

THE GREAT AMAZON RIVER CRUISE

A Journey through the Peruvian Amazon Rain Forest

November 13–21, 2021



As one of WWF's closest supporters, you're invited on an exclusive journey to explore WWF's work in the Peruvian Amazon.

This special journey, led by WWF experts, offers an opportunity to explore tropical forests, rivers, and wetlands teeming with life. You'll meet local scientists while immersing yourself in the worlds of WWF's field staff and partners on the ground.

Come experience the best of the natural world and see how together we are making a difference for our planet.

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Travel with WWF experts along more than 600 miles of the Amazon River and its tributaries aboard the luxury Delfin II—disembarking to explore hidden corners of the rain forest by excursion boat and easy jungle walks. Our main focus is the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve near the river's headwaters, a 5-million-acre mosaic of pristine habitats. Supported in part by WWF, the reserve is home

to some of the largest wildlife populations in the Amazon: pink and gray river dolphins, troops of howler monkeys, elusive sloths, flocks of brilliant macaws and bright butterflies. Lagoons covered in giant lily pads teem with fish and caimans, while scores of marsh birds hunt from shore. Cultural visits to local villages round out our rain forest wilderness adventure.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about WWF's conservation efforts from Meg Symington, WWF's Senior Director for the Amazon and Kurt Holle, WWF-Peru's Country Director.
- Travel in air-conditioned comfort aboard our private chartered riverboat—all cabins are generously sized and have panoramic windows for nature viewing.
- Experience the rich biodiversity of Pacaya Samiria, searching for prolific birds and elusive wildlife like pink river dolphins, monk saki monkeys and scarlet macaws.
- Enjoy personalized encounters in riverside villages along our route with local *riberaño* people, the indigenous inhabitants of the rain forest for centuries.

To register or if you have questions, please contact Court Whelan at Natural Habitat Adventures at 888-993-8687 or courtwh@nathab.com



WWF EXPERTS

WWF's Senior Director for the Amazon, Meg Symington has been with WWF for nearly 30 years and is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of WWF's priorities for the Amazon with a focus on the financial sustainability of protected areas systems. Meg's love of nature led her to pursue a career in conservation, which began with a field study of tropical ecology and primate behavior in the Amazon of Peru. While earning her PhD, she spent 27 months in "beautiful, untouched forest" of the Peruvian Amazon, which made her realize she wanted to stay focused on Latin America and "conserve the Amazon so it will be there for my grandchildren."



WWF-Peru's Country Director, Kurt Holle graduated from the La Molina Agrarian University in Lima, Peru as a forestry engineer with specializations in sustainable tourism development and forestry management. For 25 years, he has focused on combining conservation and business, under a vision of sustainability and generating benefits for local population. In addition to being founder and former director of one of Peru's most influential ecotourism companies, Kurt has consulted with leading organizations such as the Moore Foundation, Swisscontact Worldwide, and Nature Services Peru. Together with the Ministry of Environment, he has successfully contributed to strategies to manage tourism in protected areas and generate incentives for conservation.

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Day 1: Lima, Peru— A representative will pick you up at Lima Airport and take you to Wyndham Costa del Sol where you will enjoy a welcome dinner with Expedition Leaders and WWF experts.

Day 2-3: Iquitos / Supay Cocha— We will fly to Iquitos, one of the largest cities in the Amazon and only accessible by air and water. Here, we'll board the Delfin II. Later on Day 2, we will disembark for an excursion to Piranha Caño where we will travel through flooded terrain, and discover a lagoon rich in birdlife and search for monkeys and sloths.

Day 4-5: Ucayali River / Pacaya River— This morning we will visit Belluda Caño Creek—a small tributary that is home to Amazon river dolphins. Plying the water in open skiffs, we may have close encounters with these rare,

playful and intelligent creatures. The Dorado River will be our first stop inside the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve, Peru's largest protected area. While there, we will search for parrots, iguanas, squirrel monkeys and endangered scarlet macaws.

The next morning, we will explore the blackwater Zapote River. Here, we frequently observe a variety of monkeys including squirrel, monk saki and brown capuchin.

We'll step ashore for rain forest walks, watching for birds or even a sloth.

This afternoon, we will reach the heart of the Pacaya Samiria Reserve, an area that is sustained by Project Finance for Permanence—an innovative approach to conservation WWF helped develop that ensures the



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long-term financial stability of protected areas. Overhead, we will listen for howler monkeys, whose eerie call reverberates through the canopy for miles.

Day 6-7: Sapuena Creek / Amazon Natural Park— Join our expert naturalists for a birding excursion on Sapuena Creek. Then, we will cruise upstream the Yarapa River and disembark to Puerto Miguel, where we meet indigenous residents before a jungle walk.

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The following day, we will visit Amazon Natural Park, with the only canopy walk around. Suspended 85 feet in the air, the walkway extends a third of a mile through the rain forest. WWF has supported the Peruvian Government in their efforts to prevent illegal logging in areas like this.

Day 8-9: Fundo Casual Trail / Iquitos / Lima— At sunrise, when wildlife is most active, we will follow the Fundo Casual trail in search of wildlife. As the sun sinks below the canopy, witness the transformation of the rain forest.

We will disembark in Nauta, then visit the Rescue & Rehabilitation Center for River Mammals. We'll have the chance to meet manatees and their calves. We will then fly to Lima, where rooms are provided to relax before our flights home.



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About the Delfin II



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Delfin II is an impressive riverboat built in 2009 with the sole purpose of sailing on the Amazon River. She comfortably supports up to 28 guests in 14 suites, each with air conditioning, indoor seating, a private bathroom complete with a hot shower, and spectacular floor to ceiling windows offering exclusive views of the rain forest and river below.

The ship has a top deck with an open-air observation lounge offering a place to unwind and watch for wildlife. A covered and air-conditioned public area provides board games, computer access, and a space for evening talks from WWF experts. The ship is equipped with a welcoming staff and first-class dining.



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Reservation Information & Trip Details

Dates: November 13-21, 2021

Price: \$7,410 per person, based on double occupancy

Internal Air Cost: \$390 per person

Single Occupancy: For a single room add 50% of the trip price.

Deposit: \$500 per person (nonrefundable)

Group size: 24 participants

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For more information and a full itinerary please visit: worldwildlife.org/2020amazoncruise

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Having begun my career working in the Peruvian Amazon, I am thrilled to return and experience the natural wonders of its forests and rivers. WWF is deeply committed to the conservation of this landscape and the broader Amazon, and I look forward to sharing our conservation successes and challenges with you.

—Meg Symington, WWF Senior Director, Amazon



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