

AMAZON RIVER CRUISING & MACHU PICCHU EXPERIENCE



INTRODUCTION

Explore the world's largest tropical forest on board the new luxury Delfin III Amazon Vessel and now a member of Relais & Châteaux on a 3 night itinerary that combines natural wonders, dramatic scenery and indigenous culture. Explore Lima and stay in Chimu's own boutique hotel in Lima, Casa Republica located in the upcoming district of El Barranco before you travel to Cusco to discover Machu Picchu.

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DEPARTURE

Selected Saturdays

DURATION

8 Days

LOCATIONS

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DAY 1: Welcome to Iquitos

On arrival into Iquitos Airport you will be met by a crew member from Delfin III for the group transfer by private vehicle to Nauta. 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. Enjoy a box lunch enroute. Nauta is a small riverside town on the banks of the Marañon River, approximately 95 kilometres from Iquitos and was the first city founded in the department of Loreto. On arrival at Nauta, board the Delfin III 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. While the Delfin begins its initial navigation, you will enjoy the most fantastic panoramic views from the elegantly outfitted observation area located on the third deck, whilst sipping an exotic cocktail made with regional fruits and pisco, the beloved national brandy liquor of Peru. 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. The third deck features an entertainment centre 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. Should you have any doubts or questions, your guides are always fully at your service.



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DAY 2: Amazon River Cruise

This morning, board the skiffs to explore the Samiria River. The 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. Your naturalists and his expert eye pinpoint all the biodiversity of this region. This is also a popular dolphin feeding spot so you won't be the only one enjoying the plethora of fish below. Return to the Delfin III for lunch. This afternoon, 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. You will even have the opportunity to swim in the jungle river along with the famous pink dolphins!



DAY 3: Amazon River Cruise

Morning walk at Fundo Casual jungle trail that will take you deep into the rainforest on "Terra Firma" (non flooded forest) where your guide will point out the dynamic creatures and vegetation of the Amazon. Be sure to keep an attentive eye open for spotting surprises! Return to the Delfin III for lunch. This afternoon visit the community of San Francisco. Take a short skiff ride and jungle walk to meet local villagers who have called Amazonia their home for generations. Visit a market featuring amazing arts and crafts from the local women. Go for a jungle walk with your guide to search for nocturnal creatures. After a delicious dinner, visit Nauta Caño Creek. Go fishing for the famous piranha, a delightful and challenging experience you won't forget! As night approaches, your guide will take you on a night safari in search of caiman and nocturnal birds.



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DAY 4: Iquitos – Lima

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, 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. 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. On arrival in Lima you will be met by a representative of Chimu Adventures and transferred to your hotel.



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DAY 5: Lima city tour

Today, we have our tour of Lima, the Colonial "City of Kings", and get a glimpse of its majestic past. We visit sites such as the Cathedral and Presidential Palace overlooking the Plaza de Armas, and Santo Domingo Church. We get to see, first hand, Lima's magnificent Colonial architecture as well as vignettes of its pre-Colombian past.



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DAY 6: Lima – Cusco

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight to Cusco. On arrival in Cusco, you will be met by a representative of Chimu Adventures and transferred to your hotel. Cusco, set at an altitude of 3,400 metres in the Peruvian Andes, was once the capital of the Inca Empire. It is known for its Spanish colonial architecture and Incan remains. Narrow, cobble-stoned streets lined by Inca walls stretch out from the main plaza in every direction. Many of the colonial buildings were built on top of Incan foundations and the stonework is unparalleled in its precision and beauty. This afternoon, take a sightseeing tour through Cusco, the heart of the Inca Empire. Visit the fascinating Qorikancha Temple of the Sun, the 12-Angled Rock and the Cathedral, built on the ruins of an Inca Palace. From here head to the archaeological remains located around the city, including the fortress of Sacsayhuaman, Qenqo (giant rock), the ancient site of Puca Pucara and finally the Water Temple of Tambomachay.



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DAY 7: Cusco – Machu Picchu – Cusco

This morning board the train to Machu Picchu. You will be astonished by your first view of Machu Picchu, a stunning display of ancient architecture with incredible surroundings. Machu Picchu is a 15th century Inca site, located 2,430 metres above sea level on a mountain ridge above the Sacred Valley. It is the most famous of all Inca sites, but it was not until 1911 that it was brought to the world’s attention by the American historian Hiram Bingham. The Incas abandoned the city just prior to Spanish colonisation, the city was never pillaged and as a result the ruins are still in fantastic condition. With its location on a dramatic ridgeline surrounded by sheer cliffs and the Urubamba River on three sides, the city of Machu Picchu is a remarkable place to visit. Machu Picchu was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983 and in 2007 it was voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Enjoy a guided tour of the ruins and monuments, such as the Main Square, the Circular Tower, the Sacred Solar Clock, the Royal Quarters, the Temple of the Three Windows and the Cemeteries. After exploring Machu Picchu, you will travel from Aguas Calientes to Ollantaytambo in the comfort of the modern IncaRail Executive Class train. This superior tourist class train features very comfortable semi-reclining seats and large expansive panoramic windows that immerse you in the scenery that surrounds the train. A varied selection of snacks is on offer during the journey. Transfer from Ollantaytambo to your Cusco hotel.



DAY 8: Depart from Cusco

Transfer from your hotel in Cusco to the airport for your onward journey.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Accommodation	Deluxe
Inclusions	* Airport transfers and transportation as detailed in itinerary * Twin share hotel accommodation in standard rooms * Twin share cruise accommodation in upper suite cabin * Breakfast daily and all meals whilst cruising * Guided tours and entrance fees as stated on the itinerary * Domestic flights as per the itinerary Excludes: * International flights * Meals not listed * Any personal expenses or consumptions * International travel insurance * Tips to drivers, guides and hotels
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available on request, please contact us.
Notes	Please contact us for more details.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

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