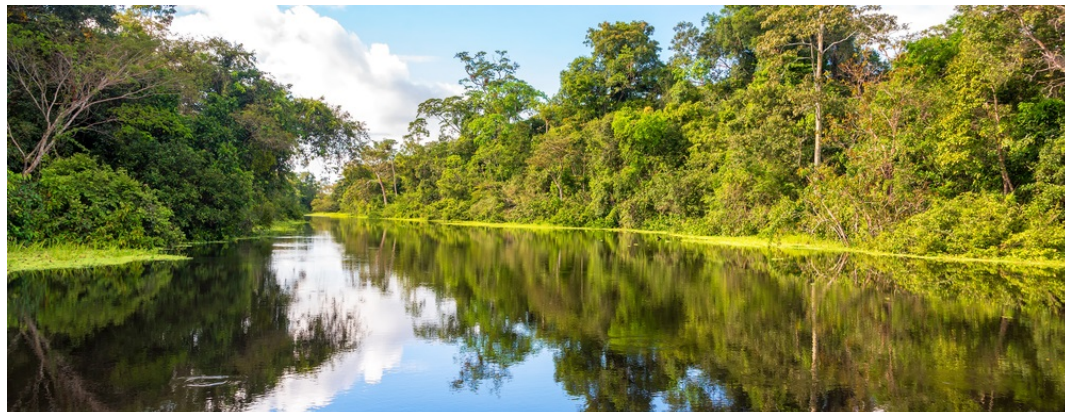


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INTRODUCTION

The M/V La Perla is a comfortable river boat that will take you deep into the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, one of the largest tracts of protected flooded forest on the planet. Discover the natural beauty and rich wildlife of the Amazon rainforest as you cruise along the Amazon, Marañón and Ucayali Rivers. Your introduction to the Amazon will include walks along rainforest trails, bird watching, night excursions to discover the nocturnal wildlife, a visit to a Butterfly Farm Project and learning basic forest survival techniques before an encounter with Amazonian manatees.

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DAY 1: Iquitos/Nauta/Amazon River

Upon your arrival at the airport, our welcoming team will be ready to escort you. From there, you'll be privately transported to the historic fluvial port of Nauta, where our adventure begins. En route to Nauta, we'll make a captivating stop in Iquitos, a vibrant city known for its colorful history. Here, you'll have the chance to explore local attractions and even enjoy a snack if you wish. Once in Nauta (a two-hour journey from Iquitos), we'll warmly welcome you aboard the La Perla cruise ship. Our dedicated staff will guide you to your specially equipped cabin, ensuring your comfort for the journey ahead. As our ship sets sail, we'll navigate toward the confluence of the Marañon and Ucayali rivers—the very origin of the Amazon River, nestled within the rainforest's embrace. Our expert naturalist guides will introduce you to the travel plan, routes, and planned activities, opening the door to the extraordinary realm of Amazon wildlife. Their advice is invaluable, and your questions are most welcome—our guides are here to assist you. Following this insightful introduction, a welcome lunch awaits, your first taste of the region's culinary treasures. The menu offers diverse options, including a vegetarian choice. Should you have specific dietary needs, please inform our crew in advance for seamless arrangements. In the afternoon, embark on a boat outing to the Communal Reserve of Yanayacu de Yacapana, where you'll uncover the incredible flora and fauna of the region. As the evening sets in, our exploration continues with a search for nocturnal creatures: caimans, bats, frogs, tarantulas, and other inhabitants of the lush rainforest. Following this immersive initiation into the Peruvian Amazon's wonders, return to the ship for dinner, a time of relaxation, and rejuvenation, as you gather energy for the days ahead.

