



Theodore Roosevelt thought it would be great to spend some time with his son Kermit (who lived in South America). So ... he accepted an invitation to make a speech (in Argentina), then take a trip (originating in Brazil) along an uncharted waterway called *Rio da Duvida* (the River of Doubt).

On the river trip, Roosevelt and his team would join forces with Candido Rondon (then Brazil's most-famous explorer). Before it was over, the explorers faced:

- Deadly rapids
- Indian attacks
- Starvation
- A murderer, within their midst.

Although the trip along the nearly 1,000-mile-long river took a huge toll on Roosevelt - in his 50s, at the time - the group actually navigated the River of Doubt.

As if that weren't a significant-enough accomplishment, the former U.S. President and Candido (the famous explorer) mapped the Amazon tributary which, by all accounts, had long-since earned its name (The River of Doubt).

In this image, we see the former President - wearing a hat - traveling in the expedition's most-reliable dugout canoe. When he and Candido successfully concluded their adventure, the river's name was changed from *Rio da Duvida* to *Rio Roosevelt*.

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