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Luxury Amazon Cruise



*Cruise the earth's mightiest river – the Amazon,
aboard the luxury riverboat, the M/V Aqua.*

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Abbreviated Itinerary

Dates: April 19-25, 2010

DATE	ACTIVITY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS
April 19	Fly to Peru. Arrive in Lima.	Meliá Lima Hotel	D
April 20	Lima City Tour. Fly to Iquitos. Embark M/V <i>Aqua</i> . Amazon Rainforest Cruise.	M/V <i>Aqua</i>	B,L,D
April 21	Amazon Rainforest Cruise.	M/V <i>Aqua</i>	B,L,D
April 22	Amazon Rainforest Cruise.	M/V <i>Aqua</i>	B,L,D
April 23	Amazon Rainforest Cruise.	M/V <i>Aqua</i>	B,L,D
April 24	Arrive in Iquitos. Disembark M/V <i>Aqua</i> . Iquitos Tour. Fly to Lima. Depart for Home or Machu Picchu Extension.	-----	B,L
April 25	Arrive Home.		Aloft

Pricing Information

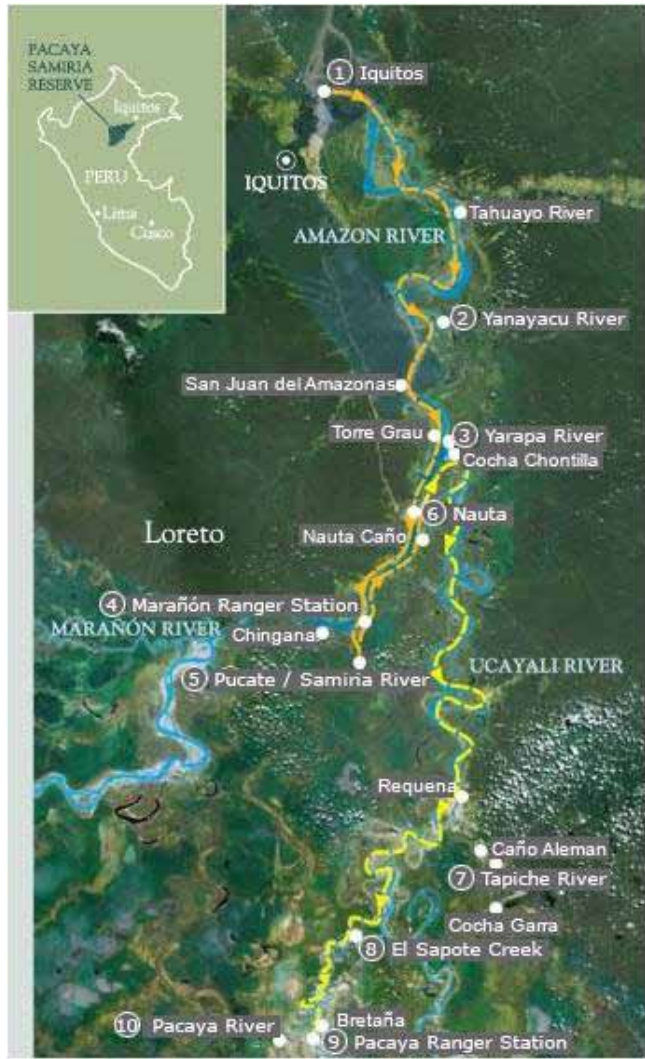
Room Type	Check Payment	Credit Card Payment
Double	\$4,790 per person	\$4,990 per person
Single	\$7,290 per person	\$7,490 per person

Includes	Does Not Include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Global Adrenaline tour leader · local Peruvian guides · domestic Lima – Iquitos – Lima flights · domestic airport departure taxes · airport transfers when arriving and departing on designated arrival and departure dates · accommodation as indicated in itinerary · meals as indicated in itinerary (B, L, D) · purified water and iced tea with meals · welcome reception and dinner in Lima · farewell dinner on M/V <i>Aqua</i> with wine · wine included for adults at both lunch and dinner while on Amazon cruise · activities as indicated in itinerary and all entrance fees to national reserves, historical sites and museums · ground transportation as indicated in itinerary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · international flights (approximately \$900 to \$1,200 for USA – Lima – USA flights) · international airport departure tax (\$35) · meals not included (\$20) · beverages (discretionary) · travel insurance (discretionary) · tips and gratuities (discretionary; approximately \$200) · phone calls, laundry and other items of a personal nature (discretionary)



