



## 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 world of the rainforest as you cruise along the Amazon, Marañón and Ucayali Rivers in search of the rich wildlife of the Amazon and marvel at the natural beauty of the area. Fish for piranha, swim with pink dolphins, visit small villages and communities to learn about life in the jungle and walk along rainforest trails before an encounter with Amazonian manatees.

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### DEPARTURE

Selected Wednesdays

### DURATION

4 Days

### LOCATIONS

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DAY 1: Marañón River/Ucayali River/Pacaya Samiria

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 starts sailing down the Marañón River to the confluence of the Marañón and Ucayali Rivers where the Amazon River begins. Later we walk along the shores of the Ucayali River to the village of Yucuruchi. The village is located in the district of Saquena, belonging to the province of Requena. Here there is the opportunity to see the Victoria Regias (water lily), a gigantic aquatic plant. Later in the afternoon we visit the Samiria River to look for Charapas turtles. As we sail along the river you may see manatees, pink dolphins and monkeys, as well as other species of birds, mammals and fish. The Pacaya Samiria Reserve gets its name from the two rivers that run through it - Pacaya and Samiria. The Reserve is a vast tract of land that stretches over 2 million hectares across the Loreto, Requena, High Amazon and Ucayali provinces. It is located in the Ucayali depression, where the Ucayali and Marañón Rivers converge giving rise to the Amazon River. Pacaya Samiria is the second largest protected natural area in Peru and one of the best spots for nature tourism lovers. The Reserve protects tropical rainforest ecosystems that contain great biodiversity for the Amazon, a Natural Wonder of the World. 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, the day begins with a picnic breakfast in Pacaya Samiria Natural Reserve. Here we explore the Yanayacu Pucate tributary with breakfast in the middle of the reserve. We may see pink dolphins, blue and yellow macaws, toucans and monkeys including howler monkeys. We visit an Amazon natural park where there are suspension bridges and viewing platforms with canopy walkways for great wildlife viewing and views across the rainforest. Back at the ship there is the opportunity to swim with the pink dolphins before lunch is served on board. This afternoon we experience a Shaman Ceremony in San Regis. Here we will learn some of the ancient secrets of the rainforest. There is then a Tree Planting Ceremony before we return to the ship for dinner. After dinner there is the chance for a night excursion by skiff into the jungle of Nauta Creek within the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve.

DAY 3: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve / Nauta

After breakfast we try our hand at piranha fishing at the San Jose de Zarapanga black water stream known as Shiriyacu, using traditional equipment and local techniques. Lunch is served back on board the ship, with a cooking demonstration and geographic orientation by our naturalist guide. In the afternoon we visit Prado Kukama village to learn about old traditions and traditional medicine, and to see how the Amazonians live. Later in the afternoon we have an excursion by skiff to watch the sunset on the Amazon River as we wait for the nightlife such as caimans, frogs, tarantulas, snakes and anacondas. We listen to the night fauna symphony before returning to the ship for a farewell dinner. As the ship sails down to Nauta there is a presentation by the crew.

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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. Please Note: The proposed route may vary depending on the weather, the level of water in the rivers, as well as the wildlife cycles. Village visits will depend on the availability of the communities.



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**INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

<b>Accommodation</b>	Standard
<b>Inclusions</b>	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 <b>Exclusions</b> Domestic airfare and local airport taxes Alcoholic and bottled beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for crew and staff
<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

## 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 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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