

## AMAZON - AMAZON ANAKONDA EXPERIENCE



### INTRODUCTION

Travel on board the Anakonda Amazon River Cruise, the only luxury ship in the Ecuadorian Amazon and experience the jungle in the most unique way. Visit remote and pristine areas where few have had the opportunity to travel, interact with the region's local communities, while enjoying the comforts, facilities and services of a five star boutique ship.

#### The Anakonda Experience

The Anakonda will take you on an Amazon journey whilst enjoying the luxurious touch of its interior and facilities. Spacious observation deck equipped with lazy chairs and a refreshing water outdoor Jacuzzi, and a perfect al fresco lounge, ideal for cocktails, relaxation, reading or just appreciating the remarkable views. Skilled naturalist guides will make the experience all the more enjoyable, offering you knowledge on the location and its inhabitants and assisting in activities during your cruise. When not relaxing onboard, you can enjoy kayaking alongside the Amazon's mysterious rainforest shores with unique flora and fauna or experience it closer during one on-land excursions. Appealing tropical Ecuadorian dishes with classic Amazonian ingredients are served during your cruise and will complete your authentic Amazon experience. Additionally, ample sitting areas and comfortable beds in Suites with floor to ceiling windows will offer you a permanent view of the incredible Amazon shores.

Anakonda Cruise also offers a [4 day cruise](#).

#### TRIP CODE

ECTSAAE5

#### DEPARTURE

Wednesdays

#### DURATION

5 Days

#### LOCATIONS

Ecuador, Amazon



### ITINERARY

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### DAY 1: Wednesday: Arrive coca & Embarkation

On arrival at Coca Airport, you will be met by a representative from MV Anakonda and transferred to the dock. Board a motorized canoe to begin the journey down the river for approximately an hour and a half, taking in the first sights and sounds of the Amazon. After boarding and once settled in, you will be joined by expert local naturalist guides who will provide you with a brief and informative introduction to the Ecuadorian Amazon, after which you will have your first opportunity to discover the exciting features of the cruise ship: spacious social areas, comfortable suites, and the observation deck that allows you to admire the changing rainforest landscape as we glide down the Napo River. After dinner, plunge straight into the Amazon by going for a nighttime forest walk to observe the forest's nocturnal activity and experience the thrill of the vivid noises and aromas that come from so much biodiversity.



### DAY 2: Thursday: Yasuni National Park

Early in the morning, visit Yasuni National Park. This is a pristine and relatively undisturbed region of the Ecuadorian Amazon and home of the legendary Pink River Dolphin. In this area you can also find anacondas, river turtles and various primate species, as well as the colorful Hoatzin, a unique bird that is known locally as the "Stinky Turkey". Later in the afternoon, canoe in a blackwater lake, home to giant otters and the magnificent, albeit elusive manatee. Also enjoy a pleasant hike in the Riparian/Gallery Forest, where you may have the chance to spot a flock of birds and marvel at the intricate organization of a colony of leaf-cutter ants by the "Giant Fig Tree", a truly majestic tree that is home to an abundance of wildlife, much like the "Giant Kapok Tree".



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### DAY 3: Friday: Quechua Family & Canoeing

Start the day off by visiting an authentic Quechua family located on the banks of the Napo River, where you will receive cultural immersion and the opportunity to learn directly from members of the local community. Return to the M/V Anakonda for lunch and some leisure time as the ship continues cruising upstream. At this time, you are invited to participate in a cooking class with the chef who will share recipes and techniques for preparing exquisite traditional Ecuadorian food that you can replicate at home. You are also invited to try their hands at making traditional handicrafts.



### DAY 4: Saturday: Forest Adventure & Observation Canopy

After breakfast, disembark to explore the nearby forest for a walk to discover a myriad of different animals and plant species that can only be found in the Amazon basin. In the afternoon, visit a canopy tower, built against a giant Kapok tree. The perspective at the top of this observation tower is truly glorious, looming above the lush treetops and providing a view of the sheer vastness of the Amazon Basin. In the evening, bravely venture into the river on a canoe to search for black caimans with the help of flashlights.



### DAY 5: Sunday: Disembarkation & Return to Coca

After breakfast, disembark the M/V Anakonda and take the motorized canoe back to Coca (one-and-a-half-hour ride).



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

#### Accommodation

Cabin on ship

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<b>Inclusions</b>	All on board accommodation All meals on board English-speaking anturalist guide Water, coffee and tea beverages Transfers to Coca from the vessel when arriving on recommended flights <b>Exclusions</b> Air ticket Quito-Coca-Quito Admission to local communities and natural reserves Gratuities for crew Personal expenses Optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages not specified
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Contact us for details
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability

## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

Advantage cruises undertake a number of local sustainability initiatives focused on education and the environment, offering unique guest experiences that also benefit local communities and the environment. In collaboration with the Kichwa community of Martinica, Anakonda has designated a region for the sole preservation of the pink river dolphin, allowing for the species population to grow. A similar program is undertaken in collaboration with the 'Wildlife Conservation Society Ecuador (WCS), to protect endemic

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species of Charapas Turtles. Itineraries on board Anakonda are designed to include cultural encounters, allowing for a shared exchange of experience and information benefiting both travellers and local community members.

While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore remain culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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