

Amazon, South America, River Cruises & Peru
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Upper Amazon: A River Expedition

Embark on an unforgettable journey aboard the 42-guest riverboat *Delfin II* or 28-guest *Delfin III*. Navigate winding jungle waterways by skiff or kayak, seeking out an array of diverse wildlife. Glide past giant lily pads, gaze up at majestic ceiba trees, and soak in breathtaking sunsets reflected on the tranquil lakes hidden within the vast Amazon. Connect with local *ribereños* communities, whose lives and culture we help sustain through our visit.

From
\$ 4,947 / per person
 Does not include flights

 <p>DATES Jan, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov and Dec</p>	 <p>DURATION 6-9 Days</p>
 <p>SHIPS <i>Delfin II</i> <i>Delfin III</i></p>	
 <p>STARTS AT Lima, Peru</p>	<p>→</p>  <p>ENDS AT Lima, Peru</p>

Highlights

- ★ Explore the seasonally flooded forest of Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve at the headwaters of the Amazon with a team of experienced naturalists
- ★ Watch for elusive Amazon wildlife like pink river dolphins, monk saki monkeys, piranhas, and scarlet macaws
- ★ Meet the welcoming ribereños, natives of the reserve, and learn about their ways of life along the river
- ★ Get photo tips in the field from a National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions Certified Photo Instructor





Day by day

■ DAY 1

Lima, Peru

Arrive in Lima, Peru's thriving capital, and transfer to the convenient Wyndham Grand Costa del Sol Lima Airport hotel, located at the airport. Most international flights arrive in the late evening. Opt to arrive early for a [Lima pre-voyage extension](#) staying at the iconic Country Club Lima Hotel. The extension adds just a day to the expedition and gives you a chance to rest, relax and see this UNESCO World Heritage designated city.

Arrival Time: Anytime.

Arrival City: Lima, Peru

◇ DAY 2

Lima / Iquitos / Nauta / Embark Ship

After breakfast, fly to Iquitos in the Peruvian Amazon and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the *Delfin II* awaits. Settle into your cabin and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine on board. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent Amazon night sky.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAYS 3-8

Exploring the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve

Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle stretching more than five million acres and harboring some of the Amazon's most diverse flora and fauna. The reserve is bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, two powerful rivers that converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters and is known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by its

glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak and, when the water level permits, hikes on dry land. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rainforest on narrow tributaries. Look for sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for massive paiche fish, the Amazon's largest; rare pink dolphins; and the infamous piranhas.

Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve's interior. Seek out *Victoria amazonica*, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a bird-watching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then looking for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats and other creatures of the night.

One of the unexpected joys of traveling in the Upper Amazon of Peru is interacting with the local *riberños*, the traditional people who live on the riverbanks. Visit one of the local communities and see the projects that National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions supports through a local nonprofit, including a variety of handicrafts, women's health initiatives and sustainable farming.

Meals included: lunch, dinner, breakfast

■ DAY 9

Nauta / Disembark Ship / Iquitos / Lima

Disembark in Nauta, stopping at the Amazon

Rescue Center on the drive to Iquitos. Fly to Lima, where you'll connect to flights home. Ask your expedition specialist about options to extend your stay, including an overnight or day room at the Wyndham Grand Costa del Sol Lima Airport hotel or additional nights at Country Club Lima. [You may also combine with Machu Picchu and Peru's Land of the Inca.](#)

Departure Time: After 9:00 PM local time.

Departure City: Lima.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

Expedition (9-Day)

Lima, Peru → Lima, Peru

Alternative Routes

Visit Expeditions.com for more information.

2026 Departure Dates

Aboard *Delfin II*

28 Mar				
11 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr		
16 May				
20 Jun	27 Jun			
18 Jul	25 Jul			
01 Aug	08 Aug			
05 Sep	19 Sep	26 Sep		
03 Oct	17 Oct			
14 Nov				
05 Dec	12 Dec	19 Dec		

2026 Departure Dates

27 Apr, 25 May, 08 Jun, 27 Jul, 17 Aug,
 24 Aug, 14 Sep, 09 Nov, 30 Nov, 07 Dec

2027 Departure Dates

Aboard *Delfin II*

09 Jan	16 Jan	23 Jan		
13 Mar	20 Mar	27 Mar		
10 Apr	17 Apr	24 Apr		
15 May	22 May			
12 Jun	19 Jun	26 Jun		
17 Jul	24 Jul	31 Jul		
07 Aug	14 Aug			
04 Sep	11 Sep	18 Sep	25 Sep	
02 Oct	09 Oct	16 Oct		
04 Dec	18 Dec			



