

AMAZON - M/V ZAFIRO



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8 Days

LOCATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

A 7-night experience showcasing the mighty Amazon River's treasures. We navigate deep into the wildlife Pacaya Samiria Reserve for a real and safe adventure, in the hands of our expert naturalist guides, to spot the wonderful creatures of the amazon. Featuring: jungle walks, fishing, and birdwatching, exploring the Yacapana Islands, dolphin sightings, visits to local villages, the "Mirrored Forest", wildlife safaris by night and a visit to the Manatee Rescue Center.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Embarkation

Arrival from Lima (1 hour 25 minute trip to the capital of the Peruvian Amazon). Your guides will be expecting your arrival at the airport, and transfer all together in our comfortable private vehicle over paved road to the main wharf to board the Zafiro, your home for the next seven nights. Embarkation and check in aboard the Zafiro. Our qualified staff will introduce you to your stylish suite, specially equipped with all the amenities for the experienced traveler as yourself. Comfortable beds, pure cotton sheets, pillows, cotton bathrobes, air conditioning, private bathroom with Spanish style hot water showers, and a private balcony on each suite in the upper deck. During the next seven days the Zafiro will sail the Amazon, Ucayali and Marañon Rivers and their amazing tributaries bountiful in wildlife. While the Zafiro begins its primary navigation, enjoy the most fantastic panoramic views from the gracefully interior lounge located on the third deck. Our bartender will be waiting to serve you an exotic cocktail made with regional fruits and pisco, the national brandy liquor of Peru. Before lunch, your naturalist guide will give you an overview of your journey's schedule, activities, route, highlights, wildlife and vegetation, geographical and historical background, and other useful details. Moreover, should you have any doubts or questions, our guides are always at your disposal. Our vessels have an open policy, so you are welcome to learn about the navigation systems and spend time with the driving captain at any time. 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). After the welcome dinner we invite you to the third deck where you can enjoy starwatching while we cruise into the depths of the Amazon Rainforest, or else relax with live music performed by our band on board enjoying a varied repertoire of Amazon, national and international music.



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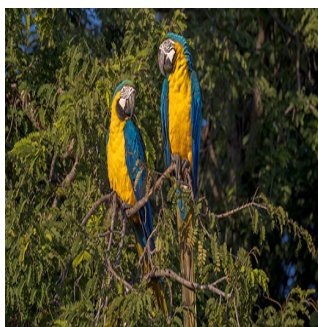
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DAY 2: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

Start your morning with an Amazon River boating expedition to explore the local flora and fauna. After your return, savor a breakfast buffet showcasing traditional dishes, Peruvian specialties, baked goods, and freshly squeezed juices. Post-breakfast, delve into an informative talk about the Amazon River's source, followed by a trip to witness the confluence of the Ucayali and Marañon rivers. The walk to Puerto Prado presents an encounter with the awe-inspiring 'Victoria Regias,' the world's largest water lily, along with a vibrant community market. Lunch and relaxation beckon back on the boat, paving the way for a journey to Nauta Caño, the captivating 'Forest of Mirrors.' Here, toucans, parrots, macaws, iguanas, sloths, and monkeys grace treetops. As night descends, embark on a nocturnal exploration, seeking out caimans, tarantulas, and other elusive creatures. A delectable dinner aboard the Zafiro then brings your day to a satisfying close.



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DAY 3: Yanacu of Pucate - Tiger River - Nahuapa

Yanayacu of pucate and Yanayaquillo exploration, followed by delicious breakfast aboard the skiffs. Early in the morning you will start cruising through the Yanayacu and Pucate Rivers, peeking into different creeks and lagoons. This is one of the best preserved and protected zones of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Your guide will use his expert eye to pinpoint all the biodiversity of this region. This is also a popular dolphin feeding spot so we won't be the only one enjoying our happy meal here. Return to the Zafiro at 11:00 am to enjoy a delicious lunch followed by heartwarming siesta. If you want to interact directly with the waters of the Amazon, go out on one of our paddle boards. You will even have the opportunity to swim in the river along with the famous pink dolphins! In the afternoon, enjoy a lecture about Geographical orientation in our air-conditioned Indoor Lounge. Learn about hydrography of rivers to explore sustainable species according to the natural resources of the area. Perdida Creek Expedition. On this late afternoon excursion, you are going to have a skiff boat expedition into this beautiful creek, full of colorful birds, such as: Paradise tanager, masked crimson tanager, Wood peckers, awls, scarlet crowned barbet and enjoy the great symphony they create. Return to the Zafiro for Dinner. Night excursion into Tiger River to a place called Nahuapa. Tiger River is one of most important tributaries that flow into the Marañon River owning hundreds of other small rivers flowing into the main Tiger River. We will explore one of those small rivers called Nahuapa to look for caimans, snakes, tarantulas, night monkeys, nocturnal birds such as boat billed herons-great potoos and more. Wildlife is always active early in the morning, late afternoon and night, turning out into an amazing experience.



