

PERU - DELFIN III



INTRODUCTION

The Chimu Collections range consists of boutique properties, cruises & itineraries, throughout Latin America, designed for travellers seeking unique experiences.



Experience the wonders of the Peruvian Amazon as you cruise aboard the luxurious Delfin III deep into the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, one of the largest protected flooded forests in the world. Discover the immense biodiversity of the area as you cruise along the rivers and tributaries and walk through the rainforest. On board you will be treated to exquisite meals where Peruvian cuisine is infused with touches and inspirations from the rainforest around you. When not out on excursions, enjoy the on board facilities including sundeck with plunge pool, rainforest spa and gym.

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DEPARTURE

Daily

DURATION

4 Days

LOCATIONS

Peru

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrival in Iquitos & Embarkation

On arrival into Iquitos Airport you will be met by a crew member for the group transfer by private vehicle to Nauta, 95 kilometres from Iquitos, with a lunchbox provided for you to enjoy on the way. Before departing Iquitos there will be a panoramic tour of this bustling river city, the largest city in the Peruvian Rainforest. During the 20th century, the city attracted many Europeans immigrants who contributed to a period of great wealth, commercial and social development. Nauta is a small riverside town on the banks of the Marañon River and was the first city founded in the department of Loreto. It is here that you will board the Delfin at a private port on the shores of the Marañon River. After a VIP welcome, you will be shown to your suite with time to settle in before the first excursion by skiff to Marayali, an area populated by sloths, iguanas and anteaters as well as yellow-rumped caciques and egrets. As the Delfin sets sail, you can enjoy fantastic panoramic views from the observation area located on the top deck whilst sipping on a cocktail made with regional fruits and Pisco, the national brandy liquor of Peru. Your naturalist guide will give an overview of the journey ahead including activities, route, highlights, wildlife and vegetation, geography and historical background. In the afternoon we witness the "confluence of the 3 rivers" known as the "Union de los Rios". The Ucayali River meets the Marañon River upstream of Iquitos to form what countries other than Brazil consider to be the main stem of the Amazon River. There are great photo opportunities as you witness your first Amazon Rainforest sunset. There is a night jungle walk and a visit to a small village on the shores of the river where you can listen to interesting legends of the Amazon as you sit around a small campfire. After dinner on board you can enjoy the stars from the top deck as the Delfin sails deeper into the Amazon.

DAY 2: Yarapa River / Yucuruchi / Fundo Casual

This morning we kayak along the Yarapa River, exploring the tributary and listening to the sounds from within the mysterious jungle. We venture out to find the giant Amazonian water lily - Victoria regia. This beautiful aquatic plant grows in small lagoons known as cochas. This afternoon we walk along the Fundo Casual jungle trail that takes us deep into the rainforest on terra firma (non-flooded forest) where your guide will point out the fascinating wildlife and vegetation of the Amazon.

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DAY 3: Yanayacu Pucate River / Nauta Cano

This morning we cruise along the Yanayacu Pucate River in one of the best preserved and protected zones of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Your guide will point out the biodiversity of this region. You have the opportunity to paddle board and swim in the river maybe alongside the elusive freshwater pink river dolphins. After a delicious lunch on board the vessel, we visit Nauta Caño Creek where you have the chance to do some kayaking and go fishing for the infamous piranha, a delightful and challenging experience that you won't forget! As night approaches, your guide will take you on a night safari in search of caimans and nocturnal birds.



DAY 4: Disembarkation

Disembarking at the port of Nauta, Delfin's ground crew will be waiting to take you by private vehicle back to the city of Iquitos. On the way from Nauta back to Iquitos Airport, we visit the Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre of River Mammals (ACOBIA) where you will have the chance to meet and feed baby manatees and learn about these wonderful and docile creatures and why they are on the endangered species list. Other animals that have been rescued from capture for the intention of being turned into pets and other threatening conditions are also cared for at the centre. You may like to make a donation to this ambitious organisation and education centre. At Iquitos Airport staff will be on hand to give you your boarding passes and assist with check in ready for your return flight to Lima.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Inclusions	<p>All meals while on board (arrival day: dinner, cruise days: all meals, departure day: breakfast & lunch). All excursions & equipment (including rubber boots & rain ponchos). Transfers to/from vessel when arriving on recommended flights to Iquitos (both 17:00hr). Entrance fee to Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Natural juices, soda, coffee, tea, water; beer, house cocktails, pisco cocktails & sours, house wines with lunch and dinner.</p> <p>EXCLUSIONS Air tickets to/from Iquitos. Cost of medical emergencies (including evacuation). Gratuities (amount suggested per guest: US\$ 120.00). Any additional transportation services. Any additional bar consumption.</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	<p>Single Supplement is 50% in addition to the adult rate on regular Suites, excluded on Bunk and Single Cabin. Child Policy: 7 years old minimum on all departures. Children aged 11 or under are eligible for a 20% discount from the adult rate. A third guest on an extra bed is also eligible for a 20% discount (non-cumulative).</p>
Notes	<p>The itineraries are subject to change due to weather conditions at certain times of the year. The water levels of the rivers also vary from time to time, as well as the hours of sailing. Excursions may be modified at the discretion of the Delfin crew. Contact us for more details</p>
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with

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Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.

5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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