



 Amazon, South America, River Cruises & Peru
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Upper Amazon Aboard the Delfin II

Venture to the headwaters of the mighty Amazon in the heart of Peru's rainforest aboard the elegant riverboat *Delfin II*. Slip through jungle waterways by skiff or kayak in search of diverse wildlife. Skim past massive lily pads, peer up at towering ceiba trees, and witness glorious sunsets on the still waters of quiet lakes off the mighty Amazon. Interact with the local *ribereños*, whom we support with our visit.

From
\$ 7,760 / per person
Does not include flights

 DATES Year round	 DURATION 10 Days
 SHIPS <i>Delfin II</i>	
 STARTS AT Lima, Peru	→  ENDS AT Lima, Peru

NOTE: Beginning in 2026 this expedition is 9 days long.

Highlights

- ★ Explore the seasonally flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve at the headwaters of the Amazon with a team of experienced naturalists
- ★ Watch for elusive Amazon wildlife like pink river dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws
- ★ Meet the welcoming ribereños, natives of the reserve, and learn about their ways of life along the river
- ★ Get photo tips in the field from a National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions Certified Photo Instructor





Day by day

DAY 1

Lima, Peru

Arrive in Lima, Peru's thriving capital, and transfer to the convenient Wyndham Costa del Sol, connected to the airport. Most international flights arrive in the late evening. Opt to arrive early for a Lima pre-voyage extension staying at the iconic Country Club Lima Hotel. The extension adds just a day to the expedition and gives you a chance to rest, relax, and see this UNESCO World Heritage designated city.

Arrival Time: Anytime.

Arrival City: Lima, Peru

◇ DAY 2

Lima / Iquitos / Nauta / Embark Ship

After breakfast, fly to Iquitos in the Peruvian Amazon and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the *Delfin II* awaits. Settle into your cabin and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine on board. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent Amazon night sky.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 3-8

Exploring the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle stretching more than five million acres and harboring some of the Amazon's most diverse flora and fauna. The reserve is bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, two powerful rivers that converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters and is known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by its

glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and, when the water level permits, hikes on dry land. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rainforest on narrow tributaries. Look for sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for massive paiche fish, the Amazon's largest; rare pink dolphins; and the infamous piranhas.

Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve's interior. Seek out *Victoria amazonica*, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a bird-watching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then looking for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats, and other creatures of the night.

One of the unexpected joys of traveling in the Upper Amazon of Peru is the interaction we have with the local *ribereños*, the traditional people who live on the riverbanks. Visit one of the local communities and see the projects that we support through a local nonprofit, including a variety of handicrafts, women's health initiatives, and sustainable farming.

Meals included: lunch, dinner, breakfast

◇ DAY 9

Nauta / Disembark Ship / Iquitos / Lima

Disembark in Nauta, stopping at the Amazon Rescue

Center on the drive to Iquitos. Fly to Lima for an overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. You may be able to take advantage of overnight flights home.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

■ DAY 10

Lima

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Lima for your flight home.

Departure Time: Depart anytime on day 10, or after 9:00 p.m. local time on day 9.

Departure City: Lima, Peru

Meals included: breakfast

2024-25 Expedition

Lima, Peru → Lima, Peru

Alternative Routes

Visit Expeditions.com for more information.

2024 Departure Dates

Aboard *Delfin II*

14 Sep	21 Sep	28 Sep		
02 Nov	09 Nov			
07 Dec	14 Dec			

2026 Departure Dates

10 Jan, 17 Jan, 24 Jan, 28 Feb, 14 Mar,
 21 Mar, 28 Mar, 11 Apr, 18 Apr, 25 Apr,
 09 May, 16 May, 13 Jun, 20 Jun, 27 Jun,
 18 Jul, 25 Jul, 01 Aug, 08 Aug, 05 Sep,
 19 Sep, 26 Sep, 03 Oct, 17 Oct, 14 Nov,
 05 Dec, 12 Dec, 19 Dec

2025 Departure Dates

Aboard *Delfin II*

11 Jan	18 Jan	25 Jan		
22 Feb				
22 Mar	29 Mar			
12 Apr	19 Apr	26 Apr		
10 May	17 May	24 May		
21 Jun	28 Jun			
19 Jul	26 Jul			
02 Aug				
06 Sep	20 Sep	27 Sep		
04 Oct				
08 Nov	15 Nov			
06 Dec	13 Dec	20 Dec		



Delfin II

Guests

28

Suites

14

***Delfin II* is a stately riverboard, built in 2009 for the express purpose of exploring deep jungles in modern tropical style.**

As much of the river as on it and locally built, *Delfin II*'s iron exterior is clad in tropical hardwoods and her interior gleams with wood floors and lacquered palm ceilings. Wood stairs float between decks and lazily turning ceiling fans add the right tropical notes, while the air-conditioning invisibly cools and dehumidifies.

The lounge, center of our life as an expedition community, features a welcoming open bar and inviting seating. The dining room is decorated with locally crafted lanterns that hang over an impressive central buffet table, which was carved from a massive tree root found floating in the river and installed before the ship's windows were—three walls of windows keep us connected to the nonstop panorama outside. In fact, the prestigious Relais & Châteaux recently inducted the ship into its hotel group, recognizing its commitment to local nature and culture and its exquisite Amazonian-Peruvian cuisine.

