

**PERU - DELFIN III**



**INTRODUCTION**

Cruise aboard the elegant and luxurious Delfin III and experience the wonders of the Peruvian Amazon. Delve into the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, one of the largest protected flooded forests in the world, with its fascinating array of flora and fauna. Cruise along rivers and tributaries, walk through the rainforest, swim with dolphins, fish for piranha and marvel at the night sky. Each day you will be served delicious meals created from local ingredients and inspired by Peruvian cuisine and the surrounding rainforest.

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### DAY 1: Arrival in Iquitos & Embarkation

On arrival into Iquitos Airport you will be met by a crew member for the group transfer by private vehicle to Nauta, 95 kilometres from Iquitos, with a lunchbox provided for you to enjoy on the way. Before departing Iquitos there will be a panoramic tour of this bustling river city, the largest city in the Peruvian Rainforest. During the 20th century, the city attracted many Europeans immigrants who contributed to a period of great wealth, commercial, and social development. Nauta is a small riverside town on the banks of the Marañon River and was the first city founded in the department of Loreto. It is here that you will board the Delfin at a private port on the shores of the Marañon River. After a VIP welcome, you will be shown to your suite with time to settle in before the first excursion by skiff to Marayali, an area populated by sloths, iguanas and anteaters as well as yellow-rumped caciques and egrets. As the Delfin sets sail, you can enjoy fantastic panoramic views from the observation lounges located on the top deck whilst sipping on a cocktail made with regional fruits and Pisco, the national brandy liquor of Peru. Your naturalist guide will give an overview of the journey ahead including activities, route, highlights, wildlife and vegetation, geography and historical background. In the afternoon we witness the "confluence of the 3 rivers" known as the "Union de los Rios". The Ucayali River meets the Marañon River upstream of Iquitos to form what countries other than Brazil consider to be the main stem of the Amazon River. There are great photo opportunities as you witness your first Amazon Rainforest sunset. There is a night jungle walk and a visit to a small village on the shores of the river where you can listen to interesting legends of the Amazon as you sit around a small campfire. After dinner on board you can enjoy the stars from the top deck as the Delfin sails deeper into the Amazon.



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**DAY 2: Fundo Casual / Yanayacu Pucate River**

This morning we walk along the Fundo Casual jungle trail that takes us deep into the rainforest on terra firma (non-flooded forest) where your guide will point out the fascinating wildlife and vegetation of the Amazon. This afternoon we cruise along the black water Yanayacu Pucate River, one of the most spectacular sites of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Your guide will point out the biodiversity of this region with its myriad of bird species, colourful butterflies and other insects, noisy monkey troops and pink and grey river dolphins. You have the opportunity to paddle board and swim in the river maybe alongside the elusive freshwater pink river dolphins.



**DAY 3: Yanayaquillo / Samiria River**

Early this morning we cruise through the creeks and lagoons of Yanayaquillo, one of the best preserved and protected zones of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Your guide will explain the rich biodiversity of this region. This is also a popular dolphin feeding spot so you may be lucky enough to spot dolphins here. After lunch the skiffs skim the Samiria River and its tributaries, where an abundance of wildlife hides in the deep rainforest, including blue and yellow macaws, scarlet macaws, toucans, umbrella birds, monkeys, river otters, capybaras and more.



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**DAY 4: Nauta Caño Creek / Piraña Caño Creek**

After breakfast we explore Nauta Caño Creek by skiff with its lagoons and dynamic, stunning panoramas. Cruising is the best way to experience the diversity of wildlife that populates the rivers and jungle habitats, quietly exploring marshes, streams and oxbows. There is also the opportunity to fish for the infamous piranha. There are 25 different species of piranha in the Amazon Basin, and contrary to popular legends, they feed on the flowers, fruit and outer covering of the trees standing in shallow water. This evening sees us exploring Piraña Caño Creek that leads to a lagoon that is an ideal place to spend time in search of birds and playful monkeys. We then visit the community of San Francisco with a short skiff ride and jungle walk that takes us to meet local villagers who have called Amazonia their home for generations. Here we visit a market featuring amazing arts and crafts made by the local women. As night approaches, your guide will take you on a night safari in search of caimans and nocturnal birds and animals.



**DAY 5: Disembarkation**

Disembarking at the port of Nauta, Delfin's ground crew will be waiting to take you by private vehicle back to the city of Iquitos. On the way from Nauta back to Iquitos Airport, we visit the Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre of River Mammals (ACOBIA) where you will have the chance to meet and feed baby manatees and learn about these wonderful and docile creatures and why they are on the endangered species list. Other animals that have been rescued from capture for the intention of being turned into pets and other threatening conditions are also cared for at the centre. You may like to make a donation to this ambitious organisation and education centre. At Iquitos Airport staff will be on hand to give you your boarding passes and assist with check in ready for your return flight to Lima.




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**INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

**Accommodation**      Standard

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<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>All meals while on board (arrival day: dinner, cruise days: all meals, departure day: breakfast &amp; lunch).                  All excursions &amp; equipment (including rubber boots &amp; rain ponchos).                  Transfers to/from vessel when arriving on recommended flights to Iquitos (both 17:00hr).                  Entrance fee to Pacaya Samiria National Reserve.                  Natural juices, soda, coffee, tea, water; beer, house cocktails, pisco cocktails &amp; sours, house wines with lunch and dinner.</p> <p><b>EXCLUSIONS</b>                  Air tickets to/from Iquitos.                  Cost of medical emergencies (including evacuation).                  Gratuities (amount suggested per guest: US\$ 120.00).                  Any additional transportation services.                  Any additional bar consumption.</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Contact us for more details
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	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 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

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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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