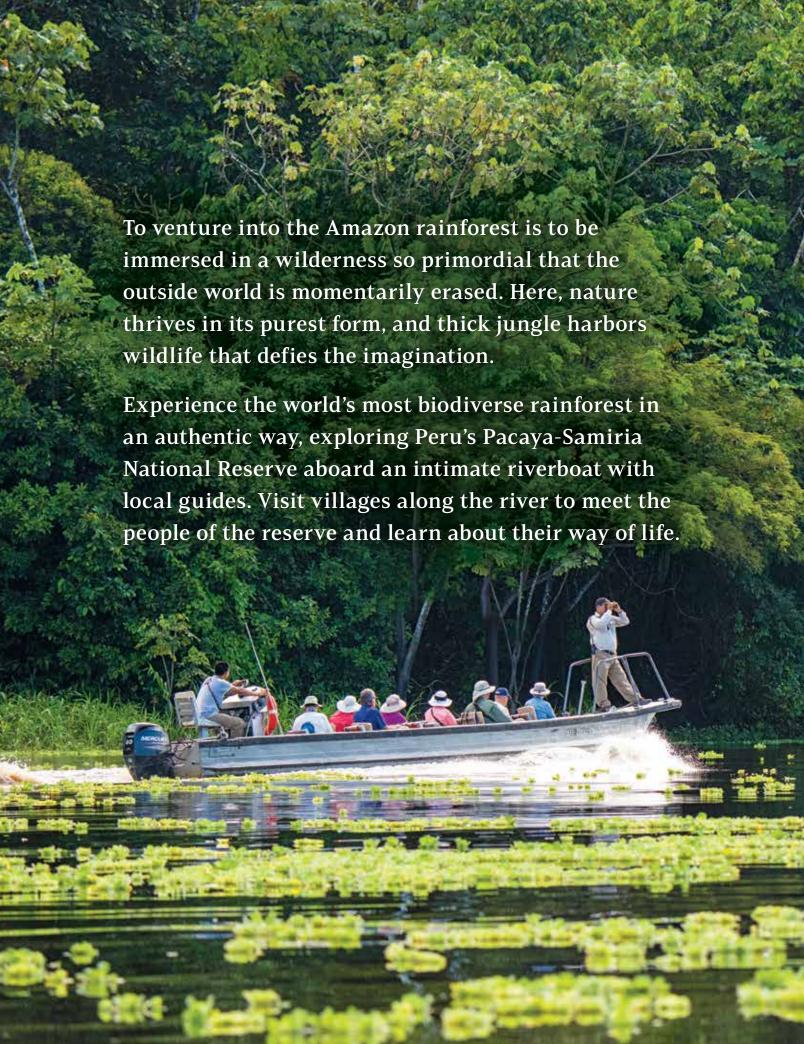
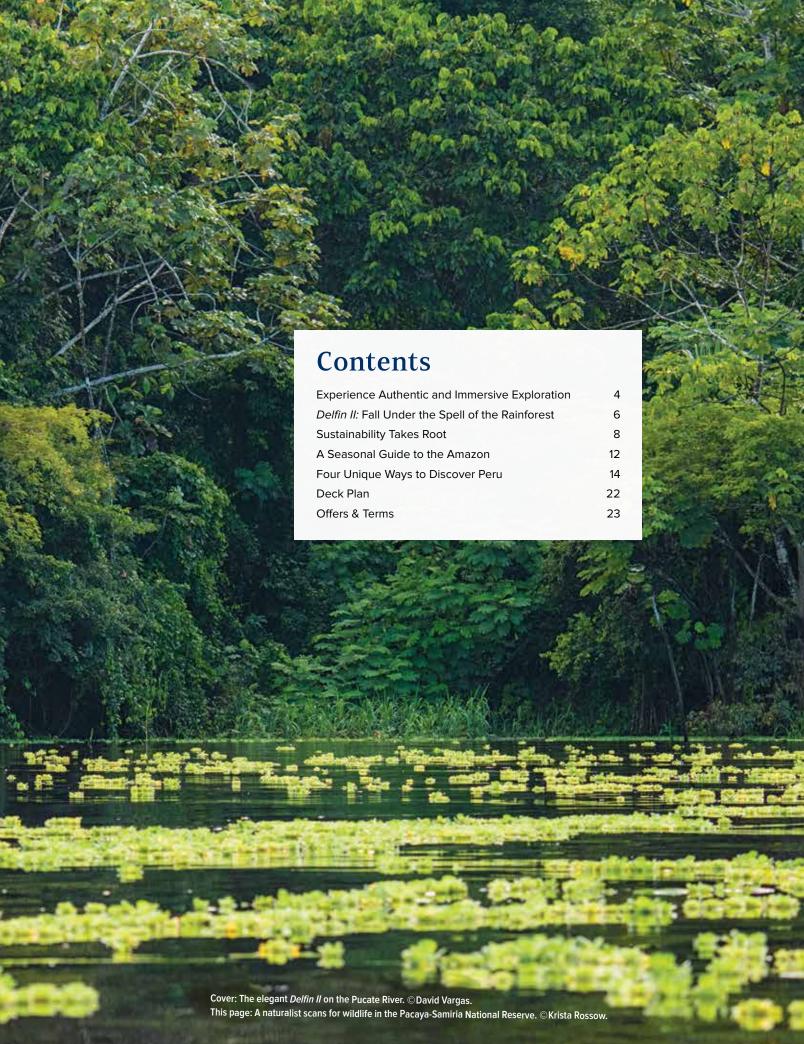