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M/V Aqua Route - The Northern Peruvian Amazon Basin



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Expedition Summary

Immerse yourself in the abundant wildlife of the Pacaya Samiria Reserve while on the voyage of a lifetime, cruising the earth's mightiest river — the Amazon. Start your trip in Lima, visiting the highlights of this cosmopolitan city. Next, embark on a 5-day luxury **Amazon Cruise** aboard the *M/V Aqua*, which caters to the most discerning and adventurous of world travelers, providing an unforgettable journey into areas visited by only a privileged few. As your ship ties up along the banks of the river, knowledgeable and experienced naturalists will take you via small launches, along myriad **Amazon River** tributaries into the remote reaches of the **Peruvian Rainforest** and the **Pacaya Samiria National Reserve**. Spanning more than five million acres and located at the headwaters of the Amazon Basin, this natural sanctuary is home to more than 70 percent of the world's species. Explore these pristine wilderness areas teeming with wildlife and amazing plant life, such as the colossal *Victoria Regia* water lilies. Venture into the rainforest on foot as well and encounter *ribereños*, local people living in villages as they have for centuries. Discover the inhabitants and rich biodiversity of Amazonia and:

- spot rare gray and pink Amazon River dolphins
- catch and release piranhas
- visit remote Amazon Basin villages, bringing much-needed school supplies to local people
- spy sloths, parrots, macaws, squirrel, howler and capuchin monkeys, iguanas, boa constrictors, giant river otters, alligators, capybaras, hawks, cormorants and herons in their natural habitat
- embark on night expeditions for nocturnal wildlife viewing and star gazing

When the day's sightseeing is over, the comforts of your luxurious floating hotel await you. Dining aboard the *Aqua* encompasses a menu of fresh, delicious world-class Peruvian fare. Presented with a European flair and paired with select wines from South America, dinner is a culinary feast for the senses. The menu has been created with the assistance of Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, one of Peru's top ten chefs.

Don't miss this chance to visit the magical country of Peru, full of mystery, intrigue, the ancient culture of the Incas and the rich diversity of the Peruvian Amazon.

Experience Required

Visiting the Amazon involves excursions in small motorized skiffs and at times may include some wet landings. The daily nature excursions may include walking on irregular terrain, and getting in and out of the skiffs occasionally requires some physical effort. Walking excursions may last up to three hours, with options to take shorter excursions. The *M/V Aqua* has three decks, and passengers should be comfortable going up and down stairs to access the different areas of the vessel.



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Day by Day Itinerary

April 19: Fly to Peru. Arrive in Lima.

Arrive into Lima International Airport (LIM). Meet your tour leader and driver just outside the baggage collection area. Transfer to your Lima hotel.

In the evening, gather for a welcome reception and dinner at Casa García Alvarado, a turn of the century family mansion located in the heart of Lima's Miraflores district. The family home boasts two elegant reception rooms, a conservatory, a tiled courtyard facing the garden, original architectural details, antiques, paintings and family memorabilia.

Overnight: Meliá Lima Hotel. (D)

Meliá Lima Hotel

Meliá Lima is located in the San Isidro district of Lima, one of the most prestigious residential areas and is the closest 5-star hotel to the Lima International Airport. The tourist district of Miraflores is just minutes away and the hotel provides easy access to the most important museums, art galleries, exclusive stores and the historic heart of the city.



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April 20: Lima City Tour. Fly to Iquitos. Embark on M/V Aqua at Nauta, Marañón River.

