

PERU - M/V ZAFIRO



INTRODUCTION

Explore the Amazon, Ucayali, and Pacaya Rivers on their way deep into the Pacaya Samiria Reserve, one of Peru's largest national parks. Go piranha fishing, trek into the dense jungle in search of Amazon wildlife and birds, on night safaris and guided trips, visit local villages and learn about wildlife preservation efforts in Peru's Amazonia.

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DAY 1: Embarkation

Our crew will be expecting your arrival at the airport, then transfer all together by our comfortable private vehicle over paved road to the city of Nauta, 95 kilometers away. Nauta is literally the "end of the road" where you will embark the Zafiro. Along the way, you will see vibrant "terra firma" (non-flooded forest) and various aspects of daily jungle life. Nauta is a small riverside town on the banks of the Marañón River and was the first city founded in the department of Loreto. Once we reach Nauta, you will enjoy a VIP greeting at our private port along the shores of the Marañón River where the vessel awaits you. Aboard the Zafiro, you will be served by our qualified staff who will introduce you to your stylish suite, specially equipped with all the amenities for the experienced traveler as yourself. Orthopedic beds, pure cotton sheets, pillows of 100% pure natural latex, cotton bathrobes, air conditioning, and private bathroom with Spanish style hot water showers are all framed with a spacious private terrace we are sure you will enjoy to the fullest. While the Zafiro begins its initial navigation, you will enjoy the most fantastic panoramic views from the elegantly outfitted observation area located on our third deck. Our bartender will be waiting to serve you with an exotic cocktail made with regional fruits and pisco, the beloved national brandy liquor of Peru. Then, your naturalist guide will give you an overview of your journey's schedule, activities, route, highlights, wildlife and vegetation to keep your eye out for, geographical and historical background, and other useful details. The third deck features an entertainment center which offers use for film presentations, as well as extensive literature about the area (fauna, flora, etc.) There is also a completely equipped bar so you can test any combination of regional and international liquors and aromas that the bartender will be happy to provide for you to enjoy under the spell of the beautiful Amazonian afternoons and night, and the sweet breeze of the rainforest. Moreover, should you have any doubts or questions, our guides are always at your disposal. Over the next three days, the Zafiro sails along the largest tributaries of the Amazon River, as well as on the mighty Amazon itself, towards remote destinations visited by only a few of even the world's most experienced travelers. Before dinner, participate in our routine safety drill and then head into the air-conditioned Indoor Lounge to meet the cruise director and for your first briefing from our naturalist guides about the adventures ahead. Welcome Dinner at 8:00 pm. Salute your journey with our fine South American wine that accompanies the Amazonia-influenced cuisine of Jungle Experiences (our menu offers several choices, including a vegetarian option - please let us know any other specific dietary requirements in advance).



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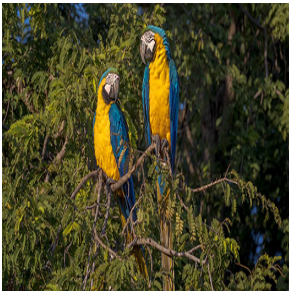
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DAY 2: Ucayali River - Bagazan Lake - Yucurichi


Prior to breakfast, our skiff expedition will lead us to the Yanallpa area of the Ucayali River within the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, unveiling a tapestry of native wildlife species. Following this captivating exploration, post-breakfast will witness us setting out on another skiff adventure, this time navigating the Tapiche River in pursuit of elusive wildlife encounters. Before the midday sun reaches its zenith, we will return to the vessel for a masterful cooking demonstration led by the executive chef. Lunchtime ushers in a variety of options, including an enlightening talk on the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve for those keen on delving deeper into its riches. The afternoon's itinerary unfurls with a skiff journey to the Dorado River, where local fishing techniques will be employed to engage with the aquatic realm. As daylight recedes, we'll set out once more, this time under the cover of night, on a quest to spot caimans, tarantulas, and other nocturnal inhabitants that emerge after dusk. Concluding our day's exploits, a sumptuous dinner awaits aboard the Zafiro.



DAY 3: Ucayali River - Yarapa River (Black Waters)

Following a satisfying breakfast, our journey unfolds with an expedition along the Yarapa River, a realm where the iconic pink and gray river dolphins gracefully glide through its dark waters. Returning to the Zafiro, our gaze will be drawn to the confluence of the Ucayali and Mara  n rivers—a sight that marks the origin of the mighty Amazon River itself. The respite for lunch and relaxation will be well deserved, preparing us for the next adventure. Afternoon finds us setting out on skiffs for a leisurely voyage upon the Amazon River's tranquil expanse. Here, we will engage with the daily rhythms of riverside communities, immersing ourselves in the fabric of their lives. Returning to the Zafiro, a moment of relaxation awaits, accompanied by the soothing strains of live music. The crew's presentation and a heartfelt farewell dinner punctuate this memorable day, allowing us to reflect on the rich tapestry of experiences we've woven together.

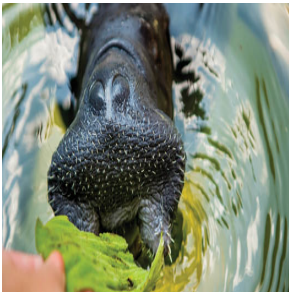


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DAY 4: Disembarkation

Return to the ZAFIRO at 11:00 am followed by an early lunch. Share a last lunch with your fellow passengers, before your onward journey. En route to Iquitos airport, you will visit the Manatee Rescue Center, where biologists and volunteers care for endangered Amazon manatees that conservation authorities have rescued. See how the manatees are cared for, and prepared for reintroduction into their natural habitat. Check-in at Iquitos International Airport at 4:30 pm. Your guides will assist you with the check-in and departure formalities until the time to board your flight back to Lima.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<p>All meals while on board</p> <p>All excursions & equipment (including rubber boots & rain ponchos)</p> <p>Transfers to/from vessel when arriving on recommended flights to Iquitos.</p> <p>Entrance fee to Pacaya Samiria National Reserve</p> <p>Natural juices, soda, coffee, tea, water; beer</p> <p>Not included</p> <p>Air tickets to/from Iquitos.</p> <p>Cost of medical emergencies (including evacuation)</p> <p>Any additional transportation services</p> <p>Any additional bar consumption</p>
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	<p>Please note that changes and adjustments in the itinerary may occur due to weather conditions, river conditions, and/or airline issues. We suggest that you coordinate with anticipation with the airline or travel agency through which you have organized your journey with us. Jungle Experiences is not responsible for such contingencies.</p>
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

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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 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 structured 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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