



VOYAGE ACCOMMODATIONS

Our Amazon riverboat, the *Amazon Star*, is outfitted with the latest amenities, including Wi-Fi access for guests and cabins with spacious private balconies for sitting and enjoying the passing rainforest. For excursions, we board two stable 18-passenger excursion boats accompanied by knowledgeable local naturalist guides. As a special perk, you can take advantage of complimentary laundry service during your seven-night voyage.



Your journey includes

Full educational program with lectures and field interpretation, nightly guides' reception onboard with a complimentary Peruvian cocktail, beer, wine, or soda, all transportation by land and ship, all excursions accompanied by English-speaking naturalist guides, complete pre-departure information, all meals aboard, all transfers, portage and service charges, the services of Shedd and Brookfield Zoo guides.

Not included

International airfare and U.S. departure taxes, ticketing fee, air or ship fuel surcharges, travel insurance, passport fees, items of a personal nature, alcoholic beverages, gratuities to naturalist guides, expedition leader and crew.

Getting there and getting home

Please plan to arrive in Lima the evening of Oct. 20 and plan to depart Lima the evening of Oct. 28 or early morning on Oct. 29. Our partners at International Expeditions have a full-service air department and can assist you with booking your flights if needed.

Registration

To register for this adventure, please contact Whitney Holderfield with International Expeditions at 1-800-633-4734, ext. 27169, or whitneyholderfield@ietravel.com. Whitney can take your reservation over the phone and is able to assist with flights, insurance and any questions you might have.

AMAZON

10-DAY VOYAGE

ACCOMMODATIONS

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:

- LOWER DECK \$4,948
- LOWER-DECK SUITE \$5,148
- LOWER-DECK TRIPLE \$4,123
- UPPER DECK \$5,148
- UPPER-DECK SUITE \$5,348
- UPPER-DECK TRIPLE \$4,290

SINGLE OCCUPANCY:

- LOWER DECK \$7,422
 - UPPER DECK \$7,622
- Limited availability.

IN-COUNTRY AIRFARE \$399

Lima/Lquitos/Lima

3-DAY PRE-TRIP EXTENSION:

COLONIAL LIMA

- DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$718
- SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$1,208

5-DAY POST-TRIP EXTENSION:

MACHU PICCHU & CUSCO

- DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$2,348
- SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$3,298

IN-COUNTRY AIRFARE \$399

Lima/Cusco/Lima

PARK FEES \$185

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Cancellations

Cancellations must be made in writing and are effective upon receipt in the International Expeditions office. Cancellations made from the time of booking up to 90 days prior to the departure will be refunded all monies less an administrative charge of \$300 per person. Cancellations made from 89 to 61 days prior to departure will be charged 50% of trip cost and from 60 to 0 days prior will be charged 100% of trip cost.

Insurance

Trip insurance is available for purchase from our partners at International Expeditions.

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Machu Picchu/Cusco
Oct. 28–Nov. 2, 2017





Dear fellow traveler,

If you love Shedd Aquarium's Amazon Rising and Brookfield Zoo's Tropic World/South America like we do, you'll want to join us in Peru for the ultimate Amazon cruise: to the beginnings of the main stem of the world's longest river. Everything about the Amazon amazes: its size; its biodiversity, including one-third of all known animal species (and counting); its people, who base their livelihoods on the seasonal rise and fall of the water. We'll pair our expertise with that of our local guides to give you an unforgettable experience, on the water and on foot, of this mighty river. Check out the exciting pre- and post-trip extensions too!

Allen LaPointe

Allen LaPointe
Vice President,
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Shedd Aquarium

Bill Zeigler

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Senior Vice President
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Brookfield Zoo



UP THE MIGHTY RIVER: 1 The Amazon River, running through the north of the Amazon rainforest, is the longest river in the world, flowing a length of more than 4,300 miles! 2 The Amazon rainforest is the world's largest tropical rainforest and produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen. 3 The Amazon's ecosystem is astonishingly diverse, home to 1,300 bird species, 3,000 types of fishes and 430 mammal species, with new species being discovered by scientists every year.

