered inescapable until two convicts broke out against all odds. The unbelievable story was depicted in the novel *Papillon* by Henri Charrière and its subsequent film adaptation. You'll have time on your own here to explore the prison's buildings and grounds, made all the more atmospheric by resident monkeys cavorting in the tree canopy and distant bird calls echoing through the forest.

Included Feature:

- Devil's Island prison tour

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

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DAY 18: Explore the sites of St. George's, Grenada

Your tour of Grenada begins with a scenic drive

through this popular Caribbean destination. You'll head to De La Grenade Industries, where you can sample delicious local products such as jams, jellies, and nutmeg syrup. Their prize-winning nutmeg liqueur and rum punch are not to be missed. You'll continue on to Laura Herb and Spice Garden, an amazing botanical garden that grows herbs and spices used in medicinal remedies. Enjoy a guided educational tour of the grounds, and discover the cornucopia of vegetation grown here. Following your guided tour, you'll have time to explore the gift shop before we continue on to Grenada Distillers. Opened in 1937, you will be welcomed by knowledgeable guides who will explain the history of rum-making in Grenada. After the tour, you will be invited to sample their award-winning rums at the bar. Later, you'll return to the ship for an evening on board.

Included Feature:

- St. George's island tour and rum distillery visit
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 19: Experience the magnificence of Harrison's Cave

Head out this morning to visit what many call the Caribbean's most spectacular natural sight — Harrison's Cave. What makes this cavernous chamber so spellbinding is the crystallized limestone from which it was formed over millennia. An electric tram takes you down into its depths, a stunning canvas of stalagmites, stalactites, gurgling streams, and waterfalls plunging into emerald pools.

The rest of the afternoon and evening is yours to enjoy — check with your onboard Destination Manager for suggestions on what to see and do

in Barbados. Perhaps you'll lounge on one of its warm white sand beaches or explore Bridgetown's history on a stroll around the Careenage, the city's original harbor around the Constitution River.

Included Feature:

- Guided visit to Harrison's Cave

Cultural Discovery:

- Onboard evening entertainment
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 20: Design your own day in Barbados

You'll have a free day in Barbados to explore on your own today. Established in 1628, Bridgetown is the heart of Barbados. Both its capital and largest city, it's a vibrant and vivacious place steeped in history, where its unique blend of African, British, and American heritage comes alive. Head out and explore one of the island's many glorious beaches, dive into Barbadian history at the Barbados Museum, or shop for handcrafted souvenirs at the Pelican Craft Centre. The day is yours to do as you wish.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 21: Volcanic splendors of St. Lucia

Arrive in Soufrière this morning, the scenic and pastel-hued capital of St. Lucia, and set out on a scenic drive showcasing its beautiful colonial architecture. Continue to Sulphur Springs Park, the Caribbean's only drive-in volcano where pools of bubbling hot springs create an otherworldly landscape. Then, stop to admire the vivid, exotic hues and melodious birdsong at the Diamond Botanical Garden and Waterfall. Later, visit the island's Old Sugar Mill. Its waterwheel,

built in 1765, once generated the island's first electricity. During your visit, sway to the rhythms of a local band, and savor a refreshing drink and snacks before returning to the ship for lunch. Later, you'll have the afternoon at leisure. Perhaps explore more of St. Lucia with a tour set up by your onboard Destination Manager or stroll the streets of Soufrière in search of a handcrafted souvenir. As you leave St. Lucia behind, you will cruise past the twin volcanic spires of the Pitons, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Included Feature:

- St. Lucia island tour

Cultural Discoveries:

- Enjoy live music at the Old Sugar Mill
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 22: Savor the sites — and rum — of Martinique

Today, you'll explore magnificent Martinique and sample its world-famous rum on an included heritage tour. You'll board a private bus and set out past the village of Trois Ilets and make your way to La Pagerie Museum, a quaint cottage that boasts a royal history as the birthplace of the future Empress Joséphine of France, the first wife of Napoleon Bonaparte. A guided tour of this former sugar estate will provide insight into her life here. You'll continue on to L'Habitation Clément. This former 19th-century sugar plantation, once the private home of the Clément family, is now a shrine to Homère Clément, a doctor and politician who pioneered the production of Caribbean rum using sugarcane. From here you'll head to the Jardin de Balata, a lush botanical garden containing close to 3,000 varieties of tropical plants and 300 different types

of palm trees. Finally, you'll learn about Martinique's industrial history and the manufacturing of rum when you visit a local distillery where you will have an opportunity to sample the rich rum for yourself. Following your tour, you will return to the ship for lunch and have the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Included Feature:

