

Upper Amazon: A River Expedition

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
$ 7,600 / per person
Does not include flights

DATES Year round	**DURATION** 9 Days
SHIPS *Delfin III* *Delfin II*	
STARTS AT Lima, Peru →	**ENDS AT** Lima, Peru

Minimum Age Requirement: Any children booked on *Delfin II* or *Delfin III* voyages must be at least 7 years old at time of embarkation.

Highlights

- Explore the seasonally flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a team of experienced naturalists
- Search for elusive Amazon wildlife, including pink and gray river dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas and scarlet macaws
- Get acquainted with native ribereños on a visit to a community at the river's edge
- Venture beyond the main river by skiff or kayak, exploring narrow tributaries, mirror-like blackwater lakes and secluded jungle channels








Iquitos
Amazon River
Marañón River
Nauta
Pacaya-Samiria Reserve
Ucayali River
PERU
Lima
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Day by day

■ DAY 1

Lima, Peru

Arrive in Lima, Peru's thriving capital, and transfer to the convenient Wyndham Grand Costa del Sol Lima Airport hotel, located at 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 one day to the expedition, with time to relax and explore Lima's UNESCO-listed historic center.

Arrival Time: Anytime after 12:00 p.m.
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 ship 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 interacting with the local *ribereños*, the traditional people who live on the riverbanks. Visit one of the local communities and see the projects that National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions supports 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, where you'll connect to flights home. Ask your expedition specialist about options to extend your stay, including a room at the Wyndham Grand Costa del Sol Lima Airport hotel or additional nights at Country Club Lima. You may also combine with Machu Picchu and Peru's Land of the Inca.

Departure Time: After 9:00 PM local time.
Departure City: Lima.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

Expedition

Lima, Peru → Lima, Peru

2026 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *Delfin III*

11 Dec				

Aboard *Delfin II*

05 Dec	12 Dec	19 Dec		

2027 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *Delfin III*

17 May				
19 Jul				
02 Aug	16 Aug			
26 Nov				
03 Dec	13 Dec			

Aboard *Delfin II*

09 Jan	16 Jan	23 Jan		
13 Mar	20 Mar	27 Mar		
10 Apr	17 Apr	24 Apr		
12 Jun	19 Jun	26 Jun		
17 Jul	24 Jul	31 Jul		
07 Aug	14 Aug			
04 Sep	11 Sep	18 Sep	25 Sep	
02 Oct	09 Oct	16 Oct		
04 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec	25 Dec	

2028 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *Delfin III*

17 Apr	24 Apr			
01 May	29 May			
05 Jun	12 Jun			
14 Jul	21 Jul	28 Jul		
20 Nov	27 Nov			
04 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec		

Aboard *Delfin II*

01 Jan	08 Jan	15 Jan	22 Jan	29 Jan
05 Feb	12 Feb	19 Feb	26 Feb	
04 Mar	18 Mar	25 Mar		
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Delfin III

GUESTS	CABINS
42	21

Explore in tropical style on this elegant 42-guest, all-suite river ship

With just 21 suites in four categories, all with floor-to-ceiling windows, *Delfin III* sails the Ucayali and Marañón rivers to the confluence of the mighty Amazon in Peru's Upper Amazon year-round with style. Locally built and carrying 30 marvelous crew, most from the region, this elegant ship was inducted into the Relais & Châteaux group, recognizing its commitment to local nature and culture, and its exquisite Amazonian-Peruvian cuisine.

The observation deck, with an open-air whirlpool hot tub at the stern, has a large lounge and bar accommodating all guests for recaps, presentations, and to take in the passing scenery. Everyone gathers with open, relaxed seating for meals aboard in the spacious dining room. The ship is sustainably furnished featuring handmade furniture, art and textiles from the surrounding communities that are supported by our guests.

Choose from four categories of large suites aboard: the singular Andes Suite, measuring 597 square feet, with 180-degree windows at the bow to take in the surroundings; two corner Amazon Suites; 10 Upper Suites; and 8 Suites, with en suite facilities, comfortable chair and desk.





Cabin Categories

Suite

MAIN DECK **#103-110**

Suites on this deck measure 237 sq.ft. and feature floor-to-ceiling windows for stunning views of the passing life along the river. Includes two twin beds that can convert to a king-size bed, bedside tables with reading lamps, large window, comfortable sitting area with sofa. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower and large mirror vanity.



Upper Suite

UPPER DECK **#202-211**

Upper Suites on this deck measure 237 sq. ft. and feature floor-to-ceiling windows for stunning views of the passing life along the river. Includes two twin beds that can convert to a king-size bed, bedside tables with reading lamps, large window, comfortable sitting area with sofa. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower and large mirror vanity.



Amazon Suite

MAIN DECK **#101-102**

Amazon Suites are 270 sq. ft,, with oversized windows that provide incredible 90-degree corner views overlooking the river. Configured with a fixed king bed, these suites accommodate triple occupancy in an added twin. Amenities include bedside tables and reading light, ample closet, small sofa chair and desk. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, separate toilet and sink area.



Andes Suite

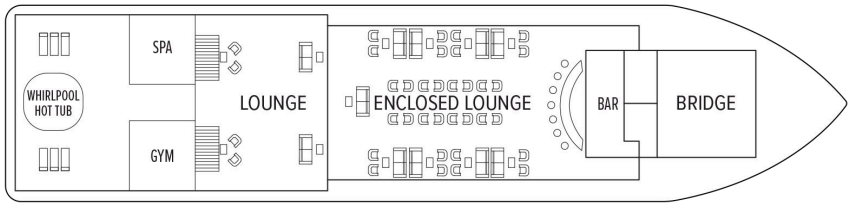
UPPER DECK **#201**

The Andes Suite measures 597 sq. ft. and features a king bed with breathtaking views of the expansive river through forward-facing, 180-degree floor-to-ceiling windows. Amenities include bedside tables with reading lamps and a comfortable sitting area with sofa. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, and separate bathtub and large mirror with double vanity.