# Upper Amazon

2023-2024 VOYAGES | EXPEDITIONS.COM





# **Experience Authentic and Immersive Exploration**

Over the course of a nearly 20-year partnership, Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have created meaningful travel experiences that ignite a passion for the planet and its people. From the moment you join one of our expeditions in the Amazon, you access all the resources that stem from this shared legacy in exploration.

## A Ship That Befits the Amazon

Voyage through some of the world's most pristine wilderness on a ship that blends beautifully into its jungle surroundings. The locally built *Delfin II*—a member of the prestigious Relais & Château hotel group—is clad in teak and designed for adventure,



while offering an elegant interior and amenities that make travel through an untamed tropical

rainforest relaxing and comfortable. Intimate and agile, she accommodates just 28 guests in 14 beautifully appointed suites with a fleet of kayaks and skiffs that allow for deeper exploration.

# A Team at Home in the Rainforest

Your Amazon voyage is led by a seasoned expedition leader and a team of local naturalists, many of whom were born and raised in the riverside communities of the Amazon. Their knowledge of the rainforest is deep, and



their ability to pick out a bird call amid the lush cacophony is exceptional. These engaging experts interpret the complexities of the jungle, from the medicinal properties of its plants to the behavior of its wildlife, and because of their relationships with local communities, we are made to feel genuinely welcome during our visits.



# with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

## Hone Your Photography Skills with the Pros



A Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

Certified Photo Instructor (CPI) joins every voyage to assist travelers with everything from camera settings to composition. The CPI can teach you how to best achieve a close-up of wildlife against the trees or adjust your aperture to capture a stunning Amazon

sunset. Every
guest—from
iPhone camera
users to advanced
hobbyists—can
shoot alongside top
photographers, pick
up tips in the field,
and return home
with the photos of a
lifetime.



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## **Fascinating Discoveries Every Day**

Explore hidden corners of the rainforest every day, venturing into secluded waterways and trails to seek out intriguing flora and fauna or spend time with remote communities of *ribereños* that live along the riverbanks. From December to May, when meltwater from the Andes floods the forest with water, many excursions will be by skiff or kayak. When the waters recede beginning in June, there are more opportunities to take hikes in the jungle.

**ALL IN:** Activities and excursions are always included in the voyage price.

## **Our Commitment to Protecting the Amazon**

We are dedicated to protecting the Amazon's biodiversity and supporting the Indigenous peoples who have relied on and sustainably managed the forest for millennia. Our work with Minga Peru has empowered leaders and strengthened conservation, in addition to addressing other local priorities. Through the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Fund, we have invested almost half a million dollars in conservation projects in the Amazon, and nearly \$19.5 million around the globe.





Step aboard Delfin II and slip through Amazonian waterways aboard a nimble vessel that feels made of the jungle itself.