- Martinique heritage tour and rum distillery visit
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 23: Ride the rails to a historic fortress on St. Kitts

Dock this morning in Basseterre, the capital of the sovereign nation of St. Kitts and Nevis. These lush islands were first colonized by France and Britain in the 1620s and became independent in 1983. Today, you'll venture to Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Erected by the British, this was the largest fortification ever built in the Western Caribbean. You'll arrive at the fort via a splendid two-hour rail trip aboard the open-air carriages of the St. Kitts Scenic Railway, a thrilling experience through lush countryside and past sweeping vistas awash in the Caribbean's azure waters and distant emerald-hued islands. After visiting the fort, you'll return to the ship for lunch and then have the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Included Feature:

- Tour of Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park

Cultural Discovery:

- Ride the scenic railway in St. Kitt's
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 24: Relax on board the Ocean Explorer

Treat yourself to your ship's amenities as you cruise through the legendary Caribbean Sea. Take advantage of this time to read a book from our library or enjoy a soothing massage at the spa. The day is yours to spend as you wish.

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Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 25: Indulge in the natural riches of the Dominican Republic in Samaná

Immerse yourself in the history and culture of "DR" today during an enlightening tour that reveals the island's flavors, bucolic way of life, and remarkable past. During your exploration you'll visit a whale exhibit, a cigar museum, and even have time for shopping. Samaná is a lush, laid-back slice of this island, and you'll get to see its beaches and natural glory on a tour today, as well as meet with some locals. Back on board, relax on the sundeck and enjoy the late afternoon sun.

Included Feature:

- Samaná History & Traditions tour

Cultural Discovery:

- Learn about local culture
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAYS 26-27: Relax on board with two days at sea

Enjoy a couple of days at sea as you sail across the crystalline waters of the Caribbean. Visit the

spa, get in a workout at the gym, and relax on the sun deck catching up with a great book.

Tonight, join your fellow guests for a special Farewell Dinner.

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DAY 28: Tour Nassau on a comprehensive island tour

After breakfast, you'll disembark the Ocean Explorer as your journey winds down in Nassau, the Bahamas. Begin your island tour at the Rawson and Parliament squares, lined with colorful stucco Georgian neoclassical buildings. The Supreme Court, Senate Chambers, and House of Assembly are here. Leaving here, you'll pass the Queen's Staircase, 66 limestone steps that connect Fort Fincastle to the lower town. It was carved out of the sheer rock by slaves in 1793. You'll also see the Government House and Graycliff, a stunning mansion built in 1740 that is now a famous hotel. After a photo stop at historic Fort Charlotte, you'll pass other landmarks such as the College of the Bahamas, Sir Harry Oakes Monument, and Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre. You'll also pass colorful Arawak Cay, a jumble of multicolored shacks and cafés that are collectively known as "Fish Fry." Be sure to come back during your free time to enjoy the famous conch fritters and tropical conch salad, and hear a local storyteller share some Bahamian lore. During your tour, you'll stop at the historic 1789 Buena Vista Estate, home of the John Watlings

Distillery, where you will enjoy a self-guided tour and rum tasting. Upon departing the distillery you'll visit Aradastra Gardens, a lush tropical setting where you'll be introduced to some local denizens such as monkeys, flamingos, snakes, lorikeets, and other native species.

Included Feature:

- Nassau city tour

Cultural Discoveries:

- Tour with rum tasting at John Watlings Distillery
 - Exotic animal encounters at Aradastra Gardens
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 29: Spend a day at leisure in West Palm Beach

Located along Florida's Atlantic coast, West Palm Beach is a small city offering visitors year-round excitement. You'll find smooth-sand beaches and some of the nation's most enticing waterways within easy reach. The downtown area is home to countless retail and entertainment venues, and the perfect spot to find elegant boutiques, fine dining, and world-renowned art galleries.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 30: Relax on board the Ocean Explorer

Relax with a day at sea: refresh, renew, and relish in your ship's deluxe amenities. Perhaps you'll join a morning workout class, or lounge on the sun deck. You could get a facial at the spa, meet friends in the lounge for a game of bridge, attend a lecture on the history of the Bahamas, or simply soak in the hot tub with the cocktail of the day — the

choice is yours!