Enjoy a morning guided tour of colonial Lima visiting the following sites:

- **Plaza Mayor:** The main square is the site of Spanish foundation by Francisco Pizarro.
- **La Catedral:** The Catedral was built in 1625 in the Spanish baroque style.
- **Government Palace:** The Government Palace has a traditional and colorful changing of the presidential guard, not to be missed.
- **San Francisco Church and Catacombs:** San Francisco Church and Catacombs is Lima's largest religious complex with a convent, museum of colonial art, cloisters and catacombs.
- **San Isidro and Miraflores:** The residential areas of San Isidro and Miraflores showcase the colonial architecture that pervades Lima's urban living.
- **Pacific Ocean:** Enjoy a magnificent view of the Pacific from the coast.

End the tour in Miraflores, stopping at the harbor for lunch at El Señorío del Sulco, one of Lima's most respected restaurants. This restaurant recreates the history, from pre-Inca to the present, of Peruvian cuisine in all its diversity. Typical dishes from the coast, sierra and jungle areas of Peru include *ají de gallina* (spicy pepper chicken), *papa a la huancaína* (potatoes in a spicy cheese sauce) and *lomo saltado* (sautéed steak). Top the meal off, accompanied by gentle piano, with the traditional dessert *suspiro a la limeña*, a port and cinnamon-kissed delicacy.

After lunch, transfer to Lima International Airport for the 1½ hour flight to Iquitos. Arrive just as the sun is setting on the Amazon. Naturalist guides from our luxury Amazon riverboat, the M/V Aqua, will meet us at the baggage claim. Board an air-conditioned bus for the 1½ hour ride, on well-paved roads, through the Peruvian countryside to the village of Nauta, where the Aqua lies at anchor.

En route, our naturalist guides give an introduction to the Amazon and answer questions about the journey ahead. With curious, local children watching, board a skiff at Nauta for a five-minute ride on the Amazon to the Aqua. On arrival, take a few moments to settle into your over-sized suite before heading up to the main deck for an orientation briefing. Enjoy a 5-course welcome dinner accompanied by Chilean and Argentine wines and raise a glass to toast the beginning of your cruise. Watch the river go by as your first night aboard the Aqua draws to a close. After dinner, retire to your cabin or get to know fellow passengers over a nightcap at the top-deck bar.

Overnight: M/V Aqua. (B, L, D)

M/V Aqua

M/V Aqua is Aqua Expeditions' 130-foot flagship. Its 12 luxury guest suites, designed by an internationally renowned Peruvian interior designer, measure a generous 230 to 240 square feet, and feature large, outward facing panoramic windows and en suite sitting areas. All suites are air-conditioned, and four are interconnected to cater to families. Guests can socialize in the dining room, bar, on the observation deck and in the outdoor lounge. There is also a small boutique on board. You'll be served by a crew of 14, plus three skilled guides. All excursions, meals, and wine with meals included.



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April 21: Amazon Rain Forest Cruise – Yanallpa and Dorado River Expeditions.

Watch the sunrise from the comfort of your cabin or sleep in before enjoying a sumptuous buffet breakfast featuring Peruvian specialties, made-to-order egg dishes and fresh-squeezed juices. After breakfast board the skiffs to explore the amazing black water Yanallpa River, part of the vast, Amazon flooded forest. The naturalist guides will tell you about the rain forest and its dynamic life, as the skiffs make their way through what scientists call a “gallery forest,” because of its narrow vegetation, creating a tunnel of leaves. Floating through this tunnel, it is easy to spot parrots, macaws, and fluffy monk saki monkeys, very close to the skiff. Return to the *Aqua* and relax before lunch. After a buffet lunch take a siesta before heading out in the skiffs for a magical journey through the “Mirrored Forest,” seeing towering trees reflected in the black water river, while spotting dozens of enchanting parrots, blue-yellow macaws, and a great variety of primates and sloths enjoying nature unperturbed by our presence. As the skiffs make their way back to our vessel, you will also have the chance to see caimans and frogs and fishing bats.

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April 22: Amazon Rain Forest Cruise – Hatum Posa Lake and Village. Pacaya River Journey.