The cabins are airy and supremely comfortable—the perfect place to end active days. Slip into a bed that is well-appointed with crisp cotton linens and drift off as you gaze out at the starry night through the generous, river-framing window wall. *Delfin II*, our base for daily explorations to which we happily return, has a distinct advantage over any land-based camp—she moves, giving you an ever-varied experience of the Amazon's multiple landscapes and wonders.



Cabin Categories

Suite

Upper Deck: #11-14

Main Deck: #1-6

All suites have two twin beds that can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families travelling together (call for details). Each includes a large view window, excellent reading lights, a closet, small sofa chair, and desk. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, separate toilet and sink area.



Master Suite

Upper Deck: #15, #16

Main Deck: #7, #8

Master suites on this deck have king beds, oversized windows that provide incredible 90-degree views overlooking the river, excellent reading light, a closet, small sofa chair, closet, and desk. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, separate toilet, and sink area.

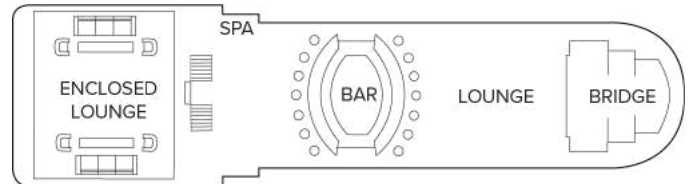


Shared Accommodations:

Due to the limited number of cabins available, solo occupancy and shares are on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates.

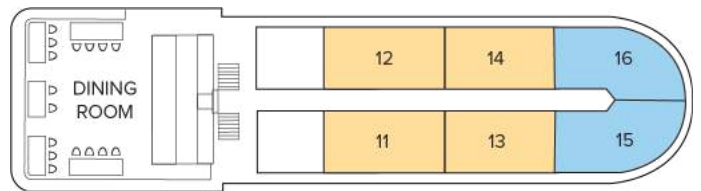
Deck Plans

Observation Deck



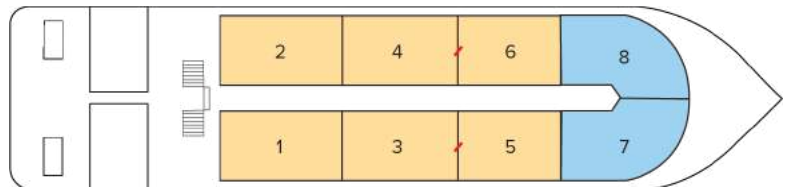
Upper Deck

- Suite
- Master Suite



Main Deck

- Suite
- Master Suite



Ship amenities

Public Areas

With sweeping views, public areas include an air-conditioned presentation room, an open-air lounge and bar up top, and a dining room with a 270-degree panorama. There is also a small library, exercise room, and spa. Visit the open bridge, where you are welcome anytime.



Meals

Dining aboard is an extraordinary daily event. Meals are artfully prepared, and all food served aboard, except for olive oil and balsamic vinegar, is sourced locally. The dining room accommodates all guests at once for a single seating.

Cabins

14 outside cabins. All suites face outside with floor to ceiling windows with unobstructed views of the river. Private bathrooms feature a hot shower, organic toiletries, and hair dryers. Other features include air-conditioning and indoor sitting area.



Expedition Equipment

Search for rare birds and mammals and explore the tributaries that feed these rivers aboard 10-person skiffs, which feature individual seats with cushions and plenty of legroom. Kayaks offer a quiet way to explore remote, seldom-visited side streams.

Special Features

Get a true “taste of the region” as much of the food is grown in the surrounding rainforest by local farmers who maintain sustainable agricultural practices. Even the “pillow” chocolates are crafted of local cacao.

Special Offers

NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY: 25% SAVINGS

Book between August 27th–September 19th, 2024, and save 25% on the cabin fare when booking any Category 1, Category 2, or Category 3 cabins, including solo cabins, and Category SU on *National Geographic Islander II* and *National Geographic Delfin II*, and Category 4 cabins on *National Geographic Delfina*, when you pay in full at time of booking on select departures in 2024 and 2025. To qualify for the discount, non-refundable payment in full is due at the time of booking and standard cancellation terms will not apply. Valid for new bookings only, based on availability at time of booking, cannot be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions.

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking.

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

BRINGING THE KIDS

We believe sharing an expedition with children is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off for each child under the age of 18 on any departure. Not applicable

on extensions or airfare. Call for details.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of eight or more people. Valid on voyage fares only and not applicable on extensions or airfare. Deposit, final payments, and cancellation policies for group travel vary from our regular policies. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise. For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; free beer, wine and Pisco Sours with meals on all 2023 departures aboard Delfin II (starting in 2024, spirits and cocktails are also included); hors d'oeuvres, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions and airport transfers to and from recommended flights, as indicated in the itinerary; exploration tools curated to destination, such as kayaks and skiffs; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Certified Photo Instructor; complimentary reusable water bottle; services of a medic assistant; 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

Not included in price

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

Travel protection plan

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: <https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/>

Cancellation policy

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