Scenic Sailing:

- It should be a beautiful day at sea, so take the time to be outside and breathe in the fresh air and delightful breezes

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

Learn More

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 31: Soak up the color and culture in Charleston, South Carolina

Charleston, one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the southern U.S., will enchant you with its stately homes, lovely gardens, magnificent public buildings, and majestic churches. You will get to experience this lovely city — which has been voted the "#1 best city in the world" by readers of Travel + Leisure several times over the past few years — for yourself on today's included panoramic tour. You'll see the College of Charleston, Harleston Village (one of the city's earliest suburbs), the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and the elegant 18th- and 19th-century townhouses of the Battery. Your expert guide will delight you with interesting anecdotes about the history of some of Charleston's prominent sites. A few of the landmarks you'll pass are the Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon, one of the country's most important Revolutionary-era buildings; St. Michael's Episcopal Church, whose bells have crossed the Atlantic seven times; the Fireproof Building, designed by Robert Mills, a Freemason

architect who also designed the first Washington monument; and the Old City Market, a more than 200-year-old public market. The highlight of this tour is a visit to the early 19th-century Joseph Manigault House. Designed by the wealthy rice planter Gabriel Manigault, this house is considered one of the finest examples of Adamesque architecture in the country. The house also boasts a magnificent collection of period furniture and art with quite a few Charleston pieces.

Included Feature:

- Historical tour of Charleston
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 32: Revisit antebellum life in Wilmington, North Carolina

If you're up on deck this morning, take in the beautiful coastal scenery as your ship makes its way up the wide Cape Fear River to Wilmington. This historic port city boasts a beautifully restored waterfront, and exquisite architecture which you'll see on today's tour.

Today, you will be able to choose from one of two guided tours in Wilmington. If you are interested in beautifully preserved architecture, a tour of Wilmington's National Register Historic district will spotlight many of the city's historic mansion houses. Wilmington is also home to the largest full-service filming studio outside of Hollywood, and you'll learn about the many movies and television shows filmed in the area. Optionally, you can choose to visit the World War II battleship, USS North Carolina. This was the first battleship of its type built for the U.S. Navy, and was put into service following the December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. The ship was

decommissioned in 1947 and put into reserve, before being saved from a breaker's yard in 1960. The ship was brought to Wilmington in 1962 - where it was opened as a museum - and was named a National Historic Landmark in 1982.

After your tour you'll have free time to enjoy this pretty city on your own. Take a stroll along the Riverwalk, a waterfront promenade lined with parks, shops and cafés. If you are a craft beer enthusiast, Wilmington boasts many well-regarded microbreweries. It also boasts many fine nearby beaches such as Carolina Beach, known for its colorful boardwalk.

Included Features:

- Choice of guided tour: Historic mansion houses of Wilmington or World War II battleship *USS North Carolina*
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 33: Enjoy a day at sea on your way to Norfolk

You'll have a full day to relax and enjoy the 5-star amenities of your Deluxe ship. Perhaps you'll join a yoga class or enjoy a soothing massage. We'll arrive in Norfolk this evening, and we'll have some onboard entertainment tonight.

Cultural Discovery:

- Onboard entertainment
Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.
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Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 34: Choose from two tours: Colonial Williamsburg or Highlights of Norfolk

Strategically set at the core of the historic Hampton Roads region, Norfolk is surrounded on three sides by water and is home to the world's largest naval base, as well as one of NATO's two Strategic Command headquarters. After an early lunch onboard, then head out to explore the region's historic colonial roots.

Today, you'll have your pick of two tours, each of which will inform you of the rich history of this region. You may embark on a Colonial Williamsburg tour and discover what was the capital of the first colony, Virginia. Today, the city is a living history museum, with 80% of its original layout! Or, opt for a Highlights of Norfolk tour, where you'll visit the largest Naval installation in the world with a member of the Navy as your guide. PLEASE NOTE: In case Norfolk Naval Base is not accessible for a tour due to external reasons, we will visit the famous Chrysler Museum of Art instead. Whichever way you roam, enjoy the remainder of your afternoon and evening at leisure.

Included Feature:

- Half-day tour of Colonial Williamsburg OR Norfolk Highlights

Cultural Discoveries:

- Demonstration of colonial cooking and crafts
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 35: Arrive in the Big Apple tonight

Today we will arrive in New York City during the

late afternoon.

Scenic Sailing:

- Be sure to have your cameras ready as there may be no more iconic skyline in the world than New York City's. Soak up its million dollar views as you head towards your next thrilling destination

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ocean Explorer >

DAY 36: Discover the best of the Big Apple, New York City

Arrive in New York City today, then set out to explore. Your tour showcases some of the city's most famous attractions and landmarks. See where world economies rise and fall on Wall Street, including the New York Stock Exchange building in the heart of the financial district. Nearby, you'll pay your respects at the 9/11 Memorial, where the victims of the World Trade Center bombing are honored. Also nearby is St. Paul's Chapel, the oldest surviving church in New York City, built in 1766. At Battery Park, you'll catch glimpses of the Statue of Liberty.