Her exterior is clad in tropical hardwood, while the gleaming wooden floors and palm ceilings of her interior offer a cool sanctuary inspired by the surrounding nature. For an authentic sense of place in the Amazon





## **Exploration Meets Elegance**

The smallest ship in the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic fleet, the 14-suite Delfin II is geared for exploration. With a team of naturalists, a fleet of kayaks, and three custom-built skiffs at the ready, we can maneuver quietly into secluded parts of flooded forest where tannin-rich waters create mirror-like reflections and wildlife cavorts in the jungle canopy. After a day of exploring, return to amenities that are luxurious yet understated. Ceiling fans and air conditioning are a welcome respite, and beautifully appointed suites feature expansive windows so you can enjoy rainforest views from the comfort of your own restful space. Gather at the open-air lounge and bar, and dine surrounded by a wall of windows. In your down time, relax in one of the lounges, visit the exercise room, or enjoy a spa treatment.



## A World-Class Dining Experience

Afloat in the remote rainforest, you may just have one of the best meals of your life. Our chefs use local produce and fresh-caught fish to create dishes that surprise and delight, introducing unusual ingredients—including superfoods found only in the Amazon—and adapting traditional recipes with the flair and expertise you would expect from a top restaurant.

#### A Celebration of Local

Local is the theme here—from the locally built ship to the rainforest-inspired meals, from the handcrafted lanterns in the common spaces to the salvaged tree that forms the heart



of the lounge. Local naturalists bring us closer to the biodiversity they have known their whole lives, and offer a meaningful connection to the *ribereño* communities you visit along the way.

Thanks to this combination of stunning design, sustainable ethos, and an unparalleled experience both on board and off, the *Delfin II* was the first cruise company to earn a spot in the prestigious Relais & Château hotel collection.

**CHEERS!** Enjoy free beer, wine, and pisco sours with meals on all 2023 departures aboard *Delfin II*. Starting in 2024, we will cover your full bar tab, including liquor and cocktails.

# Sustainability Takes Root with Indigenous Artisans

On the banks of the Marañón River, an Amazon tributary, the Indigenous women of the San Jorge community are learning commercial skills from the non-profit organization, Minga Peru. To date, the group has trained more than 250 artisans via workshops and radio programming, teaching them forest conservation and how to develop eco-friendly entrepreneurial projects. Through a partnership with Minga, our travelers have the opportunity to visit and support women like Zarela Huanuiri, who channeled her passion for crafting into a sustainable resource management initiative in her community. Here, Zarela shares her story.





"My neighbors told me Minga was developing new craft-making workshops to learn strategies for selling crafts to tourists visiting our communities. I had some experience making crafts, but never thought it could generate income

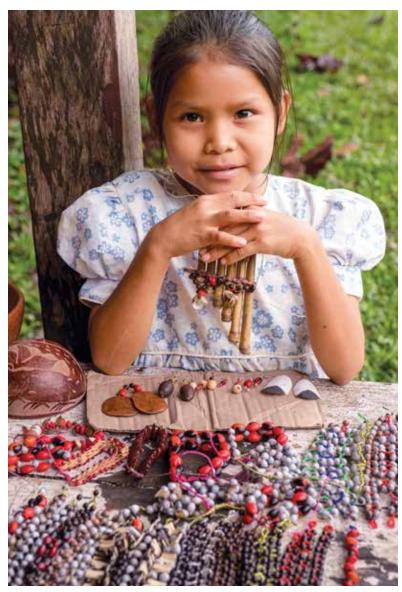
for my family. I was very impressed by the idea and decided to participate.

In my workshops I learned how to make various designs like bread boxes and hats, and I learned that most handicrafts were made of the plant fibers of the chambira palm tree. I was encouraged to start a business based on all that I had learned, but I noticed that our main source for making handicrafts, chambira, was becoming scarce in the Peruvian Amazon because of deforestation and poor agricultural practices. To access this tree, artisans had to travel long hours by boat or foot.

I told myself, 'If I want to make my own business as an artisan woman and ensure that other artisans can have access to this resource, I need to change how people are using the chambira palm tree and other natural resources in my community.'

When Minga began providing workshops on how to create eco-friendly, income-generating projects, I learned sustainable ways to plant and use the palm tree. I felt so empowered by my new skills that I worked to obtain a piece of land, where I planted chambira palm trees and other natural resources to get materials I needed for my handicrafts. Finally, I had made my business dream come true.

Now I am the president of an artisan women's group, where I share what I learned at Minga's workshops, teach how to make eco-friendly businesses, and promote the importance of preserving the natural resources to make artisan work sustainable."