This morning, rise early to cruise Hatum Posa, a beautiful and intricate ox-bow lake. Following its shore, you will almost certainly surprise several kinds of monkeys and many types of birds, including terns, neo-tropic cormorants, egrets, herons, hawks and horned screamers. Next, take the skiff into other black water lakes linked to this huge lake in the flooded forest. Return to the vessel for another delicious buffet breakfast, then pull on some rubber boots and take the skiffs to shore for a jungle walk near Hatum Posa Village. Meet native subsistence farmers, and learn how they cultivate wild plants and trees to earn farm income. Deep in the primary forest, your naturalist guides will point out the wealth of fruit trees and medicinal plants hidden in the jungle. After returning to the *Aqua* for lunch, head back out for a late afternoon skiff ride along the Pacaya River, journeying from Ranger Station No. 1 toward Yanayacu Lake, viewing the abundant life that is hidden in the deep rain forest. Look for saki and capuchin monkeys, and the easy-to-spot heavy howler monkeys. As the sun sets, listen for the loud, ferocious-sounding, warning signals made by howler monkeys marking their territory. As night falls, hear the second movement of the Amazon rain forest symphony as the shrill calls of nocturnal animals echo across the tree tops. Special spotlight torches are used to locate night creatures, including huge caimans.

Overnight: M/V Aqua. (B, L, D)

April 23: Amazon Rain Forest Cruise – Pacaya River. Carocurahuayte Lake/Fishing Trip.

Set out in the morning light, boarding the skiffs for an exhilarating sunrise ride along the Pacaya River, seeking out parrots, macaws, toucans, and many different types of monkeys as well as some “surprise” species that you have never seen before. Enjoy a delicious picnic breakfast of light sandwiches and fresh juice. The skiffs will stop near a popular dolphin feeding spot and you will see quite a show as you enjoy your meal. After lunch back on the *Aqua* this afternoon, travel to a special lake, where you will be sure to catch some of the more than 3,000 species of tropical fish that live in the Amazon basin. Our key focus will be on piranhas, those small, carnivorous fish with a big reputation for being scary. Next, armed with bamboo poles and bait, drop a line into this fish-rich river. The key target will be piranhas, the small carnivorous fish with a fearsome reputation—considered a good food source by the locals. Catch and release these fascinating fish.

Just minutes after being in the wilderness, surrounded by monkeys, birds and the other wildlife of the rain forest, sit down to a final gourmet feast in the ship’s dining room. Sail downstream all night, and return to the bustling port of Iquitos.

Overnight: M/V Aqua. (B, L, D)



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April 24: Amazon Rain Forest Cruise – Morning Excursion. Disembark M/V Aqua. Iquitos Tour. Manatee Rescue Center. Transfer to Airport. Fly to Lima. Continue with Optional Machu Picchu Extension or Depart for Home.

With the hustle and bustle of the busy Iquitos port in the background, enjoy one last buffet breakfast in the *Aqua* dining room. For those who want some last moments on the Amazon, the guides will take you out on the skiffs to grab some special, last-minute photos of life along the river. You may visit the colorful floating bazaar of Belen, known for being the principal food market of the entire Peruvian Amazon. View the market from the comfort of the skiffs. Next, return to the *Aqua* to pack your bags and enjoy a final meal. After lunch, say farewell to the *Aqua* and its crew and take a bus tour of the remote city of Iquitos, accessible only by river or air. This bustling town, complete with a house built by Gustave Eiffel, was once a rich center of the rubber industry. After that, visit the Manatee Rescue Center where biologists and volunteers take care of endangered Amazon manatees and dolphins who have been seized by conservation authorities from locals or fishermen. Biologists give a presentation on the project and its efforts to help these helpless mammals and you have the opportunity to observe how these animals are taken care of and prepared for future re-introduction into their natural habitat. Finally, stop at the San Juan Amazonian Indian Market for a last chance to shop for local crafts before transferring to the Iquitos International Airport for the flight to Lima. Continue your journey with an extension to Cusco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas and Machu Picchu, or reclaim your luggage from the domestic terminal and check-in to your international flights home in the evening.

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April 25: Arrive Home.

Fly home. All meals aloft.



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