

## Amazon Riverboat Experience

**Escape to the Amazon jungle to view wildlife, visit a local family, have a spiritual Shaman Encounter, and learn about saving Manatees**

**Duration: 7 days, 6 nights**

**Investment: \$2199 per person double (will pair same gender roommates) Solo supplement \$690.00.**

Did you watch the Zac Efron series “Down To Earth” on Netflix? When I watched I wanted that EXACT experience! And HERE IT IS. Or as close as we could get. Hop aboard a riverboat and experience the Amazon in style. Led by an Amazon Reserve naturalist guide, your cruise will include daily excursions by motorized skiff designed to reveal the exotic wildlife that calls the rainforest home — with any luck you’ll spot sloths, toucans, or pink dolphins! And, with plenty of time for exploration in Pacaya–Samiria National Reserve, you’ll have the chance to experience the jungle up close. The cuisine on-board is regional and provides a unique and delicious window into local culture. Gain a rare glimpse of how life “on the river” is lived and experience the magic of the Amazon on this once-in-a-lifetime riverboat adventure.

## Tour Highlights

- 1. Cruise the Amazon and tributaries with a team of Naturalists**
- 2. Visit with and learn about the customs from an indigenous family**

- 3.** Search for medicinal plants, wildlife, marine life and birds
- 4.** Visit the Manatee Rescue Center & observe these lovable animals
- 5.** Be introduced to the healing craft firsthand with a local Shaman



## Itinerary – April 5-11, 2021

### Day 1 – Lima

Arrive at any time, at Jorge Chávez International Airport. An arrival transfer is included and will take you to the hotel in 45m-1h. Arrival Day and Welcome Meeting with G Representative activity  
The adventure begins today. Feel free to explore Lisbon and perhaps take advantage of an optional activity. This evening you will meet the group and your tour representative to review the details of your tour.



## Day 2 – Lima/Nauta

Fly to Nauta to board our Amazon Riverboat. While in Nauta we will ride in local motorcars, browse the local market and learn about this jungle town.





Once on board the ship, relax and soak in the natural beauty of the wild rainforest. Step out on deck and watch the riverbanks go by, expert guides will lead jungle walks, give lectures, and point out unique species of bird and marine life as you explore the smaller tributaries of the river. The next 3 days you will explore the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve — the largest national park in Peru, dine on food fresh from the jungle, spot pink dolphins on the Amazon River, interact with members of the local community, learn the intricacies of Amazon wildlife.

**Meals included – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

*Please note that excursions and activities while on the riverboat are dependent on fluctuating water levels and are subject to change.*

### Day 3 – 5 – Pacaya Samiria National Reserve

Explore the Amazon River and some of its tributaries in the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. In the constantly changing Amazon we offer flexible itineraries, the naturalists onboard tailor each departure to the surroundings and water levels to ensure you get the most out of your Amazon adventure. Over the next few days, enjoy shore excursions, night excursions, educational lectures, a visit to a local shaman, an indigenous village, and the incredible wildlife of this lush area.

**Meals included – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**



### Excursion Activities:

**Pacaya Samiria National Reserve**

Rise early to visit the Pacaya-Samiria Reserve, Peru's largest national park and home to more than 200 bird species and 10 primate species. Have the chance to view cocoi and striated herons, macaws, squirrel and woolly monkeys, caimans, and sloths. Follow a route that crosses the tributary

waters of the Marañon. Along the way, the guides will point out the interesting wildlife species that inhabit the riverbanks, and unusual fish and vegetation that can be found in the river.



#### **Ucayali River Walking Excursion activity**

Walk along the banks of the Ucayali River to explore the Yucuruchi region of the Amazon, and to have the opportunity to see the Victoria Regia water lily — a gigantic aquatic plant with leaves that measure up to 3m (10 ft) in diameter. Keep a watch out for the Amazon River dolphin, giant otter, and the Amazonian manatee, which all make their home in Ucayali's waters.



#### **Local Indigenous Family Visit activity**

Be welcomed into the home of a local Indigenous family. Share conversation over a midday meal, and be introduced to their culture and way of life. Participate in an unforgettable opportunity to gain insight into a new and different world.



#### **Local Shaman Visit activity**

Gain rare, firsthand insight into Shamanism in meeting a practicing shaman in a river village. Be introduced to his spiritual healing craft and learn about rainforest plants that indigenous peoples have, for untold centuries, held to possess curative properties.



### **Night Time Boat Excursion activity**

Take advantage of this nighttime boat ride in the wild, and watch the Amazon become a different domain. Be on the lookout for bats, capybaras, black caimans, poison frogs, and a vast number of other species. See if our flashlights will reflect the ‘red eye shine’ of the black caiman or show the glowing yellow eyes of a jaguar!

### **Day 6 – Pacaya Samiria National Reserve/Lima**

Rise early and set out to explore the impressive biodiversity of the area’s unusual ecosystem. Look for a quiet spot to enjoy a picnic breakfast, followed by a trip to explore Choroyacu. Ride up the Nahuapa River for piranha fishing. Visit Choroyacu Creek to have the opportunity to climb in a dugout canoe and explore this scenic area with the locals.



Leave the peacefulness of the river behind. Visit the Manatee Rescue Center. The Amazonian Manatee Rescue Center, an organization focused on rescuing orphaned manatees that were the victims of poaching. The center helps to rehabilitate and reintroduce these very rare and endangered mammals back into the Amazon Basin. Take this opportunity to observe these amazing and lovable animals – be sure to bring your camera!

Catch a flight back to Lima. Enjoy the evening in the city.



**Meals included:** Breakfast

*Please note the order of the activities is sometimes changed due to logistical reasons and the Manatee Rescue Center may be visited earlier in the trip to allow enough time to enjoy the center.*

## Day 7 – Lima

Depart at any time.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

Your trip includes all the items listed in the itinerary. It does not include meals not listed, drinks, international flights, gratuities, and your transfer back to the airport for your return flight home.

## Pricing

Pricing for this trip is \$2199 per person based on double occupancy for an upper deck twin cabin – Deposit \$350 to hold your space

Final payment is due on November 26, 2020.

Same gender solo travelers will be paired in rooms. If you're traveling solo and would prefer to have your own private room throughout your trip you can opt for a solo room for \$3958.20.

Assistance with international flight arrangements and extra days and optional tours will be provided if desired.

You can expect weather in January to have sunny days, rainy nights, temperatures in the high 70s-80s day, 68-70s night. January brings great wildlife and plant life, as it is the high water season, making the river, creeks, lakes more navigable and allows us to get us deeper into the Amazon jungle canopy.

Cancellation policy and information:

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