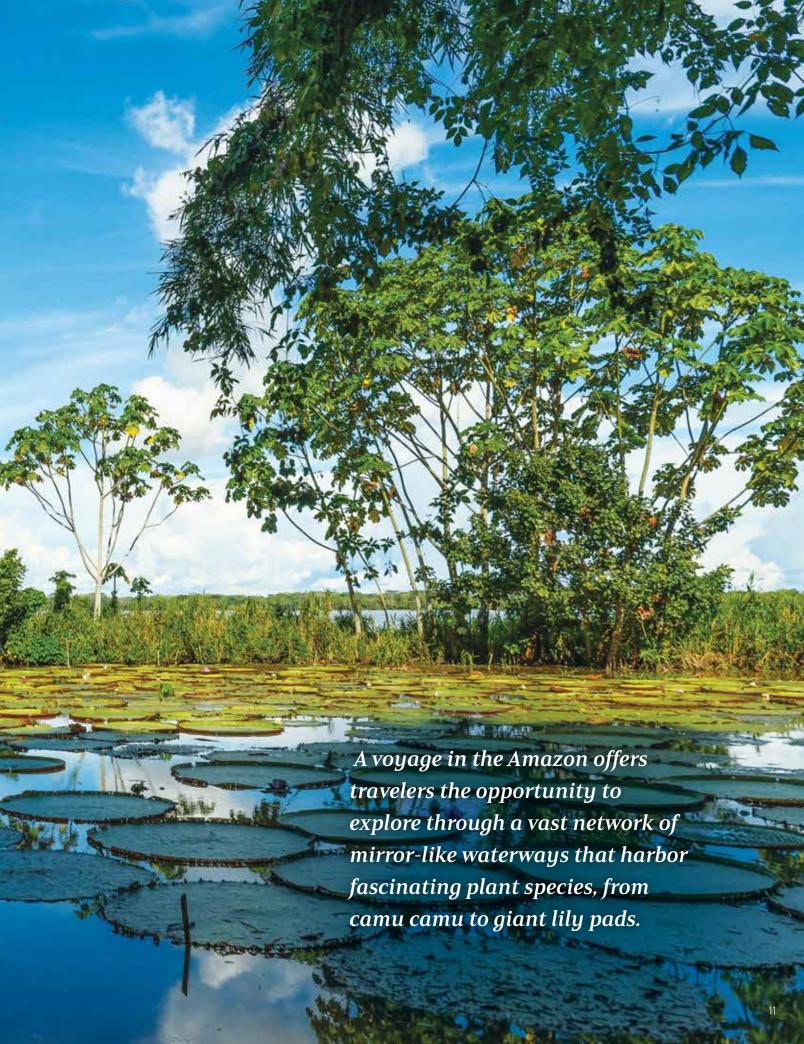














Clockwise from left: Guests glide into a secluded waterway for a closer look at the resident birdlife; a caiman scans the water's surface; a young threetoed sloth nestles into its mother; pink Amazon dolphins, largest of the river dolphins, are frequently encountered.

# A Seasonal Guide to the Amazon

## The High Water Season

Seasonal change for the Amazon starts hundreds of miles away, amid high Andean peaks where the southern hemisphere's springtime snowmelt begins trickling into the river's tributaries. Water levels begin to rise in late December and stay high through late May, flooding the forests and creating a web of saturated creeks and lakes that reflect the surrounding foliage.

Traveling in custom-made skiffs or kayaks, we enter these waterways, able to glide deep into the jungle. The forest is abloom with flowers and rich with fruits that attract monkeys, birds, and other wildlife. Rising water levels lift us closer to the canopy so we can take in clear views of the activity in the treetops.

