

Travel Notes #4: Checklists For The Last Two Days

SCHEDULE WITH THE LEAD TRANSLATOR

- Last day itinerary
- Time for serving the crew meal
- List items that needed to be replenished on the boat (eyeglasses, Bibles, medicines, etc.)
- Purchase of AO hammocks, coffee, T-shirts, mugs, etc...
- Return passports & wallets
- Laundry cut-off time
- The last meal on the boat is at {Insert Time}
- Arrange for bottles of water on the bus to the airport (1ea) or hotel (2ea)

MISCELLANEOUS.

- Rail time (optional) is a time of worship and praise, standing at the rails of the boat, reflecting on God and his call to your life (best just to do this during the week on the clearest night, but the trip back can work)
- Collect tip (suggested \$50, but any amount is appreciated)
- Get a team photo on the boat and share it with AO, sarahn@amazonoutreach.org
- Consolidate checked luggage and tear off old tags
- Designate an area to leave donated luggage, village shoes, and other donated supplies (recommend under stairs)
- Use Deet even in Manaus
- Provide Sharpies for writing names on cross-beams (not columns or ceiling)
- Organize closets/pharmacy
- Determine a plan to share team photos (e.g., Google Drive, Dropbox).
- Most left items: phone chargers, village shoes, and laundry
- Pre-assign travel accountability partners (groups)
- **Ask your team to pick one of their favorite memories, write it in a text, or take a picture of their journal and text it to Sarah Nelson at 214-577-8730.**
- **Also, send a group photo to Sarah via text.**

JACARE (ALLIGATOR) HUNTING

- Communicate with the captain in advance about the best place/night,
- I recommend skipping the debrief on this night and pushing it to the following day
- Disclaimer: AO has safely done this for over 24 years, but these are wild animals, and you are going at your own risk
- Wear DEET
- Don't take a phone
- Wear a life jacket at all times
- Wear shoes in case Jacare gets loose in the speedboat
- Wash your hands thoroughly after holding a jacare
- Do not kiss the jacare
- Start list with 7 Americans and one translator per team

- We'll let you know when we're ready for your team to go down to the first floor

SWIMMING (communicate in advance with the captain for the best place)

- Disclaimer: AO teams have safely swam in the Amazon for over 24 years, but you are choosing to swim at your own risk
- We only swim with the captain's approval
- Do not dive (trees and rocks everywhere)
- If swimming near the bank, do not stand on the river bottom; use noodles or a life jacket/ due to glass, metal, and stingrays.
- If you experience a cut, get out of the water
- No dunking or wrestling in water (inhaling water can make you sick)

SERVING THE CREW (ideas)*

- Let the cooks know in advance about the special night
- Use special decorations
- Consider using leftover team supplies to create gift bags for the Brazilian team (consult with the lead translator on what's appropriate)
- Consider giving them any excess food packs
- Create one long row of tables (banquet style)
- High-five, whistle, and cheer as they ascend to the floor
- Have them get food and be seated
- Have team members fill drinks at tables
- Introduce and thank each group (missionaries, cooks/laundry/ crew/ translators)
- Designate a spokesperson for the team to express appreciation
- Give gifts (only if planned and if you have enough for all)
- The US team eats after appreciation is shared
- If it is pizza night, ask the US team to get only two pieces of pizza on the first turn to ensure enough for everyone to eat.
- Clean dishes

SOUVENIR INSTRUCTIONS

- Boat souvenirs support the annual AO Translator Training Fellowship
- Stuckey (a small place where we feed river monsters) and Buc-ees (a prominent place with monkeys)
- Don't bargain; it's their livelihood, and it's not expensive
- Vendors are all one family, but need to pay a person at each table for their items
- Do shop among vendors for the best price on the same item
- Divide the price by 5 to calculate the cost in dollars
- Translators will be there to assist you
- You can wear boat shoes in souvenir places
- Pack weaponized souvenirs (arrows, knives, blow-dart guns, etc) in checked bags.

DOLPHIN SWIM INSTRUCTIONS

- Don't use sunscreen
- Bring your towel
- Keep legs closed in water to avoid being swiped by a Dolphin's tail when its back is to you (ouch)

HOTEL INSTRUCTIONS

- Some rooms have USB charger outlets, but as a precaution, fully charge your phone on the boat if you don't have a Brazilian adapter.
- Please have your passport ready in case it is required for check-in.
- If hotel forms are required, all that is needed is the printed name, email, and signature.
- Let the team leader go first so the team will have their room #
- You can make free calls on the hotel's wifi through WhatsApp, or use the hotel room phone to dial the room number to call a team member
- Room key card- insert inside the door for power (can use any card in the slot to keep air in the room on while gone)
- Use Remote to turn on air-conditioning 21c=70f
- We will pass out two bottles of water per room in the lobby (if you remember to bring cases from the boat)
- Items in the room & fridge cost extra; please let us know if you used anything when we checked out.
- It is better to keep your passport in the hotel.
- If a group decides to walk to the beach near the Tropical, go as a group with a translator, allow for 30 30-minute walk each way, and bring water.
- Be cautious of pickpockets in crowded areas, and keep your phones and wallets secure.
- Don't forget to use Deet in Manaus.

IF OVERNIGHT STAY

- Breakfast will be in the hotel at ???
- Be in the lobby at [insert time] to depart for the airport.