PERU - PERU AMAZON CRUISE 4 DAYS (SUN TO WED) | LA PERLA



TRIP CODE

PETS4LP

DEPARTURE

Selected Sundays

DURATION

4 Days

LOCATIONS

Peru, Amazon, South America

INTRODUCTION

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of the Amazon aboard La Perla, a boutique river cruise designed for adventure and relaxation. With expert naturalist guides, immersive excursions, and breath taking panoramic views, you'll explore the region's rich biodiversity while enjoying the comfort of a beautifully appointed vessel. Experience the magic of the rainforest, where every moment is a new discovery.

On this all-encompassing superior cruise, Chimu Adventures will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary.

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Arrive Iquitos & Embark in Nauta

Upon your arrival at the airport, we will be waiting for you to start the adventure. We will take a city tour of Iquitos, a colorful, dynamic city with a captivating past. In this tour you will be able to appreciate the most emblematic attractions of the city. Then, we will transfer by private vehicle to the city of Nauta, the historic river port where we will embark. Upon arrival in Nauta (about two hours from Iquitos), we will board La Perla and our staff will accompany you to your cabin. All cabins are specially equipped for you to enjoy the most comfortable stay. The ship will start sailing down the Marañón River, as the naturalist guides present the trip plan, the routes to follow and the scheduled activities, and the best thing: they will begin to introduce us to the wonderful world of Amazon wildlife. Pay attention to their advice and recommendations, and keep in mind that if you have any doubts or questions, our guides will always be more than happy to assist. After this presentation, enjoy a welcome lunch, your first experience with the delights of regional cuisine. The menu offers several options, including a vegetarian alternative. If you have any particular requirement, please let our crew members know in advance, so that we can attend to it in a timely manner. Before dinner, we will start a night boat excursion to the Nauta Caño area, in search of animals that can only be seen when the sun goes down: alligators, bats, frogs, tarantulas and other species that inhabit the Amazon basin. After this first immersion in the jungle world, we will return to the ship and enjoy dinner and then you can rest and recover energies for the next day. Please note: The Peruvian Amazon is a very remote region. Cruise and lodge operators design transfer schedules to align with specific incoming and departing flights to maximise their operations. Frequent flight schedule changes can also complicate matters. We strongly advise consulting with your booking agent prior to confirming your flights to avoid any potential long delays and/or missed connections.



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DAY 2: Ucayali River, Vista Alegre and Yarapa

At dawn, we will board the skiffs to visit the banks of the Ucayali River, and observe the beautiful Amazonian birds that fill the dense treetops, a true spectacle of color and life in the heart of the forest. After this exciting ride and back on the boat, we will enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet, that offers a daily selection of traditional dishes, Peruvian specialties, freshly baked homemade products and a variety of fresh juices made with exotic fruits that can only be found in the jungle. Following, we will get ready to start a new excursion by boat, but this time, on the Yarapa River, this area is ideal for spotting toucans, parrots, macaws, iguanas, sloths and monkeys high up in the trees. Back at La Perla cruise, we will enjoy lunch on board followed by a moment of rest, the guides will offer a talk on local Amazonian culture. During the afternoon, we will visit the town of Vista Alegre, to meet the native community and learn about their customs, having the guides as interpreters and translators. Upon return, you can enjoy live music while we wait for dinner on board.



DAY 3: Confluence (Origin of the Amazon River)

After breakfast, the guides will offer a talk about the Pacaya Samiria Reserve, one of the most amazing jungle reserves in the world, with forests that remain flooded for much of the year. Later, we will be ready for the boat expedition to the point of confluence of the Marañón and Ucayali rivers, the majestic location of the jungle where the Amazon River is born. Before returning to La Perla, we will explore the Piraña Cocha area, looking for more wildlife. Back on the boat, we will offer lunch and you will have time to rest and prepare for the next adventure: a walk through the winding jungle trails located at the beautiful area of Casual, inhabited by poisonous frogs and countless exotic animal species. In this area, we will also observe a variety of giant trees known by the locals as “Avatar”. You can also purchase local handicrafts made by the local women artisans and in this way contribute to their local economy. As we return to La Perla, there will be a special moment to contemplate the majestic Amazon sunset.



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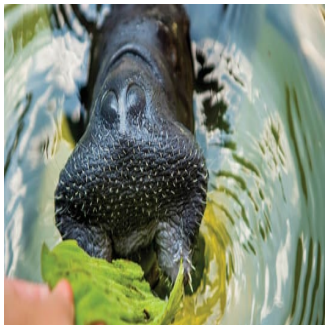
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DAY 4: Manatees Rescue Centre and Disembarkation

This morning begins quietly with breakfast on board, but becomes exciting with a visit to the city of Nauta, the second largest in the region. Upon arrival, we will reach the city market, where you can interact with locals and learn about the particular commercial circuit of the region. We will visit the stalls of typical food, crafts, aphrodisiac drinks and many more. A true immersion in the life of the Amazonian population. Back on the ship, we will proceed to disembark. On your way to the airport, visit Amazon Forever Bio Park, also known as Manatees Rescue Center, where biologists and volunteers care for manatees, an endangered species. Learn how manatees are treated and prepared for their return to their natural habitat. Likewise, other animals are also rescued, treated and reinserted in their natural habitat. Jungle Experiences actively collaborates with this dedicated organization and think tank. We invite you to do so as well and help this meaningful cause. Finally, we'll transfer you to the airport for your onward journey, bringing your Amazon adventure to a close. Please note: The Peruvian Amazon is a very remote region. Cruise and lodge operators design transfer schedules to align with specific incoming and departing flights to maximise their operations. Frequent flight schedule changes can also complicate matters. We strongly advise consulting with your booking agent prior to confirming your flights to avoid any potential long delays and/or missed connections.



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Accommodation	Cabin On Board Ship

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Inclusions	**INCLUSIONS** Cabin accommodation on board ship All meals while on board ship plus soft drinks (natural juice, coffee, tea and water) All excursions with expert naturalist and equipment (including rubber boots and rain ponchos) Transfers from/to Iquitos airport on recommended flights Entrance fee to Pacaya Samiria National Reserve **EXCLUSIONS** International or domestic flights Visa fees and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Personal expenses Gratuities for guides and crew (recommended USD$20-25 per passenger per night for the crew and USD$7-10 per passenger per night for the guides) Alcoholic beverages
Difficulty Rating	2 (Light Adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
Notes	**High Water Season** takes place December to May & **Low Water Season** takes place June to November. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, river conditions, government regulations and/or airline issues. Prices are based on per person, twin share (unless otherwise stated). Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

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