#### The Low Water Season

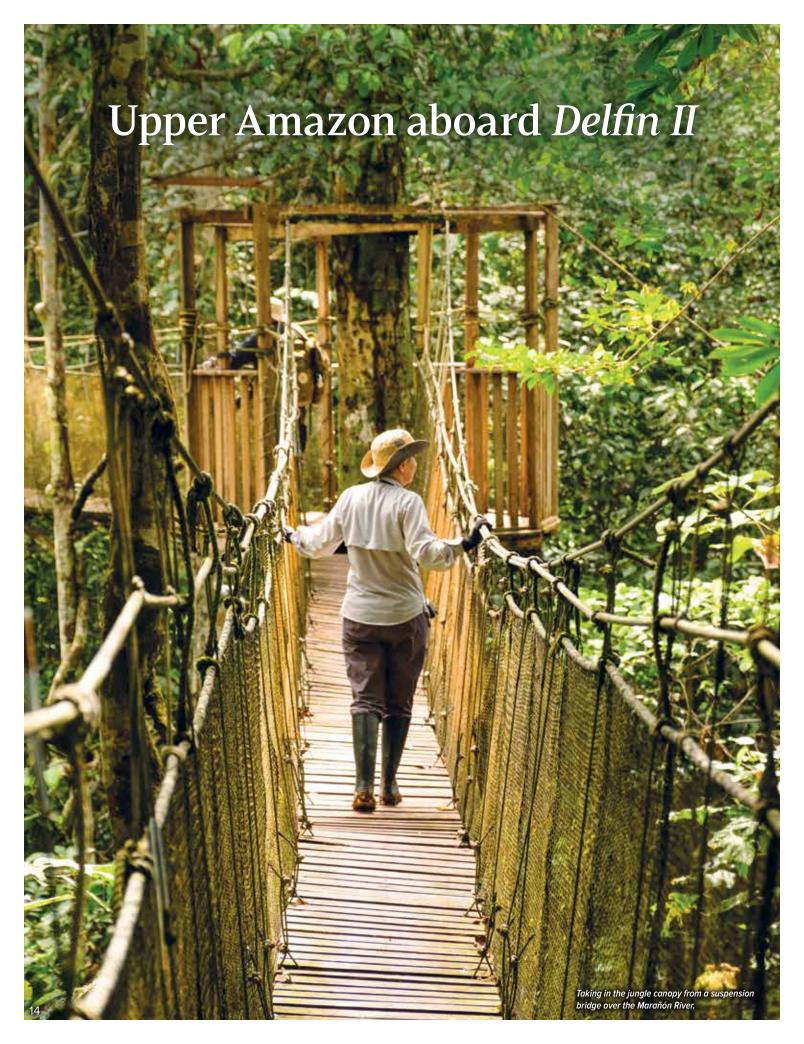
From late June through November, precipitation over the Pacific slows with a marked decrease in rainfall in the Eastern Andes, resulting in a dramatic drop in water levels: the low water season. During this time, more trails are accessible, allowing guests to hike in the jungle and possibly spot inhabitants of the forest floor, like collared peccaries and tapirs. Sandy banks appear at the forest's edge, drawing terrestrial animals out of the jungle to drink from the river.

Wildlife watching isn't limited to the forest and the water—throughout the year, avian species can be spotted overhead. As reported by naturalist Aaron Raymond: "We stopped for a moment of silence to enjoy the sound of tens of thousands of canary-winged parakeets flying across the water to roost."





Known as the "King of All Rivers," the Amazon supports the world's most biodiverse rainforest, with life along the banks adapting to the river's seasonal fluctuations. This wild region is always spectacular, but a traveler's experience will differ depending on whether the waters are high or low.







## 10 DAYS | FROM \$7,930/PP

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#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a team of experienced naturalists.
- Spot elusive Amazon wildlife, including pink and gray dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws.
- Get acquainted with native ribereños on a visit to a community at the river's edge.
- Gaze at the wilderness from the comfort of the *Delfin II*, part of the Relais & Châteaux hotel group, and **enjoy delicious**, **local meals**.
- Learn from a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor on board.

