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Amazon River Expedition





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Wake up in the heart of the Amazon River Basin, where the dense jungle teems with the greatest diversity of plant and animal life on Earth and the perfect serenity of the river is broken only by the occasional fisherman paddling by in a traditional dugout canoe.

Leave the modern world behind as you begin your nine-day voyage of discovery into one of the world's most remote regions. Spend two nights in Peru's capital city of Lima before embarking on a five-night river cruise through the tributaries of the Peruvian Amazon and the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve—the largest wetlands refuge on the planet.

Trace the colonial history of UNESCO-inscribed Lima on a city tour that includes stops at its Plaza de Armas and the lavish Casa de Aliaga. Watch for toucans, pink and gray dolphins, and tamarin monkeys on private guided excursions through the rainforest, including a nighttime jungle outing that takes you on a quest for such nocturnal animals as caiman and bats. Savor picnic lunches under a spectacular rainforest canopy and enjoy immersive experiences throughout your journey, including one that has you planting a tree in the rainforest to ensure its survival for years to come.



Squirrel monkey



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Dear Zoo Supporters,


Journey to the mysterious Amazon River Basin, where the biodiversity of Earth's largest rainforest ecosystem encompasses rare birds and protected wildlife that can be found nowhere else on Earth.

This nine-day, seven night land and river itinerary features an exclusively chartered cruise aboard the deluxe river boat ZAFIRO, designed to navigate the remote tributaries of the Peruvian Amazon and the protected Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve. Conservation and environmental mindfulness are important to us, and the cruise company operating the vessel helps preserve native flora and fauna and respect the rainforest and its inhabitants with its practice of responsible tourism, including equipping the boat with silencers to minimize noise pollution that might disturb Amazonian wildlife. On board and on excursions, English-speaking naturalists will guide us through this fragile biome to see endemic butterflies, endangered pink river dolphins, squirrel-sized tamarins, resplendent bird-life, and enormous blooming water lilies.

Walk through forests, where the number of butterfly species climbs into the thousands, and look for colorful large-billed toucans, blue-and-gold and scarlet macaws, kites, hawks, jabiru storks, and the distinctive hoat-zin. Gain further insight into the culture of the indigenous *ribereños* people during visits to two Amazon villages.

Complete your Peruvian expedition with the Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley Post-Program Option. This outstanding small group expedition is a great value. Reserve now while space is available.

See you out there!



Pamela Reed Sanchez
CEO and President
Seneca Park Zoo Society

**To secure your spot, call Gohagan and Company at 800-922-3088
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Immersive Experiences

Visit a village school with the option to bring unwrapped school supplies and/or fishing lines, hooks, and other items for the children and their families.



Experience a cleansing ritual performed by a Jibaro-Ashual shaman, who also explains how indigenous medicinal plants are used to heal and cure.



Plant a tree as part of a spiritual ceremony aimed at the preservation and protection of the Amazon rainforest.



Learn to prepare an authentic *juanes* dish wrapped in banana leaves at a traditional Amazonian cooking demonstration.

Interact with villagers who operate a butterfly farm, which will receive a small donation on behalf of your group.



Support resident artisans by purchasing hand-crafted items at small village markets throughout the tour.



PROTECTING OUR PLANET

Winding over than 4,400 miles from the Andes Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean, the Amazon River flows through nine South American countries and vast tracts of virgin rainforest producing one fifth of the world's freshwater supply. More than one-third of all species recorded in the world are found in the Amazon River Basin, constituting the largest plant and animal species on Earth. This majestic, jungle-fringed region is also home to many indigenous river peoples, or *riberños*, who have lived in harmony with the forest for centuries.

Often referred to as the “lungs of the planet,” the Amazon River Basin is home to the world's largest tropical rainforest and plays a vital role in regulating Earth's climate and producing oxygen—despite the fact that survival of its wondrous species remains under threat from deforestation, mining, and agriculture. Efforts are being made to protect this natural treasure and its inhabitants—including conservation initiatives, sustainable development projects, and a drive to promote eco-tourism. However, much more needs to be done to ensure that its people, plants, and animals can thrive for generations to come.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



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9-DAY/8-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City/ Lima, Peru

Day 1

Depart your home city and arrive in Peru's cosmopolitan capital of Lima, located at the foot of the Andes Mountains. Check in to the CASA ANDINA HOTEL.

