
ARIA AMAZON CRUISE

November - May
08 days / 07 nights

Itinerary:

Day 01: Iquitos – Amazon River

We will meet at Iquitos International Airport and then enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant or we will serve a box lunch en route, depending on the flight arrival time. The afternoon continues with an introduction to this historic city and the opportunity to meet an indigenous Amazon community. At 5 pm we will board the ARIA AMAZON. Settle into your generously proportioned suite as you begin one of life's greatest adventures. Following a routine safety drill and introduction to our naturalist guides, we gather for innovative Amazonian cuisine created by our Executive Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, whose restaurant, Malabar, is one of Lima's top-ranked dining experiences.

Day 02: Amazon River – Yarapa River – Nauta Caño

Aboard our comfortable skiffs, we set sail from the Amazon River to the Yarapa River. Keep your binoculars ready to spot tropical songbirds, black collared hawks, and sloths. We'll go fishing for Amazonia's notoriously ferocious piranhas while our naturalist guides share stories of Lake Moringo. As the sun sets, we head off on an evening's wildlife excursion with extraordinary stargazing on the black waters of Nauta Caño.

Day 03: Marañon River – Casual Jungle Walk – Yanayacu-Pucate River

Rise with the sun for early morning birdwatching along the Marañon River. After breakfast, we will take a jungle walk on the firm soil forest "Casual," while looking for flora and fauna which include medicinal trees, insects, and poison dart frogs, and learning more about the different rainforest stratas. Later, swim, canoe or kayak in the Yanayacu-Pucate River as we look for legendary pink river dolphins. Focus our hi-tech telescope on the night sky to identify the planets and constellations.



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

This morning, we will visit the local fresh market with your guides who can identify the day's catch by the fishermen of Amazonia and the region's exotic fruits. In the afternoon, we witness one of the great spectacles of the Southern Hemisphere, the birthplace of the Amazon River. Tonight, you will meet the new passengers who have signed on for the four-night trip, as we start our journey together along the Marañon River.

Day 05: Yanallpa River – Dorado River

By skiff, we explore the black waters of the Yanallpa River, disembarking to walk deep into the Amazonian rain forest. Later, we board the skiffs again to cruise along the El Dorado River for a dusk excursion in search of exotic nocturnal wildlife.

Day 06: -Pacaya River – Ucayali River – Tapiche River

The rewards of our early start today are plentiful, including a full-day excursion by skiff along the Pacaya River, going deeper into a pristine landscape shared with great egret, capuchin monkeys, and taricaya turtles. After lunch, we will have a paiche fishing demonstration, the second largest river fish in the world. Later, we venture out by skiffs on the Ucayali River alongside the banana boats transporting their jungle products to the port of Requena, keeping an eye out for pink river dolphins.

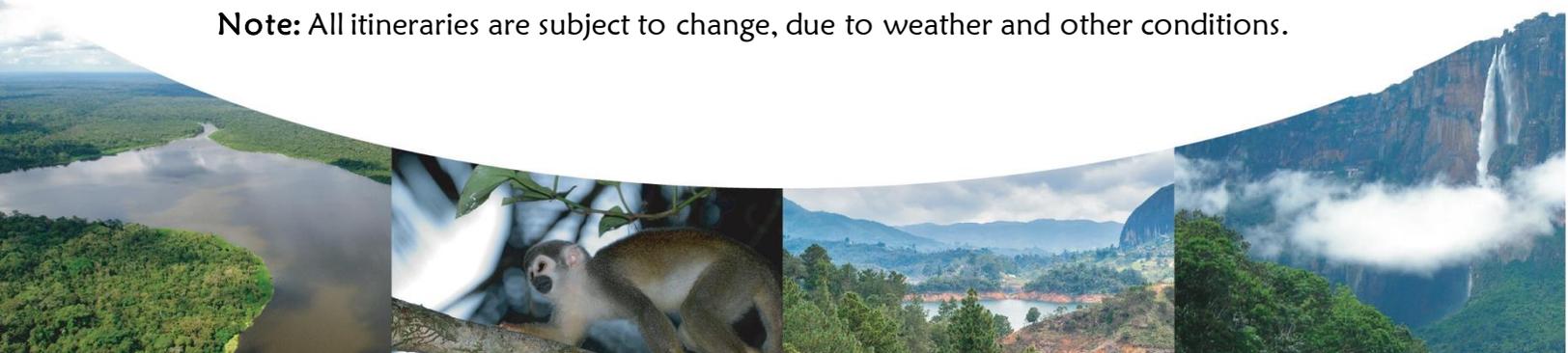
Day 07: Peru Clavero or Yarapa River – Amazon River

Choose to go jungle walking, canoeing, kayaking, or swimming on the black water Yarapa or Clavero River in the morning. Visit a remote Amazonia village in the afternoon. This evening before dinner, we will gather to introduce you to some of the crewmembers whom you may not have met, working "behind the scenes" to ensure your countless exceptional experiences aboard the ARIA AMAZON.

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

At the Bellavista Nanay morning market along the Nanay River, sample exotic snacks from the Peruvian Amazon like 'Suri', and Amazon caterpillars that are considered especially appetizing. Return to the ARIA for breakfast and to pack up. Before saying goodbye, we will make one last truly memorable stop at the Manatee Rescue Center, a very special kind of animal orphanage for Amazonian manatees. We will also visit the San Juan craft market en route to the airport.

Note: All itineraries are subject to change, due to weather and other conditions.



What to bring?

Wearables: Comfortable walking shoes or tennis shoes, 3 or more long and short-sleeved shirts or blouses, vests with pockets 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.

