



## 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.

## ITINERARY

### 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. The ship sails along the Marañón River towards the birthplace of the Amazon and into the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. This vast tract of land stretches over 2 million hectares across the Loreto, Requena, High Amazon and Ucayali provinces. It is located in the Ucamara depression, where the Ucayali and Marañón Rivers converge giving rise to the Amazon River. In the afternoon there is a boat excursion to look for wildlife in the Communal Reserve of Yanayacu de Yacapana. Here you will see giant water lilies, birds, iguanas, sloths, the beautiful pink dolphins and a host of other wildlife. The Yanayacu de Yacapana River is home to the San Juan de Yanayacu community who are among the few remaining descendants of the Kukama-Kukamiria. 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: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

After an early wake up call, there is a bird watching excursion into the Yanayacu de Yacapana Communal Reserve, where we hope to see macaws, sloths, monkeys, toucans, fly catchers, trogons, parakeets and many more species. After breakfast back on board the ship, the ship sails up the Amazon River to the Ucayali River. Here we make a morning boat excursion to explore the tributaries, cruising into the Yarapa River looking for wildlife. Lunch is served back on board La Perla with a geographical orientation and short talk about the Amazon by the naturalist guide. In the afternoon we visit the Butterfly Farm Project of Vista Alegre Communal Reserve, where we learn about the endemic butterflies of the Amazon and the importance of them in the rainforest. Back on board the ship, dinner is served with more live music as entertainment. Tonight there is an optional night skiff excursion to search for caimans, snakes, tarantulas, scorpions, anacondas, night monkeys and more nocturnal wildlife.

DAY 3: Ucayali & Marañón River/ Pacaya Samiria Reserve

After a morning wake up call, we prepare to cruise along the Black Yarapa River. Here we search for wildlife and enjoy the spectacular views of the forest. We may have sightings of squirrel monkeys, common woolly monkeys and several species of birds including the black collared hawk and kingfishers. Breakfast is served back on board La Perla and we continue sailing down the Ucayali River to its confluence with the Marañón River. We take a skiff ride along Piranha Creek, one of the main tributaries of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. After lunch on board we head out for a jungle walk in a Casual Communal Reserve where we will learn about medicinal plants, search for insects, tarantulas and frogs and learn basic forest survival techniques with our naturalist experts. This evening there is another lecture by our naturalist guide with dinner and live music on board.

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DAY 4: Nauta/Iquitos

After breakfast on board, we check out and transfer by bus from Nauta to Iquitos. En route we visit the Manatee Rescue Centre. The Amazonian manatee is the only freshwater species of manatee, found in the rivers, swamps and wetlands of the Amazon Basin. The Rescue Centre cares for orphaned and rescued baby manatees, with the aim of releasing them back into the wild. The Rescue centre also aims to educate the local population on sustainable alternatives to hunting these fascinating creatures. We then have a short city tour around Iquitos to see the famous houses dating back to the rubber boom years, including the Iron House and Belen Market. We continue on to Iquitos Airport in time for your outgoing flight.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Standard
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>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 &amp; Spanish-speaking guide service                      Open boat guided excursions                      Entrance fees to Samiria Natural Reserve</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>                      Domestic airfare and local airport taxes                      Alcoholic and bottled beverages                      Personal expenses                      Gratuities for crew and staff</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	1 (easy)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Contact us for more details
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability

## SUSTAINABILITY

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



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- 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 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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