

AQUA NERA CRUISE

November - May
08 days / 07 nights

Itinerary:

Day 01: Iquitos – Amazon River

Arriving on a noon flight*, receive a warm welcome at Iquitos International Airport by our crew and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on the Aqua Nera. Settle into your generously sized suite as you begin one of life's greatest adventures. Following an introduction to our naturalist guides and a routine safety drill, gather at the restaurant for the first of many Amazonian cuisine experiences created by Aqua Nera's renowned consulting chef, Pedro Miguel Schiaffino.

*Separate arrangements can be made for morning arrivals.

Day 2: Yarapa River – Clavero River

Aboard our comfortable skiffs, we set sail from the Amazon River to the Yarapa River. Ready your binoculars for tropical songbirds, black collared hawks, and sloths. Line-fish for Amazon's notoriously ferocious piranhas as our naturalist guides share stories of Lake Moringo. In the afternoon, we sail on to Lake Clavero where villagers rely on traditional dugout canoes to get around. Swim in the lake's calm waters or visit native residents of Amazonia who welcome you to their community with open arms.

Day 3: Yanallpa River – Dorado River

We explore the black water tributaries of the Yanallpa River by skiff, disembarking to walk deep into the wildlife-rich Amazonian rainforest. Later, we board the skiffs again to cruise along the El Dorado River for a dusk excursion in search of exotic nocturnal creatures.

Day 04: Nauta Town – Village Visit – Birthplace of the amazon

In the morning, take a guided visit to the local market and marvel at the regional produce of the Peruvian Amazon, and sample exotic snacks if you wish. In the afternoon, witness one of the great spectacles of the Southern Hemisphere, the birthplace of the Amazon River. By nightfall, you will meet the new passengers who signed on for the four-night trip, as we start our journey together along the Marañon River.



Day 05: Yanayacu – Pucate River – Lisboa Town

Rise with the sun for early morning birdwatching along the Marañon River and enjoy breakfast in the middle of the jungle. Later, swim, canoe or kayak in the Yanayacu-Pucate River as we seek the legendary pink river dolphins. In the afternoon, visit a local village and interact with the native people and visit local schoolchildren.

Day 06: Samiria River

The rewards for our early start today are plentiful: a full-day excursion including a picnic lunch accompanied by the jungle symphony and fishing on the black water of the Samiria River. On the way back to the Marañon River after lunch, we venture out by skiffs alongside the banana boats transporting jungle products, keeping an eye out for pink river dolphins.

Day 07: Nauta Caño River – Jungle Walk in casual

As the day begins, embark on a morning wildlife excursion on the extraordinary black water Nauta Caño River. In the afternoon, we will take a jungle walk on the firm soil forest of Casual while looking for flora and fauna which may include medicinal trees, insects, and poison dart frogs. Learn more about the different rainforest strata and ecosystems. At night, focus our hi-tech telescope on the sky to identify the stars, planets, and the milky way.

Day 08: Arrival in Iquitos – Manatee Rescue Center – Transfer to the airport

In the morning, take a guided visit to the local market and marvel at the regional produce of the Peruvian Amazon, and sample exotic snacks if you wish. Return to the Aqua Nera for breakfast before disembarkation. En route to the airport, visit the Manatee Rescue Center, where orphaned Amazonian manatees rehabilitate before they are released back into the wild.

Note: Our itineraries may be subject to change according to local weather and water conditions.



What to bring?

Wearables: Comfortable walking shoes or tennis shoes, 3 or more long and short-sleeved shirts or blouses, vests with pockets that are useful for carrying camera equipment and other accessories, a windbreaker or sweater for breezy afternoons, waterproof socks (one pair per day), Shorts (at least one pair), T-shirts (at least three), bathing suit/swimwear, cotton underwear, hat or cap, several lightweight pants (more than two).

Passport (and a color copy kept in a separate bag), walking stick (optional), small umbrella, water bottle, sunscreen lotion, sunglasses, a flashlight and extra batteries, Binoculars (available on board as a rental item), Small waterproof backpack (available for purchase on board), Insect repellent, Camera, spare batteries and enough memory cards, personal first-aid kit, plastic bags for storing wet clothing, cash.

