

PERU - LA PERLA



INTRODUCTION

Set sail aboard the comfortable M/V La Perla into the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, one of the largest protected flooded forests in the world. Cruise along the Amazon, Marañón and Ucayali Rivers to discover the rich wildlife of the Amazon and the natural beauty of the area. Walk along rainforest trails, fish for piranha, swim with pink dolphins and visit small communities to learn about their way of life. Small skiffs take you deeper into the rainforest along smaller tributaries, giving you access to less visited places.

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DAY 1: Iquitos, Nauta, Amazon River

On arrival at Iquitos Airport you will be met and transferred by air-conditioned bus to the pier where you will board the M/V La Perla. After settling into the boat, there will be a briefing with information about the journey ahead and lunch on board. Next, our naturalist guides will present the travel plan, the pre-established routes (road map) and the programmed activities, and best of all: they will begin to introduce you to the extraordinary world of the Amazon's wildlife. Pay attention to their advice and recommendations, and keep in mind that if you have any doubts or questions, our guides are here to help you. Following the presentation aboard, we will have the welcome lunch, your first experience with the delights of regional cuisine. The menu offers various options, including a vegetarian alternative. If you have any particular restriction or requirement, please let our crew know in advance so we can take care of it as soon as possible. In the afternoon, we will start a boat outing to the area of San Joaquin de Omaguas, where we will explore the amazing flora and fauna in the area. Towards the afternoon, we will go in search of those animals that can only be seen when the night falls: caimans, bats, frogs, tarantulas and other species found in our rainforest's lush mounts. After this first immersion in the Peruvian Amazon's universe, we will go back to the ship to get some rest and recuperate energies. On return to the ship there is a lecture by the naturalist guides. Dinner is served on board with live music to entertain you.



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DAY 2: Yarapa Agua Negra, Ucayali River

At dawn, we will take a boat and head to the banks of the Amazon River where we will observe the beautiful Amazon birds that fill the bushy treetops: parrots, macaws, among many others. We will also see sloths (lazy bears), iguanas and monkeys. A true natural scenery of color and life in the heart of the rainforest. After this exciting outing and back in the ship, we will enjoy the delicious buffet breakfast which daily offers a selection of traditional dishes, Peruvian specialties, freshly baked homemade products and a variety of fresh fruit juices prepared with exotic rainforest fruits which you can only taste in this region. Having finished breakfast, we are ready to initiate a new boat outing, this time in the Yarapa River, in search of new impressive sceneries and more emblematic Amazon species, especially, the pink and grey dolphins which have made this region so popular. Back at La Perla, we will have lunch in the ship's dining room and, after taking some rest, our guides will offer a talk about Pacaya Samiria, one of the most amazing rainforest reserves from the world, with forests that remain flooded for much of the year. In the afternoon, we will take a walk by the Yucurichi area to explore its amazing flora and continue surprising ourselves with the wildlife in the area. Back in the ship you will have time to relax with live music while we wait for dinner. After dinner, prepare yourself for our last outing of the day: a nocturnal safari to continue sightseeing animals and delighting ourselves with that wonderful natural concert that only those million animals emerging on Amazonian nights can offer us.



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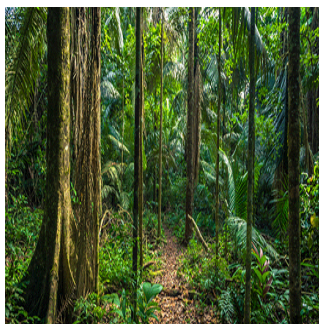
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DAY 3: Ucayali River, Marañon River

The early morning hours have a special feeling to connect ourselves with the rainforest and they are a unique opportunity for sighting species. In this third morning, we have programmed for you a boat outing before breakfast. The destination is once again the confluence of Ucayali and Marañon Rivers. We will navigate the area until we find the perfect spot for piranha fishing, those famous river fish with razor sharp teeth. To make the moment more special, we will use the traditional equipment and techniques typical of the area. Back aboard, the buffet breakfast will be served and will be followed by a visit to the town of Vista Alegre, to learn about the local native community and its traditions. Our guides will be our interpreters and translators. In the locality we will also have the opportunity to go to a butterfly farm. Next, we will hike a mountain to observe the "Victoria Regias", the largest water lily in the world. At noon, lunch is served and then you will have some time to rest and prepare for our next adventure: a walk by the rainforest's winding trails. Previous to this activity, our guides will offer a practical talk on the geographical orientation techniques and resources for this type of territory. The walk will be in the beautiful area of Casual, inhabited by poisonous frogs and countless exotic species. In this area we can also observe a variety of gigantic trees known by the locals as "Avatar". Next, we will visit the small market where the community women offer handmade creations made by themselves. If you wish you can buy handicrafts and other products and contribute in that way with the local economy. Before returning to La Perla, and still in the mountains, we will enjoy the wonderful light and the unique colors that unfold in the sky of these latitudes during sunset. We especially recommend you to relax and enjoy this moment, as few experiences compare to contemplating the endless colors in the amazon's horizon. We will then wait for the night to come and allow us to listen to the prodigious symphony of the millions of animals that populate the forests and waters of these jungles.



