

PERU - LA PERLA



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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DAY 1: Marañón River/Ucayali River/Pacaya Samiria

Upon arrival at the airport, our team is ready to welcome you and transfer you away to Nauta, a historical fluvial port that marks the true commencement of your journey. En route, a captivating stop in Iquitos offers a tantalizing glimpse into its vibrant history and array of attractions. Upon arriving in Nauta, a mere two-hour drive from Iquitos, you'll step aboard the elegant La Perla cruise ship. Our attentive staff will usher you to your meticulously appointed cabin, ensuring every comfort for your voyage ahead. As we sail towards the confluence of the Marañón and Ucayali rivers, our seasoned naturalist guides will reveal the expedition's travel plan and initiate you into the captivating world of Amazon wildlife. Savor a welcome lunch that not only beckons you with regional delicacies but also presents a range of options, including vegetarian choices. Should you have specific requirements, please inform our crew in advance, and they will accommodate your needs. As the sun moves across the sky, set out on a boat outing to the Communal Reserve of Yanayacu de Yacapana, followed by a nocturnal exploration. Under the rainforest's serene canopy, witness the emergence of creatures that fill the night with life. The day culminates back aboard the ship with a flavorful dinner, offering a serene atmosphere for relaxation and rejuvenation.




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DAY 2: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

Embark on a morning adventure with a delightful picnic breakfast along the Yanayacu de Pucate River, nestled within the protected expanse of the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. This sanctuary, frequented by pink dolphins, offers a perfect setting for kayaking. Glide through one of the world's most exquisite aquatic ecosystems, enjoying the unique sensation of paddling amidst its beauty. For those seeking refreshment, a dip in the river is an option. After a satisfying lunch aboard La Perla, our journey continues with a rainforest trek leading to the suspension bridges. These elevated structures allow you to traverse the lush canopy, offering a unique perspective to immerse in the jungle's richness. A captivating encounter with the shaman of San Regis awaits, where ancient wisdom and knowledge of medicinal plants will be shared. Our guides will facilitate any queries or remarks during this immersive experience of spiritual exploration. Following this, partake in a tree-planting ceremony—a meaningful contribution to environmental conservation. As the day winds down, return to the ship for a serene evening accompanied by music and a comforting dinner, capping off a day of discovery and reflection.



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DAY 3: Pacaya Samiria National Reserve / Nauta

We commence the morning with a hearty breakfast before embarking on a boat expedition bound for the Shiryacu river stream. Our goal: to find the ideal spot for piranha fishing, employing local equipment and techniques for an authentic experience. Returning to the ship, a lecture on geographic orientation techniques in the rainforest awaits. Following refreshments, our journey leads us to Puerto Prado, where we'll engage with the native Kukama Prado community, immersing ourselves in their traditions and ancestral practices. A culinary demonstration offers a taste of regional cuisine, followed by a visit to the community's market showcasing handmade creations. If desired, you can support the local economy by purchasing crafts and goods. Our next venture involves a mount-bound walk to witness the magnificence of the "Victoria Regias," the world's largest water lilies. Upon returning to La Perla, a cherished moment unfolds as we reserve a place to witness the sunset. We wholeheartedly recommend embracing this serene experience—few things rival the splendor of observing the Amazonian sunset from the deck, as vibrant hues paint the horizon. The night's journey continues with live music before the crew's final presentation and a heartfelt farewell dinner.



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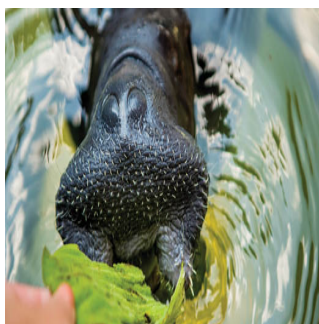
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DAY 4: Nauta/Iquitos

After the buffet breakfast aboard, we will proceed to disembark in Nauta and head to Iquitos. Along the way, we will visit the Amazon Rescue Center (CREA), where biologists and volunteers take care of the animals that have been saved from illegal trafficking including the beloved manatees and the aquatic mammals, dangerously threatened by hunters. Here, you will find the species that have been rescued by the authorities and which are in the process of reintegration into their natural environment. Here you can also learn more about their traits, the risks they face (deterioration of their habitats and wildlife trafficking) and best of all, you can play around with them since they are very friendly. After this emotional and unforgettable experience, we will continue our way to Iquitos where, once we get to the airport, our journey will have concluded.



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	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	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.

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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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