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1: Lima, Peru

Day 2: Lima/Iquitos/Nauta/Embark

Days 3-8: Exploring the Pacaya-Samiria

National Reserve aboard *Delfin II* 

Day 9: Disembark/Nauta/Iquitos/Lima

Day 10: Lima

#### **DEPARTURES**

Delfin II

2023 July, September, November, December 2024 January, February, March, April, May, July, September, November, December



#### **OPTIONAL PRE-VOYAGE EXTENSION**

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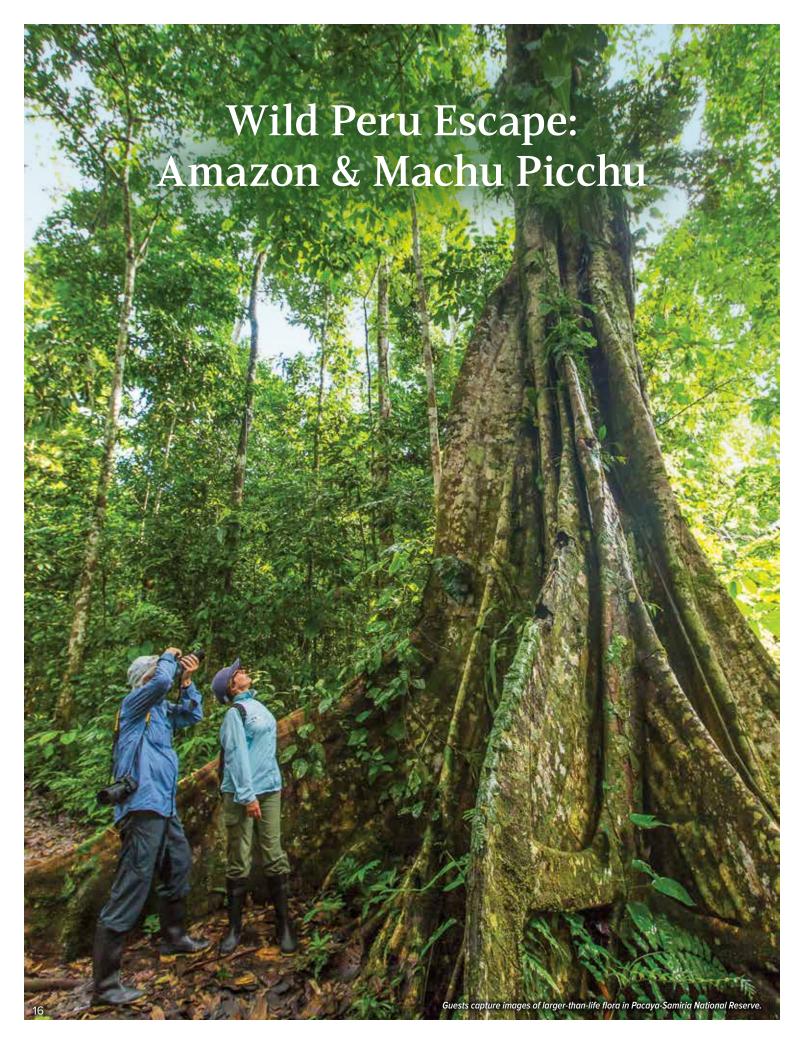


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#### 9 DAYS | FROM \$8,390/PP

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#### **EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spend a full day exploring fabled Machu Picchu, royal retreat of Pachacuti.
- Discover the cobbled lanes and monuments of Cusco, imperial capital of the Inca.
- **Journey to Iquitos and the Amazon** for a five-day voyage aboard the 28-guest *Delfin II*, part of the Relais & Châteaux hotel group.
- Explore the flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve with a team of experienced local naturalists.
- Spot elusive Amazon wildlife, including pink dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws.

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1: Lima, Peru

Day 2: Lima/Cusco/Sacred Valley

Day 3: Machu Picchu

Day 4: Sacred Valley/Cusco

Day 5: Cusco/Iquitos/Nauta/Embark

**Days 6-8:** Exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve aboard

Delfin II

Day 9: Disembark/Nauta/Iquitos/Lima

#### **DEPARTURES**

Delfin II + Land Excursion 2023 August, October 2024 February, May, August, October

#### **OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Add a three-day pre-voyage extension in vibrant, cosmopolitan Lima. Visit expeditions.com/lima for details.



## TRAVELING AS A GROUP

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# Combine Expeditions and Enjoy Exclusive Savings

Make the most of your time in South America by combining your Upper Amazon voyage with either or both of two immersive expeditions in the region: a journey through the Peruvian Andes to magnificent Machu Picchu and an exploration of the iconic Galápagos Islands. We design select South American expeditions so you can take them back-to-back. Plus, when you book consecutive journeys with us, you save 10%.



# Add Exploring Peru: Land of the Inca

17 DAYS/16 NIGHTS | LAND PROGRAM + ABOARD *DELFIN II* FROM: \$13,104/PP

Follow Peru's Sacred Valley from Cusco to the fabled Machu Picchu, encountering archaeological relics of the Inca and the vibrant culture of the Andes. Explore three UNESCO World Heritage sites—capital city Lima, colonial Cusco, and Machu Picchu—and watch a weaving demonstration with a National Geographic Grantee who has kept Andean textile traditions alive. Then journey to Iquitos, gateway to the Amazon, and embark on a voyage deep into the rainforest aboard the elegant *Delfin II*.