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DAY 4: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

This morning begins with breakfast aboard, and gets more exciting with a visit to the city of Nauta, the second most important in the region. Upon arrival, we will take a fun tour on a “mototaxi” (the most popular mean of transportation in the Peruvian rainforests cities) all the way to the city’s market where you will be able to interact with picturesque characters and discover the region’s specific commercial route. Once there, we will visit the typical food stalls, the handicrafts stalls, the aphrodisiac drink stalls and many more. A true immersion in the life of the Amazon inhabitants. Then we will go to the Sapi Sapi lagoon, one of the most recognized paiche hatcheries where you will find those gigantic river fish, essential ingredient for regional cuisine, which hold the title of being the second largest freshwater fish in the world. Here you will also appreciate a particular habitat, surrounded by aguaje palms and fruit trees and, you will observe the eye-catching charapita turtles, as well as butterflies and a wide variety of birds. Before noon, we will return to the ship for lunch aboard followed by some rest time before our departure to Nauta Creek. Once there, we will go to the “Forrest of Mirrors”, a breathtaking landscape where the sky and the calm waters converge as the afternoon progresses, drawing lush landscapes of rays, clouds and infinite reflections. This place is also ideal for spotting toucans, parrots, macaws, iguanas, sloths (lazy bears) and monkeys in the treetops. Before returning to La Perla we will go on a night safari in search of the species that appear when darkness emerges. This will be an ideal moment to appreciate the wonderful starry sky of the jungle and once again enjoy the sound festival of the Amazon plain. Upon return, you will enjoy dinner aboard.

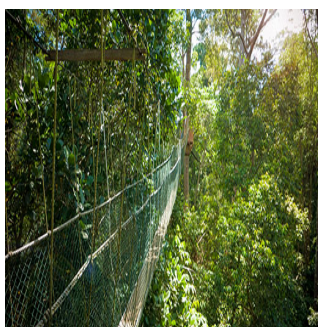


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DAY 5: Marañon River, Yanayacu de Pucate, San Regis

In the morning, we will organize a fun picnic breakfast on the Yanayacu de Pucate River, one of the most protected and preserved areas of Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. This area is usually visited by pink dolphins and is ideal for small boats, so we will put kayaks at your disposal so you can live the experience of rowing in one of the most beautiful aquatic ecosystems in the world. Also, if you want, you can enjoy a refreshing dip in the river. After lunch at La Perla, we will start a walk through the rainforest towards the area of the suspension bridges, a set of structures outstretched high in the trees that will allow you to walk among the leafy tops and admire the richness of the jungle from a unique and elevated perspective. Later, we will go to meet the shaman of San Regis, a sage from the native community who will share with us his knowledge about the rituals of his ancestors, some medicinal plants and the Amazonian worldview. Our guides will be the interpreters in case you have some questions or comments for the shaman. After this authentic experience of spiritual reflection and exploration, we will continue with the ceremony of planting a tree, as a contribution to protect our environment. Back on the ship, we will enjoy a peaceful evening with music and a comforting dinner.



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DAY 6: San Jose de Zarapanga, Shiriyacu

We will start off this morning with breakfast and then head on a boat expedition with destination to the Shiriyacu river stream. Once there we will look for the perfect spot for piranha fishing. We will use local equipment and local techniques. Back in the ship, we will have a lecture on techniques and tools for geographic orientation in the rainforest. If you prefer, you can take a rest until lunch time. Following snacks, we will head to Puerto Prado where we will visit the native community Kukama Prado and learn about their traditions and ancestral practices. We will participate in a culinary demonstration and taste typical regional dishes. We will also go to the small market where the women from the community offer their hand made creations. If you wish, you can buy crafts and other products and, in that way contribute with the local economy. Next, we will go on a walk by the mount to observe the “Victoria Regias”, the largest water lily in the world. Upon returning to La Perla, we will reserve a spot to contemplate the sunset. We especially recommend that you relax and enjoy this moment, as few experiences compare to watching the sunset on deck, sailing on a mighty Amazonian river, and observing endless colors on the horizon. We will then wait for the night to come and allow us to hear the prodigious symphony of the millions of animals that populate the forests and waters of this jungle. Late into the night, we will enjoy some live music before the crew’s final presentation and the farewell dinner.



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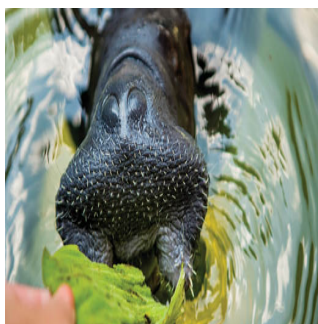
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DAY 7: Nauta, Iquitos

After the buffet breakfast aboard, we will proceed to disembark in Nauta and head to Iquitos. Along the way, we will visit the Amazon Rescue Center (CREA), where biologists and volunteers take care of the animals that have been saved from illegal trafficking including the beloved manatees and the aquatic mammals, dangerously threatened by hunters. Here, you will find the species that have been rescued by the authorities and which are in the process of reintegration into their natural environment. Here you can also learn more about their traits, the risks they face (deterioration of their habitats and wildlife trafficking) and best of all, you can play around with them since they are very friendly. After this emotional and unforgettable experience, we will continue our way to Iquitos where, once we get to the airport, our journey will have concluded.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Transfer Iquitos Airport/ Nauta/Iquitos Airport - recommended flights Overnight aboard the M/V La Perla Cruise Full meals on board Bottled water and non-alcoholic house beverages English & Spanish-speaking guide service Open boat guided excursions Entrance fees to Samiria Natural Reserve Exclusions Domestic airfare and local airport taxes Alcoholic and bottled beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for crew and staff
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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 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

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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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