Delfin III

Guests

42

Suites

21

Explore in tropical style on this elegant 42-guest, all-suite river ship

With just 21 suites in four categories, all with floor-to-ceiling windows, Delfin III sails the Ucayali and Marañón rivers to the confluence of the mighty Amazon in Peru's Upper Amazon year-round with style. Locally built and carrying 30 marvelous crew, most from the region, this elegant ship was inducted into the Relais & Châteaux group, recognizing its commitment to local nature and culture, and its exquisite Amazonian-Peruvian cuisine.

The observation deck, with an open-air Whirlpool hot tub at the stern, has a large lounge and bar accommodating all guests for recaps, presentations, and to take in the passing scenery. Everyone gathers with open, relaxed seating for meals aboard in the spacious dining room. The ship is sustainably furnished featuring hand-made furniture and art and textiles from the surrounding communities that are supported by our guests.

Choose from four categories of large suites aboard: the singular Andes Suite, measuring 597 square feet, with 180-degree windows at the bow to take in the surroundings; two corner Amazon Suites; 10 Upper Suites; and 8 Suites, with en suite facilities, comfortable chair and desk.



Ship amenities

Public Areas

Enjoy sweeping views in spacious public spaces including an air-conditioned presentation room and lounge, an open-air sun deck with whirlpool hot tub, small exercise room and wellness spa, and a dining room with a 270-degree panorama. Visit the open bridge, where you are welcome anytime.



Dining

Meals are artfully prepared, featuring sustainable, locally sourced cuisine. The dining room accommodates all guests for a single seating. Enjoy complimentary beer, wine, cocktails, and spirits aboard the ship (except certain super premium brands which are available for purchase).

21 Outside Suites

The spacious, air-conditioned guest suites on two decks offer exceptional river views with floor-to-ceiling windows, including the Andes Suite with 180-degree views and two Amazon Suites with corner windows. Each spacious suite is a serene oasis, redolent of tropical wood and with local textiles and art. The Amazon Suites can be reserved as a triple, with a king and an added twin bed.



Expedition Tools

Explore the tributaries that feed these rivers and search for wildlife aboard 15-person skiffs, which feature individual seats with cushions and plenty of legroom. Kayaks offer a quiet way to explore remote, seldom-visited side streams.

Special Features

The Relais & Chateaux designation reflected the food, service and commitment to conservation. Get a true “taste of the region” as much of the food is grown in the surrounding rainforest by local farmers who maintain sustainable agricultural practices. Naturalists are from the area, and you travel with a veteran Lindblad Expeditions National Geographic Expedition Leader and an exclusive certified naturalist-photo instructor.

Cabin Categories

Suite

Main Deck: #103-110

Suites on this deck measure 237 sq.ft. and feature floor-to-ceiling windows for stunning views of the passing life along the river. Includes two twin beds that can convert to a king-size bed, bedside tables with reading lamps, large window, comfortable sitting area with sofa. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, and large mirror vanity.



Upper Suite

Upper Deck: #202-211

Upper Suites on this deck measure 237 sq.ft. and feature floor-to-ceiling windows for stunning views of the passing life along the river. Includes two twin beds that can convert to a king-size bed, bedside tables with reading lamps, large window, comfortable sitting area with sofa. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, and large mirror vanity.



Amazon Suite

Main Deck: #101-102

Amazon Suites are 270 sq. ft., with oversized windows that provide incredible 90-degree corner views overlooking the river. Configured with a fixed king bed, these suites accommodate triple occupancy in an added twin. Amenities include bedside tables and reading light, ample closet, small sofa chair, and desk. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, separate toilet, and sink area.



Andes Suite

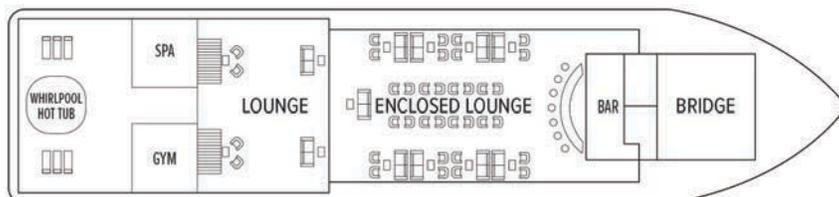
Upper Deck: #201

The Andes Suite measures 597 sq.ft. and features a king bed with breathtaking views of the expansive river through forward-facing, 180-degree floor-to-ceiling windows. Amenities include bedside tables with reading lamps, comfortable sitting area with sofa. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, and separate bathtub and large mirror with double vanity.



