

ARIA AMAZON CRUISE



Luxury Cruises on Peruvian Amazon

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Aqua Expedition's Aria Amazon Cruise offers a 5-nights tour throughout the Peruvian Amazon. Discovery Adventure's itinerary belonging to the High Water or Rainy Season (December - May) starts on Monday and finishes on Friday. Guests can opt to go on a 7-night tour called Amazon Expedition Cruise, by combining Explorer's Adventure and Discovery Adventure. Please bear in mind that changes and adjustments in the itinerary may occur due to weather conditions, river conditions, and/or airline issues.

Note: This is a tour extension, combine this cruise with one of our full package tours.

<p>FROM \$ 4860 per person</p>	<p>THIS CRUISE INCLUDES: Full-board meal service Non-alcoholic drinks, house wine and beer Accommodations Excursions as seen on the itineraries Knowledgeable naturalist guides' assistance Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve entrance fee Onboard activities Transfer to/from vessel when arriving or departing on recommended flights Life jackets, ponchos, rubber boots, and plenty of cold potable water are always available for skiff explorations. Not Included: Guide and crew gratuities Boutique purchases Other drinks</p>	<p>HIGHLIGHTS Iquitos Nauta Marañón River San Pedro de Tipishca Village Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve Yanaquillo River Charo Lake Belén CREA</p>
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Day 1

IQUITOS - NAUTA - AMAZON RIVER

Monday

Transfer from Iquitos airport (located 1.25 hour apart from Lima) to the small village of Nauta. On the 1.30-hour bus ride on the only road out of town that ends in Nauta, with a countryside scenic view. Arrival to Nauta's port and embarkation on Aqua Amazon Cruise.

After checking-in and settling in their suites, guests can ascend to the Observation Deck to get a full view while the vessel leaves Iquitos.

Safety drill and briefing at the Indoor Lounge located on Observation Deck. Meeting with the cruise director and the naturalist guides.

Welcome dinner by Chef Miguel Schiaffino, owner of Malabar, one of Lima's best restaurants. Menus always offer choices, including a vegetarian option and are open to any other dietary requirement specified in advance of the voyage.

Nighttime is ideal for a starry view on the Observation Deck.



Day 2

MARAÑÓN RIVER - SAN PEDRO DE TIPIISHCA VILLAGE

Tuesday

Skiff exploration across Marañón River, to discover its 'gallery forest,' named like this due to its narrow vegetation that creates a leaves tunnel. Among the animals, it is possible to spot monk saki monkeys in the trees, and macaws and other birds on the sky.

Visit to San Pedro de Tipishca Village. The guide will work as an interpreter for conversations between passengers and villagers to take place, making the visit a very interesting cultural exchange for everyone. Local handicraft including painted coconut bowls and seed bead jewelry available for purchase.



Day 3

PACAYA-SAMARIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Wednesday

Jungle walk at the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, with educational speech about the sustainable resource management projects in Amazonia and visit to one of them, a village where locals plant palm trees to obtain oil. The naturalist guide will spot turtle nests on the sand and the tallest Amazonian tree, the kapok trees (ceibo pentandra), and talk about its natural medical properties.

Expedition around Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, to see the many varieties of birds and monkeys living there. Also, when the sun sets, a night safari will take place. It is recommended to take binoculars to gain a better view of the caiman alligators, tree boas, tarantulas and frogs.



Day 4

YANAYAQUILLO RIVER - CHARO LAKE

Thursday

Skiff exploration on Yanayacu-Pucate river, to spot its vast wildlife, including parrot species, many kinds of monkeys and some other unique and exotic animals. Breakfast at a popular dolphin feeding spot over the boats.

Fishing trip at Charo Lake. In this area, guides will help spot the interesting animals living there, like sparrows, hawks, monkeys and sloths. It's also the home to three thousand species of Amazonian fish, including the famous carnivorous 'piranhas.'



Day 5

IQUITOS - BELEN - CREA

Friday

Visit to Belen community in Iquitos, if weather and time allow.

This area with floating houses and shops counts with the main food market on the Peruvian Amazon, and it is very important to their everyday-life.

Last lunch on the cruise and disembarkation at Iquitos.

Guided visit to Amazonian Rescue Center (CREA). Here, biologists and volunteers work to protect the endangered manatees by rescuing them and taking care of them and once they're ready, reintroduce them into their natural habitat.

Check-in at Iquitos International Airport at the late afternoon. The guides will offer their assistance at the airport until the departure time.