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DAY 4: Maranon River - Samiria River

Samiria River expedition. After breakfast our skiffs skim the Samiria River and its tributaries, where an abundance of wildlife hides in the deep rainforest, such as blue and yellow macaws, scarlet macaws, toucans, umbrella birds, monkeys, and river others, capybaras and more. Return to the Zafiro at 11:00 am followed by lunch. Amazon lecture. Learn about where the amazon name comes from, and flora and fauna that inhabit there. Village Visit. Meet the genuinely welcoming people of San Martin de Tipishca kukama community Amazonia at this riverside community. Your naturalist guide acts as interpreter so that you may talk with them about their life along the Amazon. Of course, no one has to interpret these kids' bright smiles and wide eyed curiosity about you. This visit also offers an excellent opportunity to buy easy to pack artisanal handicrafts, from painted coconut bowls to surprisingly chic seed bead jewelry. Tipishca Lake formed over 100 years ago by the Las Piedras River Cutting through the neck of a sharp meander. Lake Tipishca harbors good fish stocks, including piranha and catfish. Bird life on the lake is plentiful, the lake attracts many species which include, blue and yellow macaw, grey-necked wood-rails, putrescent tiger-herons, wattle jacanas, amazon and pygmy kingfishers, green ibis, black -collared hawk, black capped mocking thrush and yellow-rumped caciques. You might also spot hoatzins; red capped cardinals, and ringed kingfishers. Enjoy live music from our local band aboard the Zafiro followed by a splendid dinner.



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DAY 5: Marañon River - Nauta - Pahuachiro

Commencing the day, we'll head to Nauta, the region's second-largest city. Upon arrival, an immersion into city life awaits as we take motorcycle taxis to the bustling local market, offering a firsthand glimpse of urban commerce. Later, we'll explore the Sapi Sapi Lagoon, where arapaima, the world's second-largest freshwater fish, thrive in the company of fruit trees. This serene habitat also shelters Arrau turtles, butterflies, and an array of birds and fish. Returning to the Zafiro, breakfast will await. Following breakfast, we'll embark on a walk to Casual, an opportunity to encounter poison dart frogs and other exotic species. Here, the distinctive Avatar trees tower above, adding to the natural allure. After a midday lunch and a period of rest, our attention turns to an afternoon skiff outing to explore Pahuachiro and its wildlife-rich surroundings. As evening approaches, a return to the vessel grants leisure time leading up to dinner, allowing you to unwind and savor the tranquil ambiance of the Amazon night.



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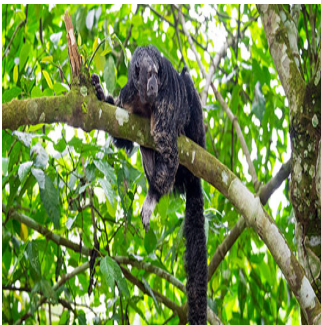
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DAY 6: Ucayali River - Bagazan Lake - Yucurichi

Following breakfast, an engaging stroll awaits through Yucuruchi, tracing the path around the Ucayali River within the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Here, the chance to encounter diverse native animal species enriches the experience. Before midday, a return to the boat will be in order, where an expertly led cooking demonstration by the executive chef will unfold. Post-lunch, a talk on the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve is available for those intrigued by its wonders. In the afternoon, options abound: take to the river for kayaking and swimming or partake in a skiff expedition to the captivating Bagazan Lake. The evening ushers in a time to unwind, accompanied by live music from the boat's talented band, treating you to an array of Amazonian, national, and international melodies. As night descends, we venture out on the Ucayali River, a nighttime escapade dedicated to spotting caymans, lizards, and other enigmatic creatures that come to life in the darkness.



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DAY 7: Ucayali River - Yarapa River - Amazon River

Embarking on our day's adventure, we'll journey to the Yarapa River before breakfast, an opportunity to witness the mesmerizing pink and gray river dolphins gracefully navigating its black waters. Upon our return to the vessel, a satisfying breakfast will be served on board, setting the tone for the day ahead. Our next destination is the community of Vista Alegre, where the lives of the locals unfold before us. Guided by our interpreters, our knowledgeable guides, we'll gain insights into their way of life and customs, enriched by a visit to their captivating butterfly park. Lunchtime will rejuvenate us for the afternoon's excursion. A skiff ride along the Amazon River unveils the breathtaking hues of the sunset, offering a serene moment of reflection. As the day winds down, relaxation beckons on the Zafiro, accompanied by the soothing strains of live music. An informative presentation by the crew will precede the farewell dinner, allowing us to relish the collective experiences we've shared on this enriching journey.



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DAY 8: Disembarkation

After breakfast, we'll begin disembarking. On the way to the airport, we'll stop by the Amazon Rescue Center (CREA), where biologists and volunteers take care of manatees - an endangered species - rescued by the authorities. We'll see how the manatees are cared for and prepped for reinsertion into their natural habitat. We'll also get to see other animals that have been rescued from attempts to turn them into pets and other dangerous situations. Afterward, you'll be transferred to the airport.




INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
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Inclusions	<p>All meals while on board All excursions & equipment (including rubber boots & rain ponchos) Transfers to/from vessel when arriving on recommended flights to Iquitos. Entrance fee to Pacaya Samiria National Reserve Natural juices, soda, coffee, tea, water; beer</p> <p>Not included Air tickets to/from Iquitos. Cost of medical emergencies (including evacuation) Any additional transportation services 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

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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 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

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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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