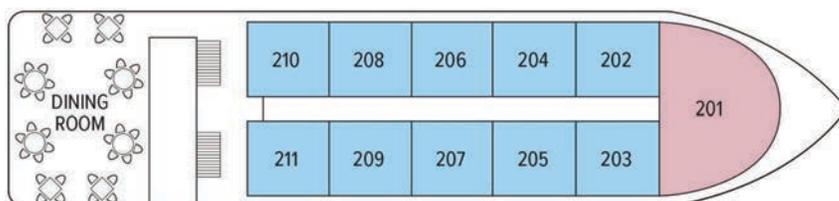
Deck Plans

Observation Deck



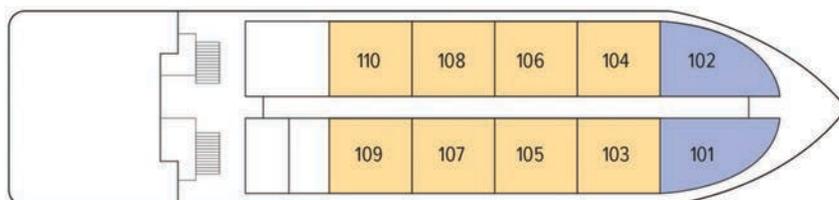
Upper Deck

- Upper Suite
- Andes Suite



Main Deck

- Suite
- Amazon Suite





Delfin II

Guests 28	Suites 14
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***Delfin II* is a stately riverboard, built in 2009 for the express purpose of exploring deep jungles in modern tropical style.**

As much of the river as on it and locally built, *Delfin II's* iron exterior is clad in tropical hardwoods and her interior gleams with wood floors and lacquered palm ceilings. Wood stairs float between decks and lazily turning ceiling fans add the right tropical notes, while the air-conditioning invisibly cools and dehumidifies.

The lounge, center of our life as an expedition community, features a welcoming open bar and inviting seating. The dining room is decorated with locally crafted lanterns that hang over an impressive central buffet table, which was carved from a massive tree root found floating in the river and installed before the ship's windows were—three walls of windows keep us connected to the nonstop panorama outside. In fact, the prestigious Relais & Châteaux recently inducted the ship into its hotel group, recognizing its commitment to local nature and culture and its exquisite Amazonian-Peruvian cuisine.

The cabins are airy and supremely comfortable—the perfect place to end active days. Slip into a bed that is well-appointed with crisp cotton linens and drift off as you gaze out at the starry night through the generous, river-framing window wall. *Delfin II*, our base for daily explorations to which we happily return, has a distinct advantage over any land-based camp—she moves, giving you an ever-varied experience of the Amazon's multiple landscapes and wonders.



Cabin Categories

Suite

Upper Deck: #11-14

Main Deck: #1-6

All suites have two twin beds that can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families travelling together (call for details). Each includes a large view window, excellent reading lights, a closet, small sofa chair, and desk. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, separate toilet and sink area.



Amazon Suite

Upper Deck: #15, #16

Main Deck: #7, #8

Amazon suites on this deck have king beds, oversized windows that provide incredible 90-degree views overlooking the river, excellent reading light, a closet, small sofa chair, closet, and desk. Bathrooms are spacious with a large shower, separate toilet, and sink area.

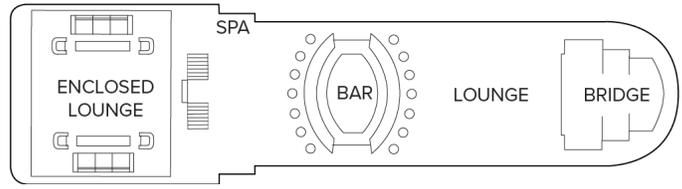


Shared Accommodations:

Due to the limited number of cabins available, solo occupancy and shares are on a request basis only; please call for availability and rates.