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Days 1-2: Lima, Peru

Days 3-7: Lima/Cusco/Sacred Valley of the Inca/Machu Picchu/Cusco

Day 8: Cusco/Lima

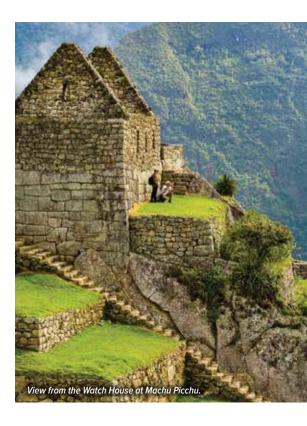
Day 9: Lima/Iquitos/Nauta/Embark

**Days 10-15:** Exploring Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve aboard *Delfin II* 

Day 16: Disembark/Nauta/Iquitos/Lima

Day 17: Lima

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18 DAYS/17 NIGHTS
ABOARD NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ENDEAVOUR II + DELFIN II
FROM: \$14,715/PP

Combine your Upper Amazon expedition with a voyage to Galápagos aboard the *National Geographic Endeavour II*. Refined over 50+ years in the region, our classic 10-day Galápagos expedition offers full immersion in the archipelago's volcanic isles and vibrant undersea realms. See this dynamic wildlife sanctuary from every angle as we hike, kayak, and snorkel alongside the iconic creatures that once captivated Charles Darwin—from finches and blue-footed boobies to marine iguanas and giant tortoises.

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1: Guayaquil, Ecuador

Day 2: Galápagos/Embark

Days 3-8: Exploring Galápagos aboard

National Geographic Endeavour II

Day 9: Disembark/Galápagos/

Guayaquil/Lima, Peru

Day 10: Lima/Iquitos/Nauta/Embark

**Days 11-16:** Exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve aboard *Delfin II* 

Day 17: Disembark/Nauta/Iquitos/Lima

Day 18: Lima

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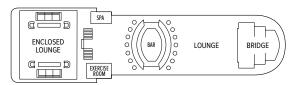




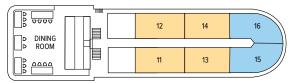




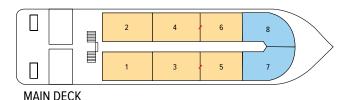
Clockwise from top: Delfin II on the river; the dining room provides big views and outstanding cuisine; the forward-facing Master Suites offer 90-degree panoramic views.



#### **OBSERVATION DECK**



**UPPER DECK** 



indicates adjoining cabins

# Delfin II

CAPACITY: 28 guests in 14 outside suites. REGISTRY: Peru. OVERALL LENGTH: 120 feet.

**PUBLIC AREAS:** With sweeping views, public areas include an air-conditioned presentation room, open-air lounge and bar up top, and dining room with a 270-degree panorama. With a small library, exercise room and spa. Open Bridge, where you are welcome to visit and watch the river go by.

**MEALS:** The air-conditioned dining room's large windows provide panoramic views. Beautifully prepared meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rainforest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

**SUITES:** Elegant, air-conditioned guest suites on the Main and Upper Decks all offer exceptional vistas. Each spacious suite has a minimalist décor with a luxurious overtone.

**EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT:** 10-person skiffs—with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of safe, nimble kayaks for up-close, personal exploration. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs. Rubber boots are provided when needed.

 $\textbf{SEE MORE: } Learn \ more \ about \ \textit{Delfin II} \ \textbf{at } \ \textbf{expeditions.com/delfinii}$ 

**SUITES:** UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 — Most suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. Each includes a large view window, a closet, easy chair and desk. Bathrooms include a large shower, separate toilet and sink area. Suites 4/6 and 3/5 are available as interconnecting for friends and family traveling together.

MASTER SUITES: UPPER & MAIN DECK #7, 8, 15, 16—
These oversize and forward-facing suites feature all of the amenities listed above plus oversized windows which provide incredible 90 degree views. Master Suites on the Main Deck have two twin beds which can convert to a king, and the suites on the Upper Deck have a king bed.

**SOLO OCCUPANCY:** Due to the limited number of cabins available, solo occupancy is limited.

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- ✓ All meals as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, including 24-hour coffee, tea, and soda on demand
- 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 and snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Exploration tools such as kayaks and skiffs
- ✓ Lectures and presentations
- ✓ The guidance and expertise of our expedition staff
- ✓ Accommodations on land as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, and port taxes
- ✓ The services of a medic assistant
- ✓ Transfers to and from designated flights
- ✓ Fitness center
- √ 24-hour access to exercise equipment
- ✓ Refillable water bottle

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