Lima

Day 2

After a morning at leisure, enjoy a tour of the historic center of Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See pre-Columbian temples and proud colonial mansions amid modern architecture and the colorful buildings lining the Plaza de Armas—the city's main square. Tour the opulent Casa de Aliaga, built in 1535 as the residence of Don Jerónimo de Aliaga, the co-founder of Lima. Filled with original 16th-century Spanish art and furniture, it is the oldest private house in continuous use in the western hemisphere and has been inhabited by the Aliaga family for 17 generations. Then, visit the 17th-century colonial Convent and Church of

San Francisco, a brilliant combination of Moorish and Baroque architectural styles and one of the finest churches in South America. Gather for the welcome reception. (B,R)

Lima/Iquitos/Nauta/ Amazon River

Day 3

Fly to vibrant Iquitos, an important rubber boom city during the late 19th century. Dine at the DOUBLETREE BY HILTON Iquitos restaurant for lunch. Then, travel to Nauta and embark the ZAFIRO. Gather on the ship's observation deck and watch as civilization fades away and the vast Amazon River unfolds before you. A team of expert naturalists will share their insight into this rich and complex ecosystem and help you identify fascinating species like the radiant large-billed toucan, pink river dolphin, and South American oriole. Across the basin's planes, jabiru storks methodically search for food in the shallows, three-toed sloths move between trees in a slow-motion ballet, and hawks,

kites, and turkey vultures glide overhead. (B,L,D)

Amazon River/ Ucayali River

Day 4

Wake to the sun rising over the majestic Amazon River and spend the morning looking for wildlife in the tributaries of the Yarapa River. After lunch on board the river boat, meet with *riberieños*, or river people. Inhabited for generations, the villagers here raise thousands of butterfly species that live in the Amazon's unique ecosystem, including the rare electric-blue morpho. (B,L,D)

Amazon River/ Ucayali River/ Marañón River

Day 5

This morning, embark a small excursion boat to explore the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, the largest wetlands reserve in the world. This area is home to the endearing capybara—a large, semi-aquatic rodent endemic to South America—and a profusion of rare palms, orchids, and other

Hoatzin birds

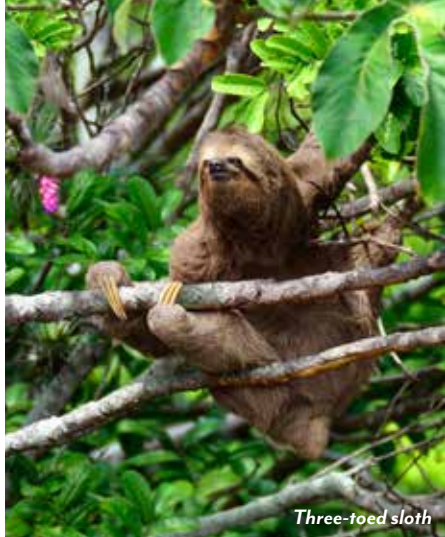


Take a night excursion to see such nocturnal animals as the caiman





Plaza de Armas, Lima



Three-toed sloth

tropical plants that flourish at ground level. Watch for pink and gray river dolphins swimming alongside your boat. After lunch, board a small river skiff in search of exotic wildlife, including toucans and saddleback tamarin monkeys, and marvel at the giant *Victoria amazonica* water lilies. (B,L,D)

Marañón River/ Pucate River/ Ucayali River

Day 6

Enjoy a picnic breakfast under the shade of a magnificent rainforest canopy while you watch for white-necked heron and wattled jacana dipping into nearby shallow waters. Walk through this mysterious realm of soaring ceiba trees that reach as high as 200 feet, listen for endangered scarlet macaws chattering in the canopy, and watch for egrets, oriole blackbirds, and purple gallinules. This afternoon, by special arrangement, meet a local shaman, or medicine man, who will perform a traditional ritual

and explain how the *riberños* have used indigenous medicinal plants and herbs to cure ailments for centuries. Participate in a traditional Amazonian tree-planting ceremony dedicated to ensuring the longevity and well-being of the rainforest. This evening, search for elusive nocturnal creatures such as caimans and bats on a nighttime excursion into the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve as a vast blanket of stars glow above you. (B,L,D)