Your tour continues as you make your way towards Midtown, passing through Chinatown, Greenwich Village, SoHo, and more. Ride past the elegant New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue, and then see Rockefeller Center, Times Square, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Central Park and Grand Central Station. You'll be back on board in time for lunch and a free afternoon, with a scintillating port talk and dinner back on board.

Included Feature:

- New York City tour
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 37: Delve into history in Newport, Rhode Island

Newport is famous as the summer “watering hole” for America’s wealthiest families during the Gilded Age. It is also a yachting center that hosted the America’s Cup races from 1930–1983, and the first U.S. Open sites for tennis and golf. Less well-known is the town's colonial heritage, when it was an important whaling and trading port, notably as a center of the slave trade. Your tour points out the historic wharves, Touro Synagogue (the country’s oldest synagogue), the sweeping vistas of Ocean Drive, Hammersmith Farm (Jacqueline Bouvier’s childhood home, where she later held the reception for her wedding to John F. Kennedy), and more.

After breakfast onboard, you’ll be transferred to the port by tender for day of discovery. A highlight of the day will be your visit to the Breakers, the opulent Italian Renaissance-style mansion that was built as a summer residence by Cornelius Vanderbilt II. Set on elegant Bellevue Avenue, it has a vast back lawn overlooking the Cliff Walk and the sea, and is filled with lavish period furnishings and art. Your tour provides a fascinating, intimate glimpse into the lives of America’s wealthiest and most powerful families during the late 1800s through the turn of the century.

The afternoon is free for you to explore Newport at your leisure. Your onboard Destination Manager will be able to provide recommendations based on your interests!

Included Feature:

- Newport city tour

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 38: See the legendary summer resort of Martha’s Vineyard

Beautiful Martha’s Vineyard is famous as an affluent summer resort, and you can certainly do some celebrity-watching here. But your eyes will also be drawn to the sweeping natural beauty, historic towns and charming architecture. If some of it looks familiar, perhaps that’s because the movie *Jaws* was filmed here.

You’ll arrive ashore via tender for today’s tour, which starts with historic Oak Bluffs, once a religious revival summer camp.

Then, head along the coast to Edgartown, a quaint, white-clapboard village that was originally an important whaling center. Ride through the farmlands of West Tisbury, and the hills of Chilmark, where celebrities such as Ted Danson, Carly Simon, James Taylor, and Bill Murray have homes.

Perhaps you will explore Oak Bluffs on your own to get a feel for the laid-back charm that is synonymous with Martha’s Vineyard. You can see the colorful Flying Horses, the country’s oldest, continuously-operating platform carousel that was brought here from Coney Island in 1874. Nearby is Wesleyan Grove, better known as the Campground. Back in the mid-1800s, Methodist families would set up tents in this 34-acre site to enjoy revival meetings and summer Bible study groups. The tents eventually gave way to cottages that are painted lovely pastel hues and adorned with elaborate millwork. Today, these lovely gingerbread cottages are part of the National Historic Register. You can also learn about Oak Bluff’s history as one of the

country's first resorts for affluent African Americans.

After your time in Oak Bluffs, you'll head back to the Ocean Explorer to enjoy lunch on board. The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend at leisure.

Included Feature:

- Tour of Martha's Vineyard
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 39: Explore Cape Cod and ride the trolley around Provincetown

Provincetown (or "P-Town," as locals call it) was the fertile fishing ground where the Pilgrims first dropped anchor before settling in Plymouth. Set at the curving tip of Cape Cod, it still is an important fishing community that over the years has been known for its spectacular beaches and tolerant, live-and-let-live vibe. For this reason, it has been a longtime resort, artists' colony, and popular summer haven for the LGBTQ community. Famous residents have included Tennessee Williams, Norman Mailer, Eugene O'Neill, Kurt Vonnegut, Lee Krasner, Jackson Pollock, Robert Motherwell, Julie Harris, Anthony Bourdain, and many more. You'll get acquainted during this morning's tour.

A tender will transport you to shore for an old-fashioned trolley to ride around the town. You'll see the impressive Town Library, which is housed in an old, Italianate-style church built in 1860 and which also includes the Heritage Museum. At the Pilgrim Monument, you can admire the country's tallest granite building, a 252-foot-high tower that offers commanding sea views. The museum at its base commemorates the pilgrims' five-week sojourn here, during which time they drew up the Mayflower Compact that

codified the first laws of the new colony.