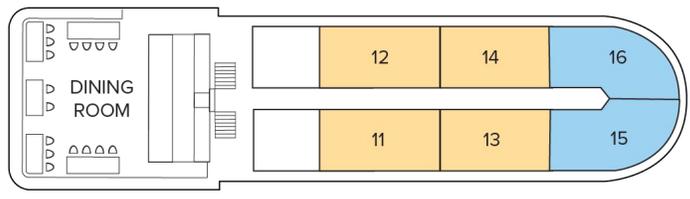
Deck Plans

Observation Deck



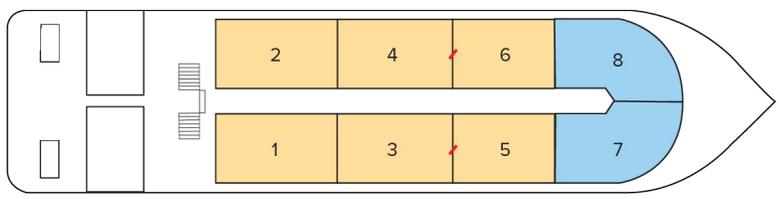
Upper Deck

-  Suite
-  Master Suite



Main Deck

-  Suite
-  Master Suite



Ship amenities

Public Areas

With sweeping views, public areas include an air-conditioned presentation room, an open-air lounge and bar up top, and a dining room with a 270-degree panorama. There is also a small library, exercise room, and spa. Visit the open bridge, where you are welcome anytime.



Meals

Dining aboard is an extraordinary daily event. Meals are artfully prepared, and all food served aboard, except for olive oil and balsamic vinegar, is sourced locally. The dining room accommodates all guests at once for a single seating.

Cabins

14 outside cabins. All suites face outside with floor to ceiling windows with unobstructed views of the river. Private bathrooms feature a hot shower, organic toiletries, and hair dryers. Other features include air-conditioning and indoor sitting area.



Expedition Equipment

Search for rare birds and mammals and explore the tributaries that feed these rivers aboard 10-person skiffs, which feature individual seats with cushions and plenty of legroom. Kayaks offer a quiet way to explore remote, seldom-visited side streams.

Special Features

Get a true “taste of the region” as much of the food is grown in the surrounding rainforest by local farmers who maintain sustainable agricultural practices. Even the “pillow” chocolates are crafted of local cacao.

Special Offers

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US\$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking.

10% OFF BACK-TO-BACK VOYAGES

Save 10% on consecutive departures, applicable on voyage fares only and not valid on extensions or airfare. Valid for new bookings only, subject to availability, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

SAVE 10% WHEN YOU SAIL WITH A GROUP OF SIX OR MORE

Book from March 18 to May 6, 2026: Receive savings of 10% deducted from cabin fare when you book a party of 6 or more on voyages departing on or after April 1, 2026, through 2028. To qualify for the offer, parties must be 6 or more across a minimum of 3 cabins. Applicable savings will be deducted from cabin fare after any additional savings with the purchase of cabin fare. Discount is subject to be removed upon cancellation of party members if group drops below 6. Additional restrictions may apply. Savings offer valid on new bookings only, subject to availability, and offer may be withdrawn at any time without prior notice, not applicable on airfare or extensions, and may not be combined with other promotions. Call to book or for additional details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings

opportunities, except where noted otherwise.

For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

Included in price

All accommodations aboard ship or in hotels per itinerary; all meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore; free beer, wine, cocktails liquors and spirits aboard the ship (except certain premium brands which are available for purchase; hors d'oeuvres, non-alcoholic beverages, and filtered water; excursions; arrival/departure transfers are included for hotel arrangements made through National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions; gratuities in Peru to local guides, drivers and tour escort exploration tools curated to destination, such as kayaks and skiffs; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; assistance by the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Certified Photo Instructor; Wi-Fi aboard ship; complimentary reusable water bottle; onboard physician consultations; 24-hour access to exercise equipment; 24-hour access to lounges, observation decks, library, and other shared spaces; park and site entrance fees, special access permits, and port taxes. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

Not included in price

Airfare* (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included); crew gratuities; private transfers; laundry, spa treatments, and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

*Recommended flight costs include flight(s) that take place during the date range of your trip to transport travelers from one itinerary destination to another. This cost also includes ground transportation, luggage transfer, and airport assistance. If you prefer to arrange your own flights privately, have alternate means of transport, or wish to modify at a later time, please contact an Expedition Specialist at 1.833.400.0831

Additional costs associated with medical services outside onboard physician consultation.

Travel protection plan

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive

coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non-refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: <https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/>

Cancellation policy

Review our cancellation policy: <https://www.expeditions.com/cancellation-policy/>