Deck Plans

Observation Deck



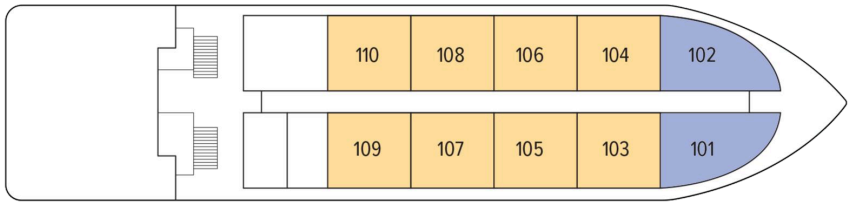
Upper Deck

- Upper Suite
- Andes Suite



Main Deck

- Suite
- Amazon Suite



Ship Amenities

Public Areas

Enjoy sweeping views in spacious public spaces including an air-conditioned presentation room and lounge, an open-air sun deck with whirlpool hot tub, small exercise room and wellness spa and a dining room with a 270-degree panorama. Visit the open bridge, where you are welcome anytime.

Dining

Meals are artfully prepared, featuring sustainable, locally sourced cuisine. The dining room accommodates all guests for a single seating. Enjoy complimentary beer, wine, cocktails and spirits aboard the ship (except certain super premium brands which are available for purchase).

21 Outside Suites

The spacious, air-conditioned guest suites on two decks offer exceptional river views with floor-to-ceiling windows, including the Andes Suite with 180-degree views and two Amazon Suites with corner windows. Each spacious suite is a serene oasis, redolent of tropical wood and with local textiles and art. The Amazon Suites can be reserved as a triple, with a king and an added twin bed.



Expedition Tools

Explore the tributaries that feed these rivers and search for wildlife aboard 15-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

Delfin III's Relais & Chateaux designation reflects the food, service and commitment to conservation. 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. Naturalists are from the area, and you travel with a veteran National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions Expedition Leader and an exclusive certified naturalist-photo instructor.



Delfin II

GUESTS	CABINS
28	14

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

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. 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* 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.

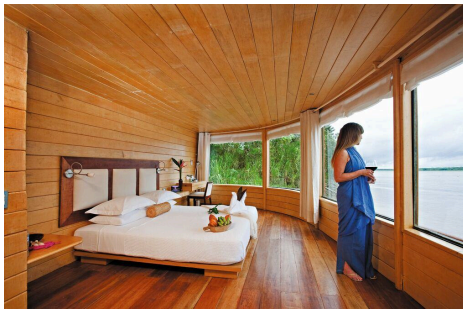


Master Suite

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.

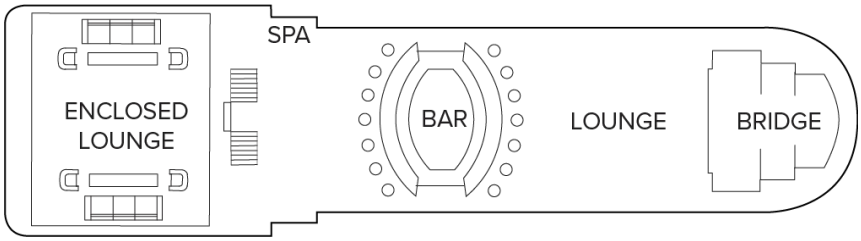


Shared Accommodations:

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

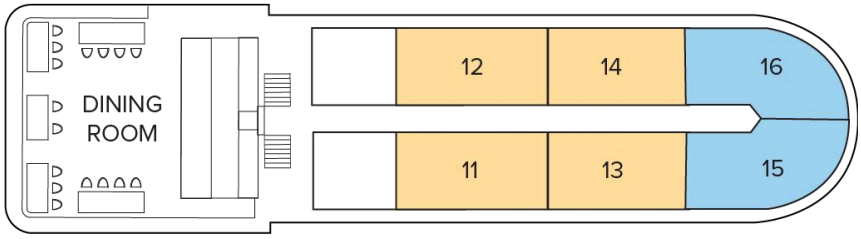
Deck Plans

Observation Deck



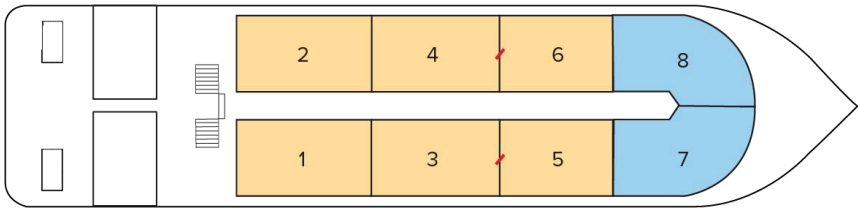
Upper Deck

- 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

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.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on extensions, 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, cocktails liquors and spirits aboard the ship (except certain premium brands which are available for purchase; hors d'oeuvres, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions; arrival/departure transfers are included for hotel arrangements made through National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions; gratuities in Peru to local guides, drivers and tour escort 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; Wi-Fi aboard ship; complimentary reusable water bottle; onboard physician consultations; 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, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

*Recommended flight costs include flight(s) that take place during the date range of your trip to transport travelers from one itinerary destination to another. This cost also includes ground transportation, luggage transfer, and airport assistance. If you prefer to arrange your own flights privately, have alternate means of transport, or wish to modify at a later time, please contact an Expedition Specialist at 1.833.400.0831

Additional costs associated with medical services outside onboard physician consultation.

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/

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