The Cape Cod National Seashore boasts some of the country's most stupendous seascapes, and at the Salt Pond Visitor's Center you will enjoy wonderful views of them, as well as exhibits on local flora and fauna.

After lunch, you will have free time to explore on your own. Poke around the eclectic shops and art galleries, or perhaps enjoy the bustling harbor scene at MacMillan Pier.

Included Feature:

- Trolley tour of Provincetown

Scenic Sailing:

- Later today, bid farewell to Provincetown as you set sail towards Boston
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
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DAY 40: Discover the best of Boston and Cambridge and disembark Ocean Explorer

The heart of Boston is quite compact, but it packs a big wallop in terms of its cultural, historic and touristic attractions, even compared to much larger cities. Boston has been called a "city of neighborhoods," and on your city tour today you'll see some of its most charming locales.

This morning after disembarking the Ocean Explorer, you'll pass Copley Square, ringed by architectural jewels like Trinity Church, the Boston Public Library, and the Old South Church. Continue riding through the Back Bay and see trendy Newbury Street, Public Garden, Boston Common, and Beacon Hill, crowned by the gold-domed, Bulfinch-designed Massachusetts State House. From here you'll head to the Old North Church, where Paul Revere hung two lanterns in

the steeple to signal that the British were coming. The church sits in the middle of the North End, Boston's historic Italian neighborhood. Take a little time to walk around and enjoy its sights, sounds, smells, and (of course) tastes. From here, you'll cross the Charles River and head across Cambridge to Harvard Square, where you'll have time to walk around and see the campus and surrounding commercial center of America's oldest and most prestigious university.

The balance of the afternoon and evening is free for you to explore, relax, and enjoy dinner on your own. Perhaps you'll walk along sections of the Freedom Trail, passing the site of the Boston Massacre of 1770, Boston Common, the Old Granary Burying Grounds (where many illustrious Bostonians are buried), and more. Heading toward the renovated Seaport district, you can see a replica of the Boston Tea Party ship, where colonists protested a British tax by dumping tea into the harbor in 1773. Boston has a brisk dining, music, and theater scene, so don't forget to ask your Vantage Destination Manager to help you plan your time.

Included Feature:

- Boston city tour

Included meals: Breakfast

The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar

DAY 41: Explore Boston at your leisure

You'll have a full day at leisure to explore Boston on your own today. This is a city that has something for everyone. Shop on Newbury Street or at the high-end Copley Place mall. Pop over to Fenway Park for a tour of this historic ballpark, home to the Boston Red Sox since

1912. Visit one of the many local museums, including the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, or the Institute of Contemporary Art. And when hunger hits, you'll find everything from classic New England fare to trendy hot spots to tempt your tastebuds.

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion.

Discover Lexington and Concord, the battleground where the "shot heard round the world" officially triggered the American

Revolution. [Learn More](#)

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner

The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar

DAY 42: Return home

After breakfast you'll transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

Please Note: Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

ACCOMMODATIONS



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Quick facts

Launch: 2021

Length: 104.4 Meters

Max Capacity: 162 guests — 134 for polar expeditions

Cabins: 77, including a landmark 15 solo cabins — 80% of all cabins feature a private veranda

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas.

On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts.

On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel

- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

Amenities:

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- On expeditions, enjoy the services and curated lectures of a 5- or 17-person Expedition Team, comprised of experts in their field
- Knowledgeable staff by region; expedition cruises will be led by an experienced Expedition Team
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular US news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies

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Quality Hotel Manaus ★★★★★

Explore the fauna and flora of the biggest rainforest in the world with a stay at the Quality Hotel Manaus, conveniently located in the hub of one of Brazil's largest industrial parks. All spacious guest rooms offer a high-definition, flat-screen television with cable, minibar, desk, and air-conditioning. Some guest rooms feature a free daily newspaper, sofa sleeper, pillow-top mattress, hair dryer, microwave, iron and ironing board, coffee-maker and kitchen facilities.



The Westin Copley Place Boston ★★★★★

A downtown location in the celebrated Back Bay neighborhood makes this upscale hotel the perfect base from which you can explore Boston. Back Bay Station and the Boston Public Library are a 4-minute walk away, while the boutiques and restaurants of Newbury Street are 0.5 miles from the hotel. Each spacious room features contemporary interiors with city or river views, flat-screen TVs, minibars, and coffee/tea service. Suites add living areas. Room service is available 24/7. Other amenities include an on-site fitness studio and spa, and four dining options including a bar and a Brazilian...