10-DAY ITINERARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 U.S./Lima

Fly independently to Lima, Peru. You'll be met at the airport and transported to the Swissôtel. (D aloft)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 Lima/Iquitos/ embark riverboat/Amazon River

Fly over the Andes to Iquitos, where we enjoy an encounter at the Manatee Research Center and survey the history of local tribes at a small museum. We board our riverboat, home for seven nights. We'll enjoy stargazing and storytelling with our local guides while cruising slowly on the Amazon River toward the confluence of the Marañón and Ucayali Rivers. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Amazon River origin/Río Ucayali

Wake to the ever-changing panorama of jungle life. Our first exploration, at the origin of this mighty river, plies the waterways aboard stable excursion boats to areas where we may find marsh birds such as oriole blackbirds, green ibis and yellow-headed caracaras. Venture into the flooded varzea in search of a variety of birds, giant water lilies, monkeys and sloths. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Río Ucayali/Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

Explore this tangled realm of forest, rivers and lagoons on foot and aboard excursion boats, looking for pink dolphins and wading birds. Our naturalists share local lore and explain how pink river dolphins use echolocation to hunt. While exploring, look for saki and squirrel monkeys. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Río Pacaya/Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

This morning, enjoy a peaceful breakfast along the blackwater Sapote Creek. Excursion boats grant us deeper access to this vast wetland as we continue into the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve. At night, board excursion boats and perhaps walk in the rainforest for a chance to find caimans, capybaras, common potoos, frogs, fishing bats and other nocturnal wildlife. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Río Pacaya/Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

Once reaching the depths of the reserve, we hike through the igapó (seasonally flooded forest). Periodically throughout the year, guests may even release turtle hatchlings. On an afternoon excursion we search for scarlet macaws, hoatzins, black-collared hawks and red howler monkeys. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Río Ucayali/Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

Learn about the lives of the ribereño people as we visit a village perched on the riverbanks. Stroll through their gardens to learn about medicinal plants from the village shaman, visit a school, or join in a game of soccer. Depending on the villages visited during our voyage, you may also have the opportunity to see an IE-funded water-treatment tower. The clean drinking water provided by these towers is having an enormous positive health impact in remote river villages. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Amazon River

Enjoy an early-morning birdwatching excursion along the Yarapa River. After breakfast, try your hand at piranha fishing in Ubos Lake. Back aboard our ship, take advantage of the open-air top deck, learning

to make Peruvian dishes or enjoying a lecture. After dark, while sipping a cup of ginger tea, float peacefully and listen to the symphony of the forest. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Iquitos/Lima

Disembark in Iquitos and fly back to Lima for lunch. Dayrooms are provided at the Costa del Sol Airport Hotel until you connect with overnight flights home. (B,L)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

In flight/arrive home. (Meals aloft)

Physical requirements

A trip to the Amazon incorporates activities by boat and on foot. Participants need to be able to walk without assistance at least one mile over uneven terrain and stand for up to two hours at outdoor locations while listening to a guide; be able to tolerate temperatures reaching into the upper 90 degrees with high humidity, and be able to climb in and out of excursion boats. Any activity while on the voyage can be skipped if you prefer staying on the boat and relaxing.



3-DAY PRE-TRIP EXTENSION COLONIAL LIMA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Arrive in Lima, Peru, where you will be met and transported to the Swissôtel (Meals aloft)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Tour historic Lima, visiting Casa Aliaga, a private home dating back to the time of the conquistadors. See the cathedral, where Francisco Pizarro is entombed, and Plaza de Armas. Enjoy lunch and a tour of Huace Pucllana. In the evening, sample Lima cuisine on your own. (B,L)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Begin your Lima tour this morning by browsing the vibrant Indian Market. Enjoy a guided visit to the Larco Herrera Museum, where we can view 3,000 years of Peruvian pre-Columbian history. Lunch in Lima. Return to hotel to refresh up before a late-afternoon tour of the Larco Museum and dinner afterward. The rest of your group arrives this evening. (B,L,D)

5-DAY POST-TRIP EXTENSION MACHU PICCHU & CUSCO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

After disembarking, board connecting flights to Cusco. Drive into the historic Urubamba Valley. Stop at Sacsayhuamán, a huge fortress of massive stones that zigzags across the side of the mountain. After browsing at Pisac Market, check into our home for the next two nights, the Sonesta Posada Yucay. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Board the train to Machu Picchu, where we spend the day exploring the ruins with our guide. The citadel lies between two peaks, Huayna Picchu (Young Peak) and Machu Picchu (Old Peak). The steep terrain is part of the reason that less than half of the ancient site has been examined. Catch the evening train back to the Sacred Valley. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Enjoy early morning birding in the Andean forests and meadows of Abra Malaga, home to endemic Inca wrens, creamy-crested spinetails, white antpittas and a variety of other birdlife. Explore the mighty archaeological wonder of Ollantaytambo. After a Paso Fino horse show, continue to Cusco. Spend two nights at Costa del Sol Cusco Hotel. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Stroll the streets of Cusco, exploring the Koricancha, also known as Santo Domingo, Santa Catalina Convent and the cathedral. After lunch, the afternoon is free to explore on your own before a farewell dinner featuring Andean fare. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

After breakfast, fly back across the Andes to Lima. Enjoy a superb lunch of local delicacies before an afternoon at leisure. Dayrooms are available at the Costa del Sol Airport Hotel until you transfer to the airport for your independent flight home. (B,L)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Connect with your flight home. (Meals aloft)

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