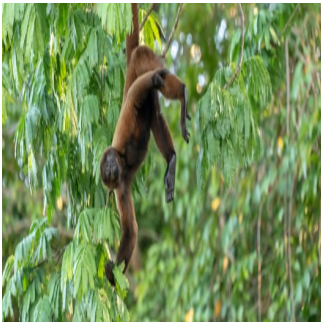


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DAY 2: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

As the dawn breaks, we'll embark on a serene boat journey back to the Communal Reserve of Yanayacu de Yacapana. Here, the lush treetops come alive with the hues and melodies of the Amazon's wild birds: parrots, macaws, and more. Alongside these, encounters with sloths, iguanas, monkeys, and the iconic pink and red dolphins. Returning to the ship after this experience, a buffet breakfast awaits. After breakfast, our voyage continues with a new boat outing, this time along the Yarapa River, promising encounters with even more Amazon species. Our journey extends to Vista Alegre village, where our skilled guides will serve as interpreters, offering insight into local native traditions and community life. A visit to a butterfly farm adds another layer of exploration. Back on La Perla, our lunch awaits, followed by a well-deserved rest. Later, our guides will delve into the Amazon River's origins and peculiarities—the world's most voluminous river in terms of water discharge. In the afternoon, we'll navigate the Nauta Creek by boat, seeking the ideal spot to engage in an exciting piranha fishing session. To heighten the experience, we'll employ traditional techniques unique to the region. Returning to the ship, you can unwind to live music as dinner approaches. Following the evening meal, brace yourself for our final venture of the day: a nocturnal walk to continue observing night-dwelling creatures and reveling in the enchanting symphony of nature.

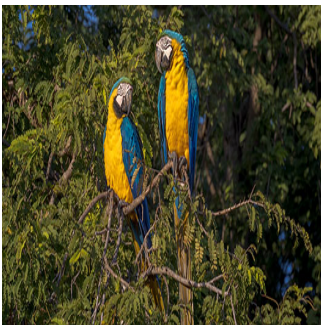



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DAY 3: Ucayali & Marañón River/ Pacaya Samiria Reserve

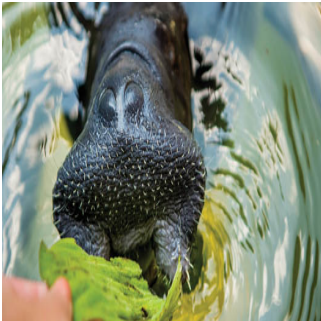
The early hours of the morning hold a distinct charm, providing a special connection with the rainforest and a remarkable opportunity for birdwatching. On this third morning, we have organized a boat excursion before breakfast. Our destination: the Marayali river stream, a revered location teeming with various endangered bird species. After returning to the ship, a buffet breakfast awaits, setting the scene for an exploratory journey into the Pahuachiro area—a supplementary treasure trove of Amazonian biodiversity. Around noon, a satisfying lunch is served, allowing for rest and preparation for the upcoming adventure: a stroll along the winding trails of the rainforest. Ahead of this undertaking, our guides will offer practical insights into geographical orientation techniques and resources pertinent to this terrain. The walk unfolds in the enchanting Casual area, home to vibrant frogs and an array of exotic species. In this zone, the towering trees, known as "Avatar" by locals, create a captivating canopy. As we return to La Perla, the ship transforms into a haven of relaxation, accompanied by the ambiance of live music. A comforting and delectable dinner awaits, providing the ideal conclusion to a fulfilling day in the heart of the Amazon rainforest.



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DAY 4: Nauta/Iquitos

Following the buffet breakfast on board, our next step is to disembark in Nauta and make our way to Iquitos. En route, a significant visit awaits at the Amazon Rescue Center (CREA), a haven where biologists and volunteers care for animals rescued from illegal trafficking, including the beloved manatees and aquatic mammals that face peril from hunters. At the center, you'll encounter species that have been rescued and are undergoing reintegration into their natural habitat. This is an opportunity to delve deeper into their characteristics, the challenges they confront (such as habitat degradation and wildlife trafficking), and most delightfully, you can interact with these friendly creatures. This poignant and unforgettable encounter enriches our journey. Subsequently, we'll continue our route to Iquitos. Upon reaching the airport, our adventure comes to a close, marking the conclusion of our remarkable journey.



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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	1 (easy)
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 your impact on both local environments and communities.

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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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