



## AMAZON DISCOVERY CRUISE

Aqua Expedition's luxury 3 night cruise on the Amazon River aboard the Aria Amazon begins in the remote colonial city of Iquitos (IQT), Peru and transports guests in exceptional comfort deep into the Amazon rainforest, along the Marañón River, the Amazon's largest tributary, as well as other neighboring rivers (the Yarapa and Yanayacu-Pucate), each one rich in vibrant wildlife and thriving rainforests. Go fishing for the many species of Amazon fish, explore into the dense jungle on foot in search of three-toed sloths, toucans, macaws then come back to the comfort of our skiffs to meet taricaya turtles in their natural habitat and hunt for endangered pink dolphins, unique to the Amazon, at play. As the Aria Amazon journeys towards the union of the Ucayali and the Marañón Rivers, considered the birthplace of the Amazon, learn from our experienced, English speaking naturalist guides about the diverse Amazon wildlife and birds of the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve. The path the river cruise takes changes depending on the water level as shown below. · Low Water Season (June through October) vs. High Water Season (November Through May) If seeing glorious Amazon rainforest at its lushest and getting up close to lots of birds and mammals (and enjoying slightly cooler temperatures) sounds most attractive, then December to May might be your best choice. If jungle hikes and spotting exotic migratory birds perched on trees between flights across Amazonia appeals most to you, while still having the chance to see capuchin monkeys, kinkajou, and other mammals, and going on great fishing expeditions, you might be happier choosing the warmer, low water season.



### ITINERARY

DAY 1 Iquitos – Nauta – Embarkation – Marañón River

We will meet at Iquitos International Airport then journey together by air-conditioned vehicle through the Peruvian countryside to arrive at our Nauta Lounge in time for lunch, or we will serve a box lunch en route depending on the flight arrival time. In the afternoon, we will set off on your first skiff excursion along the Marañón River. At 6:00 pm, we will board the ARIA AMAZON. Settle into your generously proportioned suite as you begin one of life's greatest adventures. Following a routine safety drill and introduction to our naturalist guides, we gather for innovative Amazonian cuisine created by our Executive Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, whose restaurant, Malabar, is the one



of Lima's top-ranked dining experiences.

**DAY 2 Yanayacu Pucate River – Marañon River**

We commence today's adventures near the main entrance of Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, cruising along Yanayacu Pucate in the comfort of our state-of-the-art skiffs. Kayak, canoe and swim in these unspoiled black waters, keeping eyes peeled for the Amazon's legendary pink dolphins. In the afternoon, we will visit a remote village along the Marañon River to learn about traditional customs. Focus our hi-tech telescope on the night sky to identify the planets and constellations.

**DAY 3 Samiria River – Nauta Caño Or PNA (Amazonian Natural Park)**

We set off by skiffs for an excursion along the Samiria River with optional fishing. Listen carefully to our after-lunch flora and fauna lecture, then venture out for a singularly thrilling jungle walk across the high Amazon rainforest. On our return in the evening, enjoy the jungle symphony and extraordinary stargazing on local boats along the "Enchanted Lake". This evening before dinner, we will gather to introduce you to some of the crew members whom you may not have met, working "behind the scenes" to ensure your countless exceptional experiences aboard the ARIA AMAZON.

**DAY 4 Nauta Town – Manatee Rescue Center – Transfer To The Airport**

This morning, we will visit the local fresh market with your guides who can identify the day's catch by the fishermen of Amazonia and the region's exotic fruits. Return to the ARIA for breakfast and to pack up. Before saying goodbye, we visit the Manatee Rescue Center, a kind of animal orphanage for Amazonian manatees to rescue, rehabilitate and release them back into the wild. We will also visit San Juan craft market on route to the airport. Lunch or box lunch will be provided, depending on the

exact departure flight time, which may vary. Other local activities may be included as well, according to our recommended flight schedule.

**Please Note:**

This itinerary is based on the High Water Season (November-May), it varies slightly for the Low Water Season (June-October). All itineraries are subject to change, due to weather and other conditions. All times indicated are approximate, and are also subject to change.



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## YOUR SHIP: AQUA NERA

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Aqua Nera</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury River Expedition</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>62.4 meters / 205 feet</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>

Games room with pool table Outside shaded lounge with single and double day beds Antique and artisanal boutique Lobby lounge Observation deck with outdoor sunbeds Top deck gym overlooking the river Infirmary with onboard medical staff Outdoor top deck plunge pool with private cabanas Two spa treatment rooms, one single and

one double.

Setting a new standard for luxury river cruising on the Amazon, Aqua Nera draws design inspiration from the Peruvian Amazon's mystical blackwater lagoons and bears the hallmarks of contemporary style and generous interiors that Aqua Expeditions cruise ships are known for. Aboard the Aqua Nera, award-winning architects Noor Design crafts every space to perfection. The vessel's 20 spacious Design Suites convey a sense of Amazon tranquility, while the social spaces showcase refined elegance with a touch of drama. Tastefully woven into the design are accents and details from the rubber boom era and the colorful cultures of Portugal, Spain and Peru. Aqua Nera operates alongside the Aria Amazon, taking guests into the depths of the Peruvian Amazon in the comfort of luxury. The cruise features cuisine by Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, one of Peru's finest chefs who is celebrated for creating refined cuisine from native Amazonian produce. Every day, expert naturalist guides conduct small group excursions that reward guests with up-close wildlife encounters in the world's most biodiverse rainforest. On Board Living and Social Areas Sun Decks Indoor and outdoor bars Indoor dining room and outdoor private dining Screening room with theater-style seating Outdoor cinema under the stars

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