Marañón River/Nauta

Day 7

Discover a virtually uninhabited portion of the Amazon where the river narrows. Board excursion boats and cruise along labyrinthine blackwater tributaries while the vessel's naturalists point out animal and plant life rarely detected by the untrained eye. Then, try your hand at catching a red-bellied piranha during a fishing expedition. This afternoon, stop in a local village for a demonstration on how to prepare Amazonian

specialties, including *Juanes*, a regional favorite made of chicken and rice wrapped in banana leaves. Later, visit another Amazonian village where you will learn more about the *riberños'* timeless way of life and special relationship with this remarkable environment. Enjoy a final evening of cruising the Amazon. Gather on the vessel's upper deck for a festive farewell as the sun sets over the lush flora of the passing rainforest. (B,L,D)

Nauta/Iquitos/Lima

Day 8

Following breakfast, disembark and continue to the Iquitos Handicraft Market en route to the airport. Fly from Iquitos to Lima, where day-room accommodations have been reserved. (B)

Return to Home City

Day 9

Your flight arrives in your home city.



Pink river dolphin



Toco toucans



The deluxe ZAFIRO, specially designed to non-invasively navigate the unique waters of the Upper Amazon River and its tributaries, carries only 36 guests. This spacious yet intimate river boat offers a unique way to experience the colorful wildlife and cultures within the most extraordinary, remote, and untouched rainforest in the protected Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Throughout the cruise, English speaking, highly trained naturalists provide expert insight into the Amazon's amazing array of biodiversity during excursions and nature walks.



2024 DEPARTURE DATE: October 12 to 20 (Tour Begins: October 12)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes</i>	Early Booking Rate through Feb. 7, 2024	Rates after Feb. 7, 2024
B	Panoramic view, floor-to-ceiling window. 226 sq. ft. Lower Deck.	\$5,575	\$6,195
A	Panoramic view, sliding glass doors with private balcony . 226 sq. ft. Upper Deck.	\$6,025	\$6,695
Master Suite	Larger Suite with 90-degree front- and side-facing floor-to-ceiling window. 248 sq. ft. Lower Deck.	\$6,745	\$7,495
Zafiro Suite	Largest Suite with 180-degree front-facing window, private forward balcony , Jacuzzi and sitting area with sofa and chair. 480 sq. ft. Upper Deck.	\$7,375	\$8,195

Note: If you reserve before the final payment date and you pay in full at the time of booking, you are eligible to receive the following discounts—\$250 per person if paying by credit card, or \$500 per person if paying by ACH (E-Check).

BONUS SAVINGS! Pay in full at the time of booking to receive additional savings. Bookings made inside 121 days prior to departure are not eligible for this discount. Please call for details.

Port taxes are an additional \$445 per person. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while onboard. Deck plans available upon request.

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POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Machu Picchu and the Sacred Valley

October 20 to 25 (Tour ends October 24)

Delight in this extraordinary opportunity to experience Machu Picchu, the majestic “lost city of the Incas,” the lush Sacred Valley, and the colonial and Inca traditions of Cusco.

Perched on an awe-inspiring mountain range in the Peruvian Andes, Machu Picchu was obscured from humankind for 400 years until Yale Professor Hiram Bingham literally stumbled upon it in 1911. A century of extensive research and study still has not revealed the secrets of its purpose, its residents, or its abandonment; nevertheless, this UNESCO World Heritage Site has been carefully excavated and preserved.

Admire the spectacular archaeological sites of the beautiful Sacred Valley where ancient engineering marvels, such as the Inca site of Ollantaytambo, stand as lasting testimony to the powerful and far-reaching Inca Empire. Here, village craftsmen employ age-old techniques to weave intricate tapestries and sculpt colorful pottery.

In the historic Inca capital of Cusco, a World Heritage site, see the Inca stone fortress of Sacsayhuamán and grand Baroque- and Renaissance-style churches that provide a fascinating mix of pre-Columbian and colonial influences.

Enjoy deluxe, ideally located accommodations in the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, and Cusco.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$2,965**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$3,845**

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



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